

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frank who also led the Salute to the Flag.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 13th day of December, 2016. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella  
(Mayor Frank, Borough Attorney Madaio, CMFO Jonathan DeJoseph, Acting Borough Clerk Kohan)

Absent: Councilmember Looes and Council President Pizzella.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (Time limited, new topics only, one speaker per topic):

Mayor Frank said this portion is time limited, for new topics only and one speaker per topic. Anyone wishing to address the Council, raise your hand, come to the podium and identify yourself. Seeing no one, the session was closed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

*(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa  
Councilman - Scott Karcich  
Councilwoman - Chris Looes  
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy  
Council President - Frank Pizzella  
Councilman - John Ruocco

Mayor Frank asked if there were any committee reports that we didn't do last week that we want to cover tonight.

Councilmember Lundy said the Library is continuing its All Geared Up Project. Last week she had the governing body here which was decorated and now hanging from the ceiling of the Library. This is an

undecorated Gear which any family or business can purchase for a small donation, decorate it and have a big part of the installation. The undecorated Gear can be obtained for a small donation of \$5.00 or more; contact Dave Franz, Library Director, for more information. The Library would like to know how it can serve the residents in our community better. In order to obtain this feedback from the community, a survey will be forthcoming, be on the lookout for information regarding the link to the online survey.

The Library and governing body would like to congratulate Evan Nebraska for completing his Eagle Scout Project. Evan and his group power washed and painted the patio wall, removed the overgrown vines which ultimately revealed a view of the brook. The boys also refurbished the planters, placed a new fence around the HVAC compressor and built and hung several birdhouses in trees by the brook. This work was done by all the boys and congratulations to Evan.

Jessica also chose the Library as a beneficiary of her Gold Award Project. Jessica accumulated materials from the local history room, including a scrap book of materials from 2014 through 2016 and several year books. A video capturing the current way of life in Hillsdale was created.

Last but not least, Dave's hair growing fund raiser was cut short as was his hair. After growing his hair for the entire year in order to raise funds, the fundraiser was cut short with a generous donation by the Hillsdale Police Department. The fundraiser came to an end with a Number 4 buzz cut by the Chief in front of the Library's main circulation desk. A total of \$1300 was raised. Anyone still inclined to continue to donate money, there will be a box by the circulation desk.

Stonybrook Commission met last night and included on the Agenda were the operating and the capital budgets and will be submitted to the CFO in anticipation of budget meetings with the Finance Committee. The Commission also went before the Planning Board on December 7 to discuss the potential dome project. The Commission received unanimous approval from the Planning Board with two minor recommendations for the future. Discussions will continue for this project.

Councilmember Ruocco said with respect to senior activities, there is a 50+Club Christmas luncheon this Friday at Seasons, December 16, at noon. It is always well attended and a good time is always had by all. If you are a 50+Club member and paid your dues and the fee for the lunch, please come out and have a good time. The regular senior lunch is coming up Wednesday, December 21, at St. John the Baptist Church, Parish Facility Center, at 11:30 AM.

The Finance Committee met December 12 and we are kicking into high gear now with the budget coming into season. We reviewed the operating budget, we went over a rollover bank debt which is short term notes and about 1.6 million dollars; we got a rate of 1.18 % which is a little higher than we paid to rollover last year but that is expected given the rates have moved up. We had a high level review of some of the capital budget and we decided to review various department budgets much earlier than in prior years. My hat is off to the CFO and to the other Committee members who are moving ahead with this. We will have our first meeting with the departments sometime in the next week or so; probably the smaller departments and move to the bigger ones as we get past New Year's.

Councilmember DeRosa said last week he reported that the Volunteer Ambulance Service was nominated for an award by the New Jersey State Department of Health for their membership and for their number of calls they responded to. The results are in; unfortunately they did not win but they were one of 11 finalists throughout the state so it is a good testament to the membership and also Captain John Beatty.

Councilmember Karcich said you will notice in the Agenda today that we are going to vote to replace one of the Chief's cars, the Deputy Chief's car. We had a meeting several months ago with the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief and they informed us that the vehicle was in terrible shape. They had budgeted it for this year but we had not approved it but after having the car looked at by the town mechanic, they assessed it would cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 fix this vehicle and the Fire Committee did not feel it was prudent to be spending good money into a bad vehicle, so we worked with the Business Administrator and the Fire Department to find an economical solution and we will be voting on that tonight. As you probably hear in the background, Santa is arriving, there are fire trucks on the streets, they are greeting kids; if he didn't come down your street yet, please check the Fire Department's Facebook page. Now would be a great time to check the batteries and your smoke alarms, fire alarms and also be careful regarding all your illuminated decorations to make sure you are not overloading your circuits.

The final round of leaf removal is on its way; we have about a third of the town done on the third pass. If you still have leaves left on your street in front of your house by the 20<sup>th</sup>, please bring them down to the DPW yard. It is open on the first and third Saturdays of every month. After we are finished removing leaves, we will start cleaning all the catch basins in town. If we get a snow storm between now and the beginning of January when

you are shoveling and plowing your property, please remember to keep the snow off the streets and onto your property. It only prolongs the cleanup of our crews and it could endanger other drivers on the road.

**DISCUSSION:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Bond Anticipation Note Sale December 7, 2016

Mayor Frank said Councilmember Ruocco mentioned. He asked the Borough Administrator to briefly advise what this is.

Administrator DeJoseph said our current Notes expire on the 16<sup>th</sup> so we will be taking in the new note buyer Passaic Valley Water Commission who was the winning bidder. Obviously it is different than the normal bid; you want the lowest net interest cost. Passaic Valley Water Commission is 1.18% so we are renewing that to expire with the maturity date of December 15, 2017. A BAN cannot extend beyond a period of 365 days so that is why it is 364 days.

Mayor Frank said just so the public knows, this is the debt that was incurred in 2015 for a number of capital projects that extended from 2015 through 2016. We did roads, we did a number of things with it and this doesn't encompass the debt that we had accumulated over a number of years and put out as bonds, regular municipal bonds that we have been paying off every year at a rate of about \$400,000 and they will be completed in 2021. We are still in good shape on debt as a town.

We are now back up to the Public Comment section. Does anyone care to address the Council? Seeing no one, we will move on.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ORDINANCES:**

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R16258 through R16268:**

R16258          Payment of Bills

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bill in the sum of \$3,658,749.54 as authorized by the Department Head and approved by a Council member liaison, be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Certified Municipal Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

R16259          Resolution authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayments

**WHEREAS**, duplicate tax payments have resulted in overpayment of taxes for 2016 on the properties listed below,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorize the Tax Collector to refund the following taxes:

Block 107 Lot 12.02

99 Wierimus Rd. \$4,855.90

Refund to:

Lereta LLC

1123 Park View Drive

Covina, CA 91724

Block 601 Lot 8

29 Wierimus Lane 3,682.69

Refund to:

Vladescu, Virgil & Violeta

Block 906 Lot 2

55 Forest Drive 3,607.80

Refund to:

Pimpinella, Louis & Darlene Julia

Block 1621 Lot 7

185 Riverdale Street 170.98

Refund to:

DePaolo, Paul & Audra

R16260 Authorize Fee for Returned Checks

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to establish a fee for checks issued to the Borough of Hillsdale and are returned due to insufficient funds: and

**WHEREAS**, this fee will be referred to as a NSF (non-sufficient funds) charge; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that a “NSF” charge of \$20.00 will be charged for all checks and ACH withdrawals which are issued/submitted to the Borough of Hillsdale and returned due to insufficient funds.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the “NSF” charge of \$20.00 plus the original sum of the check be resubmitted in cash, money order or bank certified check

R16261 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Pricing System Vendors Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11 for One 2017 Police Interceptor Utility, All Wheel Drive Base Vehicle for the Hillsdale Fire Department

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System (“CPS”) and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the above system has been funded in the operating budget and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services for any contracts under the CPS and entered into by the Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing such contracts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved vendor on the attached list in the amount not to exceed \$24,852.80, pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and provided that sufficient funds are available for the goods or services rendered; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Certified Municipal Financial Officer.

**REFERENCED COOPERATIVE PRICING  
SYSTEM CONTRACT VENDOR**

**Item #1**

2017 Police Interceptor Utility, All Wheel Drive

Total Cost: **\$24,852.80**

Vendor:

Cherry Hill Ford  
250 Haddonfield-Berlin Rd  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

NJ State Contract #88728

Contract Period from: 03/16/2015 to: 03/15/2017

R16262 Resolution Authoring Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Pricing System vendors Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-11 – Automotive Parts for Heavy Duty Vehicles – T-2085

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System (“CPS”) and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services for any contracts under the CPS and entered into by the Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing such contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale will be purchasing various automotive parts for Borough owned vehicles through:

Genuine Parts Company/DBA NAPA

Contract # 42093

Contract Period 08/10/2016-08/09/2019

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and provided that sufficient funds are available for the goods or services rendered; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer.

R16263          Resolution Authoring Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Pricing System vendors  
Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-11 – Police and Homeland Security Equipment and Supplies –  
Statewide(T-0106)

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System (“CPS”) and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services for any contracts under the CPS and entered into by the Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing such contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale will be purchasing Emergency Lighting for Fire Department Vehicles at a combined amount not to exceed twenty-one thousand dollars and no cents (\$21,000.00) through:

Vendors:

East Coast Emergency Lighting

200 Mecco Drive

Millstone Twp, NJ 08535

Contract # 81338

Contract Period 05/01/2012-04/30/2017

Whelen Engineer

Route 145 Winthrop Road

Chester, CT 06412

Contract # 81336

Contract Period 05/01/2012-04/30/2017

Sound Off Inc

3900 Central Parkway

Hudsonville, MI 49426

Contract # 81334

Contract Period 05/01/2012-04/30/2017

Dealer/Distributor

1075 Emergency Lighting

14 First Avenue Unit 3

Haskell, NJ 07420

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved vendors, pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and provided that sufficient funds are available for the goods or services rendered; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer.

R16264 Resolution Authoring Contracts with Certain Approved Cooperative Pricing System vendors Pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-11 – Non-OEM Automotive Parts & Accessories for Light Duty Vehicles – T-2761

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System (“CPS”) and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.11(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services for any contracts under the CPS and entered into by the Lead Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing such contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Borough of Hillsdale will be purchasing various automotive parts and accessories for Borough owned vehicles through:

Tonsa Automotive Corp

Contract # 86004

Contract Period 02/26/2014-02/25/2017

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from those approved vendors on the attached list, pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts and provided that sufficient funds are available for the goods or services rendered; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Financial Officer.

R16265 Authorize the Acting Borough Clerk to Re-Advertise Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professionals – Library Auditor & Alternate Borough Prosecutor

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. that the Acting Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to re-advertise for services for the following positions for year 2017:

Library Auditor

Alternate Borough Prosecutor

R16266 Resolution Authorizing Redemption & Premium

**WHEREAS**, The Tax Collector held a Tax Sale on October 19, 2016 and at the sale a lien was sold on Block 1008 Lot 20, also known as 49 Maria Drive, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for 2015 Delinquent taxes and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #15-00004 was sold to US Bank cust BV002 Trst & Crdt, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513 for 0% redemption fee and a \$85,100.00 premium and,

**WHEREAS**, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, P.O. Box 10335, Des Moines, IA 50306-0335, has effected redemption of Certificate #15-00004 in the amount of \$21,224.81.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$21,224.81 payable to US Bank cust BV002 Trst & Crdt for the redemption of this certificate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$85,100.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lienholder.

R16267 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of any County or Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40a4-87 (Chapter 159), P.L. 1948 - 2016 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

SECTION 1

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2016-2017 in the sum of \$5,000 which item is now available as revenue from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE OFF-SET WITH APPROPRIATIONS

2016 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown - \$5,000

Pursuant to the provisions of the statute; and

SECTION 2

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the like sum of \$5,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM “CAPS”

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUE

2016 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown - \$5,000

SECTION 3

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the above is the result of funds due to the Borough of Hillsdale, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, that were not available at the time of the adoption of the 2016 budget.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

R16268 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of any County or Municipality Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40a4-87 (Chapter 159), P.L. 1948 – 2016-2017 Community Development Block grant – Senior Activities

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

SECTION 1

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2016-2017 in the sum of \$3,530 which item is now available as revenue from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE OFF-SET WITH APPROPRIATIONS

Community Development Block Grant - Senior Activities - \$3,530

Pursuant to the provisions of the statute; and

SECTION 2

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the like sum of \$3,530 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM “CAPS”

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUE

Community Development Block Grant - Senior Activities - \$3,530

SECTION 3

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the above is the result of funds due to the Borough of Hillsdale, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, that were not available at the time of the adoption of the 2016 budget.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for approval.

Mayor Frank asked if anyone wanted any Resolution to be pulled and voted on separately or discussed. Seeing none, he asked for a motion.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Ruocco.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, and Ruocco.

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Looes and Council President Pizzella

### **OFF-CONSENT:**

### **COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

Councilmember Karcich thanked the Council, the Committees and Department Heads for a good year; this being his first year on Council, it is amazing how much power you don't have sitting in this seat. You try to do things you would like to try to do to help the town, be it Federal, State or other mandates, but overall this past year we have done a lot of great things; fixing the garbage, negotiating some equitable contracts and keeping to what we ran on which was efficient meetings and more businesslike atmosphere.

Councilmember DeRosa thanked the members of the Rec Commission for helping out with the Christmas tree and Hanukah Menorah lighting last Wednesday. The weather cooperated and a good time was had; he thanked Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks, Mike Donne DJ and the Crossing for helping out. Also the DPW who got the park ready and cleaning up afterwards and the Hillsdale Fire Department for giving Santa a ride to the park.

He thanked Sergeant John Carty for his service to the Borough; he thanked Councilmember Chris Looes for her service as well; it is difficult to explain the amount of commitment it takes to be a Councilmember and do it right and she did do that. We wish her the best of luck and he is sure she will stay involved in the Borough.

He reminded everyone these last couple of weeks of the holiday to shop small, support our local businesses. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year; he thanked all the Borough employees for a great year.

Councilmember Ruocco thanked Councilmember Looes for her service; this job doesn't pay well and it requires many hours and everyone on Council who puts in those hours is oftentimes forgotten about their commitment they make. We stand here and get criticized for what we didn't do or did do; sometimes we get praise and that is a good thing as well. People don't fully grasp the commitment that Council people make and again to Councilmember Looes who is departing from Council, thank you so much for all you did for the Council.

He thanked the DPW for their leaf pickup; the streets look relatively clean of leaves. We are in the middle of the last pass and it looks like it has been a successful operation. Our DPW Superintendent should be complimented.

He spoke about the importance of residents coming out against Waste Management proposal. Waste Management wants to renew their permit; if they are allowed to do so our role here as Council in terms of trying to get an economic redevelopment process moving is going to be severely handicapped. It is to all the residents benefit to pay attention; once the comment period on this permit is open he is encouraging residents to take advantage of their right to comment to the DEP.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza, Happy New Year; we have a Resolution about driving sober and this is the time of year when we are all inclined to have an extra drink or two and then hopefully we don't get into the car and drive. You have one drink, get in the car; you take a risk doing that. It is important to stay aware of your physical and mental condition is and don't drink and drive.

Councilmember Lundy also thanked Councilmember Looes for her service to the residents; she would like to have had more time to work alongside her. She believed she will stay involved and looked forward to working with her in the future. She thanked the DPW for the efficient leaf season and our DPW Superintendent. She wished everyone a happy, health holiday and stay safe for the New Year.

Administrator DeJoseph wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy New Year and to our residents at home.

Mayor Frank said this is our last meeting of the year and it has been an eventful year. He was thinking back to the condition of our staff here in town in January when he came on board; Acting-Borough Clerk Kohan was the last person standing. He thanked her. We have recovered very well and he will be renewing the things we have accomplished at the Reorganization Meeting. There were many things and it is easy to forget when you are moving ahead all of the time you sometimes don't stop and take credit for what you have accomplished and recognize how far we moved. We will do that at Reorg.

He asked the Council to follow up on the Reorg appointments; he needs their confirmation on any of your areas as Liaisons. Also our professional proposals are in his office and he will be making recommendations at Reorg unless he hears something different from you. She is looking for their input and that is an important part of going forward.

With regard to Waste Management, he will getting a letter posted on our website that we would ask people to copy and sign with their name and address and send it in to DEP. We need them to know and during the next few weeks that there is more than just a petition, actually letters are going in. That is going to be an important part of our efforts to make sure we never get the parade of garbage trucks back in Hillsdale. They have been gone for 2-1/2 years and we want to keep them out of here. There is no reason for us to have them come back to town.

He said ditto on all the thankys everyone said about the tree lighting, leaves and everything else that has been going on in town. He thanked all of the volunteers and the employees that made 2016 a good year; we have developed a very good group of people in Borough Hall, they work well together and we are getting a lot of things done. The town would be nothing if it weren't for all the volunteers we have, we couldn't exist.

We will miss Councilmember Looes, he is talking to her about finding some way for her to continue to help us in our government. She has a lot to offer and we appreciate the four years she spent up here. He repeats everything everyone said about what it takes to serve up here

This is a great time of year, the town looks great with all the lights, it is a festive time and he wished everyone a Happy Hanukah and a Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanza or whatever else you may celebrate. No one wants problems or tragedies this time of year so please follow Councilman Karcich's advice, check the batteries on your smoke alarm, check the wiring on your tree and your outside lighting. If you party think designated driver or Uber; there is no reason for \$15.00 or \$20.00 cab ride to ever put yourself or someone else at that kind of risk. It is a decision you could regret for the rest of your life. Please be careful; you can still have fun.

Finally, how much activities of our town are done based on donations, not just of time but also of money. You think of Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale, we have the food pantry, our Fire Department, our PBA which does wonderful things with the money donated to them, the Ambulance Corps; there are a lot of places in town that could use financial support of people. This is a good time of year to think about it because you are starting to think about what is going to happen in January when your taxes start to become due. In the last few weeks and he did not comment as to why the stock market has exploded and if you own mutual funds what that means is that the value has gone up and mutual fund managers have a tendency to lock in gains right before the end of the year. That means you will end up with taxable income; so if you are in that position think about how you can prepare yourself for tax treatment by making donations this year. You can share the wealth a little and it will help you as well. It is easy to give to some of the large charities like United Way but they consume a huge percentage of anything you give in their own administration. If you look at some of the local charities like Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale, food pantry, Ambulance Corps and others; the Ambulance Corps is looking to buy a new truck which is desperately needed; those would be great places to put any donations you have this time of year and it would be greatly appreciated. We have had a great year and we appreciate all the support we've had from the public and next year has its new challenges and we will see you for Reorg on January 7.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Ruocco, Second by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
Sine Die - Saturday, January 7, 2017 ~BEGINNING AT 12:30 P.M.**

**Reorganization Meeting** – 1:00 P.M.