

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 5, 2023

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Ruocco called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 5th day of December, 2023. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

Please silence all cell phones. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor during the Public Hearing and the Public Comment part of the meeting. You will need to state your name and town of residence for the record.

ROLL CALL:

Council President DeRosa, Council Members Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Mayor Ruocco (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

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

Gerry Beatty- Hillsdale

Reported on the 125th Anniversary Committee. Feedback on the Gala was great. She thanked everyone for their support. She thanked those that gave letters and items for the time capsule as well as all the sponsors for the Gala. She reminded everyone to watch the website for more activities that are coming up.

DISCUSSION:

[DMR Associates - Revitalization](#)

Fran Reiner

Fran Reiner from DMR Associates spoke about rehabilitation for the downtown area. In June 2022, the council adopted a resolution requesting DMR look at the commercial area, specifically the downtown area to see if that are met the statutory criteria as an area in need of rehabilitation. A report was finalized and presented to the Planning Board. Comments were received back from the Planning Board. It is important to note that there is no change in existing zoning, it allows businesses to operate as is. It does not allow for condemnation or eminent domain as part of the process. Several site visits and inspections were conducted throughout this process and documented throughout the process. It was determined that this downtown area did meet the criteria based on the age of the infrastructure based on the fact that it is in need of repair and this was presented in March. The process goes to the mayor and council and they initiate the process through a resolution. It is then presented to the Planning Board where they give recommendations. It then goes back to the mayor and council where they can either act on those recommendations or they can move forward without those recommendations. The Planning Board asked that George White School be a part of the investigation study as well as the Maher Field Property and three other properties along Patterson, 90, 96, 80 Patterson and 36 Orchard Street and remove St Johns and St Johns Academy. It is now up to the Mayor and Council as to what they want to do and then adopt a resolution on this. This is done after the designation of the properties which would then in turn allow for new zoning. The council can determine exactly what they would want built in certain areas.

Mr. Reiner recommends leaving all of these areas in including the St John School and church property so you can control what could be developed on that property. A straw poll was taken with the council and the

consensus was to keep all the properties as well as keep the St Johns church and school property as well. Mr. Reiner will amend the report and send it back to the council.

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Department of Public Works- November 2023

DPW Superintendent David Hayes

The Superintendent presented his monthly report for November. He reminded everyone that the last day to put out leaves is December 12th.

Hillsdale Police Department – November

Captain Sean Smith

Captain Smith presented his monthly report for November and thanked everyone for their support this year.

Administrator Report – November 2023

Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali

The Administrator stated that budget meetings are now in progress. The Senior Van that was awarded to Hillsdale and Woodcliff Lake is ready from the state and will be picked up in a few weeks. Woodcliff Lake is taking the lead. We are currently looking for a new CDL Driver.

Bid packages for Borough Hall and the Police Station renovations are ready.

Mayor Ruocco asked about our Ambulance calls. He was curious to know if service call/response numbers have changed. The Administrator stated that they are about the same and are being tracked. One rig was down for a period of time but we were able to borrow one from Woodcliff Lake and in return the Borough handled calls for them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council President - Anthony DeRosa

The Local board of Ed stated that they will be holding another Town Hall meeting on 1/11/24 that will have updated costs for the options. A referendum is planned for September 2024.

The Recreation Commission is meeting this Thursday. The tree lighting was last night and well attended. He thanked all the sponsors for this event. The Filed Committee met with the heads of the sports associations and it is agreed that there will be no artificial turf at Centennial Field but will be addressing drainage and the lighting. Memorial Field will now be explored for turfing, additional lighting, regrading, and other less significant changes, all of which appear to be supported by the various sports associations. .

Councilman - John Escobar

OEM explained new laws that will need to be followed with the substation. The State is looking to move ahead with Local Assistance to the county and this is something the borough is looking at. The Police Committee met and they are in favor of the table of organization change. This does not include an SRO at this time. With several officers out, the schedule that is being used is not working. Officers are being overworked, there are injuries and retirements as well as other factors that warrant this change. The CFO added that this would not be a significant strain on the budget. We have 19 officers and 5 are out leaving 2 officers on the road and then we have calls for mutual aid. The ideal shift will have 3 officers per shift.

Mayor Ruocco asked whether the Police Committee had approved an increase to 22 or 23 officers, why an SRO was not included, whether any alternatives to an overall increase were considered, and whether the Committee had considered the long-term financial consequences. He said he was dissatisfied that the Councilman did not answer these questions.

Councilman – Justin Fox

Access for All is holding a movie night next week at the Washington Township Theater. Watch for information coming soon.

Councilman – Zoltan Horvath

Thanked Patty Hughes for her year end party that was held for the seniors.

Councilwoman - Abby Lundy

The Finance Committee met and talked about the budget reports and the challenges that lay ahead.

The Pool Commission met and revenue was 1.127 million. 853,000.00 was for membership. Once again, the pool was profitable. All pools at this time are now closed. The commission is currently working on a 6-year capital plan.

The Environmental Commission met and discussed the proposal from Colliers regarding the Nature Trail and has submitted comments. Mayor Ruocco asked and received confirmation that the profits of the pool are being generated back to the pool/

Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk

The Library Board will be having their meeting next Monday.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 23-20 (Adoption)

Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing the Undertaking of Various Improvements to the Municipal Building in, by and for the Borough, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$180,000 and Providing that Such Sum so Appropriated Shall be Raised from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to undertake various improvements to the Municipal Building in, by and for the Borough. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. The sum of \$180,000 is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized and described in Section 1 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purpose"). Said appropriation shall be raised from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund, as hereinafter provided. The sum of \$180,000 is hereby appropriated from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund to the payment of the cost of said purpose.

Section 3. Said improvements are lawful capital improvements of the Borough having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 4. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-20 DeRosa Second Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

Nays: none

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-20, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-20 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 23-20 DeRosa Second Lundy

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

Nays: none

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-20 DeRosa Second Lundy

Councilmember Horvath asked what this was for. The Administrator stated that this is for security improvements in the borough hall in the lobby, counter areas as well as for the renovations in the Police Station.

Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

Nays: none

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

Ordinance 23-21 (Adoption)

An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Chapter 63 of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, In Order to Revise the Table of Organization of the Police Department

WHEREAS, Chapter 63 of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale established the Table of Organization for the Hillsdale Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the current Table of Organization needs to be revised in order to accommodate the needs of the Borough of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 63-3 of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 63-3 Composition.

[Amended 2-10-2004 by Ord. No. 04-03]

Said Police Department shall consist of one Chief of Police, one Captain, two Lieutenants, two Detectives or Detective Sergeants, four Patrol Sergeants, and 13 patrol officers, and such civilian employees as may be deemed necessary and appropriate by the Borough Administrator in his discretion and judgment with the approval of the Mayor and Council. The Borough Administrator and/or Mayor and Council may, from time to time, leave one or more of the above positions vacant, as they see fit. The express purpose for renaming these offices is to establish a statutory line of authority from all police employees to a higher elected authority. Whenever any such office is intentionally left vacant, it will be deemed not to exist and will be passed in the chain of command. The Chief of Police, with the approval of the Mayor and Council, may therefore re-create or resurrect an office that has been so abolished by naming a person to fill said office. No personnel may be appointed to the Borough of Hillsdale Police Department until they have satisfied all statutory requirements and have complied with the selection process and standards established by the Rules and Regulations adopted by the appropriate authority to govern said Police Department.

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-21 DeRosa Second Lundy

Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

Nays: None

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-21, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-21 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 23-21 DeRosa Second Lundy

Ayes: Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

Nays: none

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-21 DeRosa Second Trochimiuk

Ayes: Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23284 through R23292:

WHEREAS, New Creek LLC is the taxpayer for real estate designated as Block 1107, Lot 20 on the official tax map of the Borough of Hillsdale and better known as 377 Washington Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Block 1107, Lot 20 was assessed for the tax years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 in the following amounts: Land-\$ 5,146,900, Improvements \$6,325,800 for a total assessment in the total amount of\$ 11,472,700; and

WHEREAS, New Creek LLC has made application to the Tax Court of New Jersey to have the assessment of the property listed above adjusted for tax years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has completed full discovery with respect to this matter, has consulted with the Borough's Tax Assessor and has conducted negotiations with counsel for the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, the parties have been able to arrive upon a proposed settlement agreement as follows: (a) New Creek LLC has agreed to withdraw the application to the Tax Court of New Jersey for the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 appeals; and (b) the 2024 total aggregate assessment of the subject property shall be reduced from \$11,472,700 to \$11,172,700 for the 2024 tax year;

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall apply to the 2024 reduction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Tax Assessor is in agreement with the terms of the settlement and believes that it would be in the best interest of the Borough to settle this particular case in accordance with the terms set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are satisfied that after proper review and analysis, the settlement, as set forth below, is reasonable and in the Borough's best interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale agree to authorize the Municipal Tax Appeal Attorney to execute a Stipulation of Settlement on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with respect to the New Creek LLC v. Borough of Hillsdale tax appeals, pending in the Tax Court of New Jersey, under Docket Nos. 007572- 2020; 003192-2021; 004616-2022; and 001854-2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution are to be provided to the Municipal Clerk, Borough Tax Assessor, Borough Tax Collector, and the Municipal Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials be, and hereby are, authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the assessments.

on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, the following transfers be made to the Calendar Year 2023 Current Fund budget:

<u>Current Fund</u>	From	To
3-01-25-240-029	Police - Contractual Services	\$ 50,000.00
3-01-25-260-100	CONTRACTED SERVICES - PER DIEM	\$ 20,000.00
3-01-20-120-011	Clerk - Salary and Wages – Regular	\$ 15,000.00
3-01-25-240-018	Salary & Wages - Crossing Guard	\$ 15,000.00
3-01-26-290-050	ROADS & MAINT OE - New Equipment	\$ 30,000.00
3-01-25-266-011	Fire Prevention – Salary & Wages – Regular	\$ 8,000.00
3-01-31-460-025	Gas & Diesel - Street & Road	\$ 40,000.00
3-01-26-290-014	ROADS & MAINT S&W – Overtime	\$ 5,000.00
3-01-35-470-020	CONTINGENT	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
Sub-total		\$ 223,000.00
3-01-25-240-011	Police - Salary & Wages - Regular	\$ 70,000.00
3-01-20-100-028	Admin OE – Contractual Services	\$ 2,000.00
3-01-20-130-011	Finance - Salary & Wages - Regular	\$ 5,000.00
3-01-22-195-011	UCC - Salary & Wages - Regular	\$ 8,000.00
3-01-21-185-012	Zoning - Salary & Wages - Regular	\$ 2,000.00
3-01-21-180-011	Parks & Playgrounds – Salary & Wages	\$ 8,000.00
3-01-25-240-014	Police - Salary & Wages - Overtime	\$ 15,000.00
3-01-26-290-011	ROADS & MAINT S&W - Regular	\$ 30,000.00
3-01-31-430-023	Gas & Electric - Buildings & Grounds	\$ 55,000.00

3-01-31-440-020	Telephone - A&E	\$ 3,000.00
3-01-36-472-000	SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES	\$ 5,000.00
3-01-31-455-023	Water - B&G	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Sub-total		\$ 223,000.00

[R23288](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 734 Hillsdale Avenue

WHEREAS, a direct withdrawal was initiated for Block 801, Lot 10, 734 Hillsdale Ave., McCrory Michael & Anne and on the same day a physical check was also deposited for payment of 4th quarter 2023 taxes; and

WHEREAS, Michael McCrory has requested the overpayment of \$2,825.89 be refunded; and

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

McCrory, Michael & Anne	\$2,825.89
Block 801 Lot 10	
734 Hillsdale Avenue	
Total to be refunded	<u>\$2,825.89</u>

[R23289](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 61 Plymouth Road

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo paid 3rd Quarter taxes for Bock 401, Lot 7, 61 Plymouth Road, Glasner, Tracy & Dianne and Northern NJ Title Services LLC also paid taxes for 3rd Quarter due to the sale of the home to Joseph O’Connor; and

WHEREAS, Northern NJ Title Services, LLC requested the overpayment be refunded back to them; and

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 801 Lot 10 \$3,747.27
734 Hillsdale Avenue

Total to be refunded \$3,747.27

Northern NJ Title Services LLC
300H Lake Street
Ramsey, NJ 07446

[R23290](#) Resolution Authorizing Affidavit of Discharge of Tax Lien

WHEREAS, the previous Tax Collector of the Borough of Hillsdale had previously issued tax sale certificates to Stonefield Investment Fund IV, which certificate is dated 5/28/14 for Block 1205 Lot 10 and Block 1205 and bears the Certificate numbers 13-00003 and 13-00004 respectively, and;

WHEREAS, the previous Tax Collector canceled the tax sale certificates on 6/5/2015 due to the unknown status of bankruptcy at the time of the tax sale of the owner of the two properties, 100 West St LLC, and the owner has indicated to the current Tax Collector that they have lost or otherwise misplaced the original tax sale certificate needed for canceling the lien with the County, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue an affidavit of discharge of lien (s) to 100 West St LLC to replace the certificate lost as previously described all in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be attached to both affidavits in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 99 of Public Laws of 1997.

[R23291](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 293 Piermont Avenue

WHEREAS, CoreLogic paid 3rd Quarter taxes for Block 1417, Lot 9, 293 Piermont Ave, Miliambro Robert & Arielle and ClosePoint USA LLC also paid taxes for 3rd Quarter due to the sale of the home to Rodney Grant & Jaya Gamble; and

WHEREAS, ClosePoint USA LLC requested the overpayment be refunded back to them; and

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 1417 Lot 9	\$3,069.52
293 Piermont Avenue	
Total to be refunded	<u>\$3,069.52</u>

ClosePoint USA LLC
275 E. Main Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

[R23292](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 312 Kinderkamack Road

WHEREAS, CoreLogic paid 3rd Quarter taxes for Block 1510, Lot 3, 312 Kinderkamack Road, Giaccone, Louis & Lorber, Sheridan and Tobias Title Company also paid taxes for 3rd Quarter due to the sale of the home; and

WHEREAS, Tobias Title Company requested the overpayment be refunded back to them; and

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 1510 Lot 3	\$2,695.27
312 Kinderkamack Road	
Total to be refunded	<u>\$2,695.27</u>

Tobias Title Company

3 Becker Farm Road, Suite 305C

Roseland, NJ 07068

Motion DeRosa Second Lundy

Ayes: Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

Nays: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marie Hanlon- Hillsdale

Reported that she has trouble hearing the meetings at home while watching on the Public Access Channel.

John Ferrara – Hillsdale

Questioned what properties were being added to the revitalization list. The Borough Attorney responded that the changes tonight were based upon the decision made by the governing body tonight. These included Maher Field Property and three other properties along Patterson, 90, 96, 80 Patterson and 36 Orchard Street and St Johns and St Johns Academy. This will be updated on the map. He wanted to know if 375 Hillsdale Avenue was included and the Mayor says that map that he has shows that this property is included. Once the new report is completed, it will be clarified. .

Not seeing anyone else wishing to speak, Mayor Ruocco closed the second public comment period.

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Mayor Ruocco – the Bergen County Chapter of the NJLM asked him to remain a part of their board by naming him the 2nd VP of the Chapter. It is here that discussions occur on matters that affect Bergen County Towns. He could not attend the Borough’s tree lighting ceremony due to illness but knew that it was well attended and thanked all those that worked hard to make this a success. He wished those that celebrated, a Happy Hannukah as well as recognizing that this Thursday is Pearl Harbor Day.

Councilmember Fox – the ribbon cutting for the new Urgent Care in Shop Rite is on 12/8 at 11:00 am.

Councilmember Lundy wished everyone a Happy Hannukah.

Council President DeRosa thanked Gerry Beatty for her leadership and encouragement for the 125th Anniversary Committee. He wished all a Happy Hannukah and reminded everyone that Santa starts coming around town on Monday, so watch the Fire Dept Facebook page for updates.

Councilmember Horvath thanked Captain Smith for being Santa once again at the American Legion. The Legion is also collecting letters to troops again this year and encouraged residents to write letters. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilmember Trochimiuk – thank Gerry Beatty and Sean Smith for all their work on the 125th Committee as well as all of those on the committee and the sponsors of all the events. She thanked the DPW for the great holiday display in town as our tree is one of the best around and wished everyone a Happy Hannukah.

Councilmember Escobar wished everyone a Happy Hannukah.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

R23293 To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – *Borough Professional Positions/Borough Personnel – Police/Shared Service*

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by and designated below:

(1) Matters required by law to be confidential.

(2) Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.

(3) Matters involving individual privacy –

(4) Matters relating to collective bargaining –

(5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.

(6) Matters relating to public safety and property –

(7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege – *Borough Professional Positions/Personnel- Police/Shared Service*

(8) Matters relating to the employment relationship –

(9) Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale assembled in public session this date that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion Lundy Second DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

Nays: None

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to Reconvene Trochimiuk Second DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

Nays: none

[R23294](#) Resolution Approving Employment Agreement Between Michael Camporeale and the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, Michael Camporeale (“Employee”) has previously been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Hillsdale Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (the “Borough”) and Employee have agreed upon the terms of an Employment Agreement for the three year term commencing on January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to memorialize its approval of such Employment Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement on its behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Employment Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and Michael Camporeale be and hereby is approved on the terms recited therein.
2. Mayor John J. Ruocco be and hereby is authorized to execute the Employment Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale.
3. The Mayor, the Borough Clerk, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Labor Attorney are authorized to take any and all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion Escobar Second DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

Nays: none

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (the “Borough”) intends to promote Travis Woods (“Employee”) to the rank of Lieutenant in the Hillsdale Police Department on or about January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Employee have agreed upon the terms of an Employment Agreement to be effective upon the promotion of Employee for the three year term commencing on January 1, 2024 and expiring on December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to memorialize its approval of such Employment Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement on its behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Employment Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and Travis Woods be and hereby is approved on the terms recited therein.
2. Mayor John J. Ruocco be and hereby is authorized to execute the Employment Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale.
3. The Mayor, the Borough Clerk, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Labor Attorney are authorized to take any and all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion Trochimiuk Second DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

Nays: none

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (the “Borough”) intends to promote Captain Sean Smith (“Captain Smith”) to the rank of Chief of Police in the Hillsdale Police Department on or about January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Captain Smith have agreed upon the terms of an Employment Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to memorialize its approval of such Employment Agreement, the terms of which are incorporated by reference herein, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement on its behalf;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Employment Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and Captain Smith be and hereby is approved on the terms recited therein.
2. Mayor John J. Ruocco be and hereby is authorized to execute the Employment Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale.
3. The Mayor, the Borough Clerk, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Labor Attorney are authorized to take any and all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion Lundy Second DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

Nays: none

R23297 Resolution Approving Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Negotiations Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and Teamsters Local 125 for the Period January 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, the current Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and Teamster Local Union 125 expires on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the Borough and Teamsters Local Union 125 entered into good faith negotiations resulting in a tentative agreement on the terms and conditions of a successor agreement for the period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the tentative agreement with the Teamsters Local 125 and believe it to be in the best interest of the Borough to approve said agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that it hereby approves the Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Teamsters Local Union 125; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and or Borough Administrator are hereby authorized to execute said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate representative of the Teamsters Local Union 125 and the New Jersey Public Employee Relations Commission (PERC).

Motion Lundy Second DeRosa

Ayes: Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

Nays: none

R23298 Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professionals

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the above-mentioned services for the following positions for year 2024:

Planning Board Attorney

Planning Board Planner

Planning Board Engineer

R23299 Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professionals

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq. that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for the above-mentioned services for the following positions for year 2024:

Risk Management Insurance Consultant

Motion Trochimiuk Second DeRosa

Ayes: Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Councilmember Trochimiuk

Nays: none

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Trochimiuk Second DeRosa

All in favor: Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Trochimiuk

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED