

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 6th 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: Council Member DeRosa.

APPOINTMENTS:

Jenny Frantin - Historic Preservation Committee Term Expires 12/31/2017

Mayor Frank said the first order of business is the appointment of Jenny Frantin to the Historic Preservation Committee for a one year term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco, seconded by Councilmember Lundy, and unanimously carried.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Jenny Frantin – Historic Preservation Committee

Council President Pizzella said Ms. Frantin will take her Oath of Office at the Reorganization Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

PRESENTATIONS:

Council Member Chrisoula Looes Mayor Douglas Frank

Sgt. Dan McLaughlin Police Chief Robert Francaviglia
P.O. Alex Kaplan Police Chief Robert Francaviglia

Mayor Frank thanked Council Member Chrisoula Looes for her four years plus on the Hillsdale Council. Anybody who has served on Council and if you haven't, you don't realize how much time and effort it takes, there is a lot of work. It is not just these meetings that we go to, it is meetings such as you just came from, the Board of Health; you have been on Rec and have been very effective as our Insurance Commissioner and we

appreciate all of the effort you have put into it in the past four and a half years. We wish you all the best and we hope that you will continue to stay active in the town. He presented a plaque to Council Member Looes which indicates that the Borough of Hillsdale expresses their deepest gratitude for your service as a Council Member from 2012 to 2016.

Council Member Looes thanked everyone; she has had a fabulous time in the past four years. She said she enjoyed it so much and she still does with the ups and downs and it has been such a great experience and encouraged anyone who wants to get involved. The hard part of government is the politics but the actual governing part of it is super interesting and she learned so much. She thanked everyone she learned from.

Police Chief Francaviglia called Sergeant Dan McLaughlin and Officer Kaplan. He said tonight he recognized two of his officers for the apprehension of an armed robbery suspect. Before he did that, he defined what a traditional B Cop is. A B Cop is a police officer who walks, rides, and cycles or drives in his specific neighborhood and knows the beat; the officer routinely patrols in the same area and he/she becomes well known in the community creating a positive relationship between law enforcement and the area they serve, such as what happened in this case. On the early morning hours of July 17th, dispatchers received a call of an armed robbery which just occurred at Wilkes Deli. According to the caller the suspect was described as a white male wearing a Halloween mask with a Black Hand gun and was given \$100 in cash in proceeds. Without hesitation, Sergeant McLaughlin responded to the Deli and gathered more detailed information on the suspect. Once he received the information, he knew who the suspect was by the description from earlier dealings with him. He gave that information to Officer Kaplan as well as surrounding agencies that began their search. Soon after, Officer Kaplan located the suspect and took him into custody without any incident. The Hand Gun and the stolen cash were later recovered. The suspect was remanded to the Bergen County Jail on first degree robbery charges. As mentioned in the beginning, it was the officer's intrinsic knowledge of persons and places in our town that helped in the apprehension of this dangerous suspect. At this time he wanted to publicly recognize Sergeant McLaughlin and Officer Kaplan for the apprehension of the armed robbery suspect.

Mayor Frank said this is more evidence why Hillsdale is one of the safest towns in the State of New Jersey because of the fine service provided. He thanked the Officers.

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

Mayor Frank said this is time limited, new topics only, one speaker per topic. Anyone wishing to address the Council please raise your hand, be identified, and come forward to the podium. Seeing no one, the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 1, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Looes, and unanimously carried.

November 1, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Lundy, and unanimously carried.

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Police Report – November 2016
Engineer Report – November 2016

Chief Robert Francaviglia
Chris Statile

Police Chief Francaviglia said during the month of November, there were 90 dispatching shifts all covered with non-union personnel. There were 314 motor vehicle stops, 110 summonses, and eight criminal arrests. On Veterans Day myself, the Mayor, Captain Smith and Zoltan Horvath, who is our photographer, all visited WWII veterans and thanked them for their service to our country and presented them with a token of our appreciation. This past weekend, I played the role of Santa with my Captain as his Elf. Zoltan Horvath actually organized this as well. This is a program for the Hillsdale Food Pantry where we raised over \$1000 and it was well received by the residents. Cresskill residents attended as well and a lot of people came. This past month his officers participated in No Shave November with ugly beards and raised over \$3500 for Cancer research for their various organizations; he congratulated them for raising that amount of money.

With regard to Traffic Related Issues, the department suggested that we do one side of the street parking for one block on Central Avenue between Park Avenue and Cross Street. On a Court Day or when we have a busy calendar day here, it is very difficult to get two- way traffic through there and he suggested that we consider that going forward.

Mayor Frank said there is also an issue about the amount of parking we have in our lot here. Perhaps that is something we need to discuss. We submitted an application for Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant where we can put more officers on the road during the holiday season and kicks off December 9 through January 1; it puts more officers on the street and the grant funds that. We did receive it and hopefully it works out for us. He will provide the numbers in January and the details of that enforcement. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked Chrisoula Looes for her service to the Borough.

Mayor Frank said he saw on Facebook some of our officers celebrating the \$3500 that was raised. He thought it was fabulous.

Borough Engineer Statile said not too much activity in the past two weeks. We completed the milling resurfacing program the week of Thanksgiving; the contractor has completed all of the streets. We are now awaiting the final striping contract so the roads can be striped. We will await better weather and with the cold weather next week, he did not believe the striping would be done. We have to wait for the temperature to be higher before they can apply the striping. We have authorized the testing lab to test the asphalt as required by the DOT and once we receive those results we can pay the contractor once we are assured the asphalt was placed properly.

Councilmember Ruocco asked if the striping will be done by the new year?

Engineer Statile said yes it will be completed; when the weather is in the 40's and 50's we are o.k. It can't be done in the 20's and 30's. Once the striping is completed we will ask the DOT to make an inspection so that we get our final reimbursement on the grant from the state.

The lap pool at the Stonybrook Swim Club winter enclosure will be before the Planning Board tomorrow night; the Swim Commission for a capital project review where the Planning Board will hear the discussion about the proposed project and the Planning Board can offer comments and recommendations. It is a review for the Master Plan. Is it consistent with our Master Plan that is for the Planning Board to answer and that is on for tomorrow night.

Wierimus Road culvert; he is awaiting the contractor to start, he called his office to get a schedule but he has not returned my call. He will send him a letter as well as to his bonding company to get this moving. He would like to get this done in the next few weeks but the work is not weather dependent.

Centennial Field; the only thing out of compliance is getting our deep probe methane sensors repaired by the contractor who installed the system as well as getting the interior sensors and field house operating properly. Other than that, we are pretty much in compliance with our testing, sampling as well as doing our quarterly inspection report. The DPW will be assisting with the inspections and that will be sent to the state as well.

Councilmember Ruocco said you indicated we are out of compliance.

Engineer Statile said the methane equipment is not operating and we are out of compliance. Once we get that repaired and until it is done, the state can't inspect.

Councilmember Ruocco asked does the state give us a certain amount of time to do the completion.

Engineer Statile said they are aware of us and know what we are doing and they understand we are trying to get the vendor back to fix the equipment. The landfill is in general compliance and we are putting placards on the equipment that really wasn't required and we have ordered the signs. There will be correspondence back and forth when we are in compliance. We will receive a full compliance letter from the state. Perhaps we will be in compliance in a month or so.

Administrator DeJoseph said one of the sensors is not operational and that is the one which is under warranty and the vendor will repair. The system is operational.

Wierimus Lane drainage system; we are awaiting D&L Paving to give a price for repair work on that drainage pipe below Horizon Terrace.

Mayor Frank asked if he had an idea of what that would cost; is it a big job?

Engineer Statile said it needs a couple of pipes to be replaced. It is not a big job. They are up on the hill.

Two grants for the Train Station; one is for the Open Space Grant and Council President Pizzella will speak on that. For the ADA Bathroom Improvement Grant, Community Development wants another sketch.

Mayor Frank has not seen it and would like to see it.

Statile said there is a change and it is off the waiting room now so it is locked up under one key.

He wanted to reiterate some of the grant applications that are currently outstanding and they are at the bottom of his report. We are applying for Green Acres funding as a match to the Open Space Grant with the county for the acquisition of 19 Glendale Avenue. We want to pick up the match money with the state.

Administrator DeJoseph said at a meeting two weeks ago with the state as well as our appraiser to look at the site and an appraisal is being done in accordance with Green Acres requirements funding. Hopefully we will only have to pay for one appraisal, not two. February is for processing and we have to do similar with the Bergen County application, have a hearing, and advertise, and so on. We will do that in mid-January.

Engineer Statile said now the DOT has grant applications open for our annual resurfacing contracts which we usually do as well as other programs. He will discuss with Administrator DeJoseph what streets for next year. We have time for this.

Council President Pizzella wanted to report on was that we did receive the lease renewal in the form of a first amendment, now it is signed. You can report and let us know what you think. Now that we have the lease signed the way you outlined it in your report is fine.

Mayor Frank asked if we have to go out for bid for the historical architect.

Engineer Statile said no, it is professional services. You can have two or three architects for that. You select by price and qualifications. That is the next step and he would start doing that because that will take some time. That comes from our Open Space money.

Council President Pizzella said in the New Year with the engineer, himself, the Chair of Historic Preservation at the time to start meeting and set up a plan that we can provide to Council with the next steps.

Engineer Statile said he can provide a solicitation letter that can be sent out to the architects and get their proposals. It is straight forward, it is repeated for many train stations in New Jersey.

Mayor Frank said this becomes a budget issue too because this is a matching grant so we will have to come up with our share of whatever it is to get us through the historical architect.

Council President Pizzella said the first step is to meet and evaluate the building by an historic architect for deficiencies and then we can come up with a budget to provide.

Councilmember Ruocco asked about the grants for resurfacing, are the roads that we can use those grants on restricted in any way.

Engineer Statile said the grant allotments will probably be about \$150,000. The recent 23 cents a gallon has nothing to do with that because this money has already been approved before that was passed. Right now, asphalt prices are still lower.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa

Councilman - Scott Karcich

Councilwoman - Chris Looes

Councilwoman - Abby Lundy

Council President - Frank Pizzella

Councilman - John Ruocco

Councilmember DeRosa arrived. At the Regional Board of Education meeting on the 21st, several awards were given to students National Merit Scholarship, Advancement Placement Honors, Athlete Elite for Football and the smoke signal to the High School newspaper received 19 awards and they are being possible state champions for distinguished journalism. The administration gives them free rein, sometimes they actually criticize the administration and they are receiving accolades for what they do. They are reconsidering their policy on recording their meetings. They offered three possibilities; one would be to merely orally record their meetings; second option would be to record live and stream them live and to record them live but have a 24 hour waiting period where if a disparaging comment was made about a teacher or there are certain students who are on a don't want to be exposed to the media list, those two situations might be edited out. At their afternoon meeting yesterday, it was decided to table the policy discussion until January because a new board member will be on so it is an open issue, however, it will be taken up again in January.

On the Rec Commission, three football association groups, Peewees, Juniors and Seniors were all in the Super Bowl together and everybody is scratching their heads to figure out if that has happened before in the history of the town. No one in the town could remember. Unfortunately, none prevailed; however, it was great to see them there. On the baseball side, there were three teams that made small league players, 8U, 10U and 11U. 8U and 10U wound up coming on the upside and winning. The Rec Commission Basketball Program held their draft, practices at the beginning of the month and almost immediately after the draft, a pipe burst at the White School and ruined part of the floor in the gym. That is being repaired right now. The high school provided gym time. The Rec Commission also discussed the final plans for the tree lighting which is tomorrow night and all members of the Rec Commission will be available. Hot chocolate and donuts are donated by Dunkin Donuts, there will be a DJ, tree lighting force and a special guest who will be ushered in by the Fire Department.

Thanks to the DPW for fixing the bank of lights on Corra Field and the commission continues to enhance the Memorial Day Parade. On the Ambulance Corps, they recognized Butch Franklin for his help with the carnival in August. Next year's carnival date is set for June 27 through July 1; they are requesting a fund raising thermometer-type of sign somewhere downtown to show progress of fund raising for Ambulance. They have also been nominated for an award from the N.J. State Department of Health for the membership being up and for the number of responses and they are waiting for those results.

Councilmember Karcich thanked our DPW crews for a job well done regarding our leaf removal. It was a team effort and we rented extra garbage trucks so we could collect more material at a faster rate. The Borough is communicating better with the residents and where our crews are coming on a weekly basis. He suggested sign up for the email blast because if you are not checking the Borough website, it is one way to know where the crews are. By using two complete work crews on the east and west, it worked very well this year. We had minimal complaints by the residents and because of all the preventative maintenance we did in the summer by our Borough mechanic, we minimized breakdowns on the equipment. The Mayor sent out an email blast today detailing our go forward regarding leaf removal. We will be starting our final collection throughout the town on the 12th of December so if you have not gotten your leaves out yet, get them out on the street. This will give our men a third time this year to make a pass around our streets.

With snow removal, our plows are ready to, we have our supply of salt, and we have a supplemental snow shoveling contract in place in case we need to expand the crews. We are always looking for some temporary labor for snow shoveling and plowing and we are sending out an ad. Any questions regarding qualifications, please reach out to our DPW Superintendent, Dan O'Rourke. Everything is ready for our tree lighting; we are getting lights on all of the trees. The camera system has been installed at the DPW headquarters and all that is left is some tweaking and for us to place signs indicating the area is under surveillance.

We decided to be proactive and test all the Borough's facilities for lead levels in the drinking water. We tested the Borough Hall, Library, Fire Department, water fountains at the ball fields. We are in good shape and we don't have to budget for any plumbing upgrades for 2017. With regard to the Fire Department, they brought Santa to Camp Raspberry at the high school last Saturday; it is a high school club that works with kids with special needs. Santa will be at the Tree Lighting tomorrow on the fire trucks and starting on the 12th at 6:00 PM, Santa will be going across the town. Please check the Fire Department's Facebook page to see where he will be in our neighborhood.

Councilmember Looes said there was a meeting last night on the Hills/Valley Coalition; it is a nice mix of community residents from the four towns; the Police Department and the Schools. They brought up the fact that a newsletter will be arriving in the mail soon addressing certain issues that the Hills/Valley Coalition focuses on and they have chosen their speaker for the symposium on May 3. The keynote speaker is Kevin Sabat and it is a program about marijuana and hoping to debunk some of the myths and misinformation that is out there.

With regard to the Planning Board recommendations, the committee addressed the nine points and we also added one. He will email to the entire Council the information. It is the same letter that Mr. Statile had originally provided us and we can come back if someone has an issue with something the committee recommended or a better suggestion. One comment the Council Committee did bring up is that there is a need that when work is done on pre-existing non-compliance, on certain things as a shed, a porch, front steps, rear steps, and they are non-conforming but they are existing; and if you want to replace your steps and are in the same spot but replacing, because they are non-conforming, those can be fixed very easily and replaced for our residents. We did add that.

Mayor Frank said we will call them common sense adjustments to our code that hadn't been done in quite a while.

Councilmember Lundy said the Library will be having a teen Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 13, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM and they are anticipating the party will be so big that they are splitting it into two parts; the first part will be Tuesday, December 13 and they will be building gingerbread houses and watching a holiday movie. This is open to teens in grade 7 through 12 and anybody interested should RSVP to the Library. The second part will be on Tuesday, December 20 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM with more details to follow. Currently the Library is working on their budget in anticipation of meeting with the Finance Committee.

The Stonybrook Commission will be meeting before the Planning Board tomorrow to review the Master Plan of the closed dome project and are also working on their budget in anticipation of meeting with the Finance Committee.

Councilmember Ruocco said the 50 plus Club is having a Christmas luncheon at Seasons on Friday, December 16 at noon. The regular Senior Lunch will Wednesday, December 21 at St. John the Baptist Church at 11:30 AM.

The Finance Committee met November 29 and covered budget transfers that are on the Agenda tonight. We reviewed the monthly operations of the town, we went over the progress in 2017 budget submissions, reviewed the various departmental capital budgets, but we will be meeting again next week to go over them in more depth. We had a slight informational session on short term disability policy that the town is researching; Jonathan DeJoseph handled that. The Committee asked the CFO to draft the 2017 salary ordinance to be a bit

more encompassing for this year so that when we get it next year it will be a bit broader. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be December 12 and it will focus exclusively on the budget submissions that we do have.

The PBA has a toy drive going and ends the week of December 17. You may bring your gifts to police headquarters. The Police Committee met Monday, November 28, and we discussed the one side parking on Central between Park and Cross. The Chief also told us about plans to do a solar sign at Magnolia and Hillsdale Avenue; currently there is just a stop sign. The solar sign will automatically be triggered and make it more noticeable. We covered the cost of the emergency traffic plan that we put into effect for the farm a few weeks ago. The police are tackling events planning and the importance of scheduling and slotting our events so that there is no conflict in developing policies and procedures. We also discussed various personnel matters.

The OEM staff informed him that the flood sensors by the brook and now operational are installed up and running. The Division of Community Affairs approved a Sandy reimbursement of about \$16,700, this is separate and apart from the FEMA reimbursement that we would get and have gotten for the expenses that we incurred. The emergency generators at the Fire Department, in Borough Hall and Ambulance apparently all passed the annual electrical load test that they are subject to.

Council President Pizzella said we had some complaints about deer and you asked if he could reach out to the Environmental Commission about that. What the Environmental Commission proposes to do is specifically Bob Senik and Ed Alter want to put together a write-up based on a prior document that they had drafted on how to control the deer population and put it on our website. It will be geared toward the residents and what they can do as homeowners to protect and prevent against the over population of deer. They will provide us with a copy first so that we can approve it and then it would go on the website.

The tree ordinance revisions that we asked for, they have revised their recommendations and he has that to submit. Many of you know of the Woodcliff Lake reservoir trail and we would like to join the other towns in this great opportunity. There are a few insurance related issues that our Risk Manager has and we will be meeting with Suez on Friday. We meaning Ed Alter and myself to discuss those; the Risk Manager will be with us and also we are going to discuss a few other issues that Hillsdale has for that area. The 20 year lease renewal is done as a first amendment and he will be following up with the Engineer, Borough Administrator on the next steps for the renovations of the train station.

Mayor Frank said the noise on the causeway has come back and there might be something the engineer might want to coordinate in terms in what our feedback should be with Suez when you see them on Friday.

Engineer Statile said temperature changes may be the expansions are opening up a little bit there may be some concave slightly and he will check it out.

Council President Pizzella asked if he could get that to him before Friday; he is meeting with them Friday afternoon. He also followed up with our economic advisor and he expects a report to be in by the first of the year if not before. That will get submitted to the Town Council.

He has appointments with the Environmental Commission as well as for Historic Preservation and access to all which he was going to give for the Reorganization.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Frank received a few emails in the last few weeks about the deer population. People are complaining and it is a dilemma. This is breeding season and the deer travel around more; he saw one walking up and down Hillsdale Avenue. That should end this month and they settle in for a while. We do have concerns about deer ticks and Lyme disease and their impact with cars. In the last six months he has seen dead deer on the side of the road and someone hit them and kept going, they can lead to some serious injuries. People are asking for a solution and he spent time looking on line. There is two ways to go; one is lethal and the other is non-lethal. Our neighbors to the west had two ballot question, either yes or no. The first question shall the Borough adopt a deer management policy determined by the Mayor and Council that is limited to the use of non-lethal methods and it passed 715 to 457 nos. 715 said yes. Then they had a second question shall they adopt a deer management policy determined by the Mayor and Council that includes the use of lethal methods and that one also passed. 582 to 544. It seems that the public both wants a lethal and a non-lethal, there is no clear direction and I suspect that is what we would get in Hillsdale as well. The town to the west is a lot less developed than we are. As we continue to make plans and make efforts to maintain our open space, two of the lots he walked to recently, he ran into three or four deer both times; if we want open space, we are going to have deer. River Vale has formed a committee to look for solutions, they have had a number of complaints as well. He asked our Borough Administrator to reach out to them and see if we can get information from them when they come up with a recommendation. He suspects it will be very close to what our own Environmental Commission will come up with in terms of a non-lethal way to protect your plants and plant varieties that are not that tasty for deer.

Council President Pizzella said they have a lot of good ideas that you would never even think about.

Mayor Frank wanted it to be good for the residents so they will have options. Does anybody have anything to suggest for the deer issue.

Councilmember Ruocco attended some of the meetings at Saddle River about a year ago and it can get quite contentious. They wanted to have bow hunting, outsiders professional sharp shooters and put the town right in the middle. You feel for the residents who have their property being destroyed by the deer and on the other hand, there safety concerns and other issues. In the end he feels we are going to be faced with something similar to that because the individual home owner remedies to get the deer under control usually result in letting the deer pass by your property and move on to the next property. Trying to make your property the least attractive to the deer so that they move on to the neighbor's property that has been slow in making his property unattractive; we will see what we can do. They are growing in number; they will get reduced this winter. There is a whole range of issues that you wouldn't think about normally what affects the population of deer in the area. Sterilization costs about \$800 to \$900 annually to sterilize one deer and has to be repeated. It may not be a practical solution. If you reduce the herd, it encourages the remaining deer to procreate in a more aggressive fashion. You have certain consequences that are not good for the town.

Mayor Frank said we will wait and see what River Vale comes up with.

Council President Pizzella said you have to get several towns that are connected to each other to create green spaces for the deer to roam around in. Populations go down and up naturally; the problem we have we are all separate towns and open space is not connected and so each population of deer's cycle is impacted by what they experience and not the overall population.

Mayor Frank said the instance of their roaming the streets should go down with the mating season this month but they are here to stay, they have no natural enemies other than cars, they will continue to be here.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Frank asked if anyone cared to address the Council. Seeing no one, he did not open this portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES:

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R16245 through R16256:

R16245 Authorize the Acting Borough Clerk to Advertise for Seasonal Opening and Closure of the Stonybrook Pools 2017-2018

WHEREAS, there is a need for seasonal opening and closure of the pool(s) at Stonybrook Swim Club, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has developed specifications for the Opening and Closing of the Stonybrook Pools

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Acting Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise Bids for the Opening and Closing of Stonybrook Pools.

R16246 Resolution Authorizing Redemption & Premium Block 904 Lot 3 – 15 Ramapo Lane

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector held a Tax Sale on October 21, 2015, and at the sale a lien was sold on Block 904 Lot 3, also known as 15 Ramapo Lane, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for 2014 Delinquent taxes and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #14-00004 was sold to US Bank cust BV002 Trst & Crdt, 50 South 16th St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513 for 0% redemption fee and a \$80,600.00 premium and,

WHEREAS, Lereta LLC Tax and Flood Services, 1123 S. Park View Drive, Covina, CA 91724, has effected redemption of Certificate #14-00004 in the amount of \$40,647.95.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue

a check in the amount of \$40,647.95 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 \$80,600.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lienholder.

R16247 Resolution Authorizing Redemption & Premium Block 601 Lot 23 – 78 Oak Trail Road

WHEREAS, The Tax Collector held a Tax Sale on October 19, 2016 and at the sale a lien was sold on Block 601 Lot 23, also known as 78 Oak Trail Road, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for 2015 Delinquent taxes and,

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #15-00002 was sold to US Bank cust BV002 Trst & Crdt, 50 South 16th St., Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102-2513 for 0% redemption fee and a \$166,000.00 premium and,

WHEREAS, Main Street Title & Settlement Services, 190 Main Street, Suite 305, Hackensack, NJ 07601, has effected redemption of Certificate #15-00002 in the amount of \$37,997.61.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue

a check in the amount of \$37,997.61 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 \$166,000.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lienholder.

R16248 Resolution Appointing a Coordinator for the Borough of Hillsdale’s Emergency Telephone System (9-1-1 System)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (“Borough”) is required pursuant to State law and the regulations of the State Department of Treasury to appoint a coordinator for the Borough’s emergency telephone system (“9-1-1 System”); and

WHEREAS, THE MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR OF THE 9-1-1 System is responsible for maintaining a plan for enhanced emergency services throughout the Borough and for developing such revisions to the plan as may be necessary for review by the Mayor and Council of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a written recommendation from Robert Francaviglia, Chief of Police of the Hillsdale Police Department, requesting the appointment of Captain Sean Smith and Dispatcher Kim Haffler as the Municipal Coordinators of the 9-1-1 System in accordance with the requirements and procedures mandated under N.J.S.A. 52:17C-1 et seq, and N.J.A.C. 17:24-5.,1 et seq.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, as follows:

That Captain Sean Smith and Dispatcher Kim Haffler of the Hillsdale Police Department is hereby appointed to serve as the Municipal Coordinator for the Borough’s 9-1-1 System.

1. That Captain Sean Smith and Dispatcher Kim Haffler shall perform all such duties and carry out all of the responsibilities as set forth in the existing plan for enhanced emergency services throughout the Borough and in accordance with the requirements and procedures mandated under N.J.S.A. 52:17C-1 et seq, and N.J.A.C. 17:24-5., 1 et seq.
2. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

R16249 Resolution in Support of Senate Bills S-2254 and Assembly Bill A-3821 Which Affirms the Language and Legislative Intent of the Fair Housing Act

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale supports the provision of affordable housing in a reasonable, rational and achievable way, consistent with economic realities and sound planning; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the March 2015 New Jersey Supreme Court order which transferred oversight of the Fair Housing Act (FHA) to the courts, hundreds of municipalities filed declaratory judgment actions to voluntarily comply with their State imposed affordable housing requirements; and

WHEREAS, in February, the Ocean County Superior Court included a distinct “gap period” analysis retroactively over an additional 16 year period, separate and apart from the normal 10 year present and prospective need; and

WHEREAS, the Appellate Division recently in a unanimous decision overturned the February Ocean County Superior Court decision and held that municipalities are only responsible to address the ten year present and prospective need, not any “gap period” number; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court has, for the stated purposes of, “...*judicial economy and efficiency based on the large number of actions involved. The Court makes no findings as to the reasonable probability of success on the merits, irreparable harm, or the relative hardship to the parties,*” agreed to hear an appeal of the Appellate Division ruling in late November; and

WHEREAS the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and existing case law, requires that “present and prospective fair share of the housing need in a given region shall be computed for a 10-year period.” [N.J.S.A. 52:27D-307(c)]; and

WHEREAS, the “gap issue” arises out of the inability of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing to promulgate third round regulations from 1999 to the present or make any final determination as to state and regional housing need, as well as constant litigation by certain groups; and

WHEREAS, any retroactive “gap” obligations could have significant and unfunded impacts on municipalities, may double count households under both present and prospective need, and will likely result in forcing municipalities and their property taxpayers to subsidize development; and

WHEREAS, this issue needs a resolution which provides both certainty and an achievable path forward so municipalities can proceed with planning for and implementing their affordable housing obligations;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-2254, sponsored by Senators Greenstein and Bateman, and Assembly Bill A-3821, sponsored by Assemblymen DeAngelo and Benson, re-affirm the language and legislative intent of the Fair Housing Act, so as to preclude significant unfair impacts and instead further progress toward a more rational statewide housing policy, including reasonable and achievable obligations for municipalities, facilitate municipal compliance and the actual provision of affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 9th day of December, 2016 by the

Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, that:

1. The Borough of Hillsdale strongly urges New Jersey Legislators to immediately reaffirm the language and legislative intent of the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and expressly clarify that the municipal affordable housing share is the sum of present and prospective need for the enumerated ten year period.
2. The Borough of Hillsdale supports Senate Bill S-2254 and Assembly Bill A-3821.
3. Copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the President of the New Jersey Senate, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the Legislative Sponsors, New Jersey State Senator Gerald Cardinale and Assembly Representatives Holly Schepisi and Robert Auth, Senator Jeff Van Drew, Senator Ronald Rice, Assemblyman Jerry Green and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Conference of Mayors.

R16250 Resolution Approving Extended Service for IT Services thorough Authorinet Consulting, LLC. – Change Order #1

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (“Borough”), by Resolution number 16243 dated November 9, 2016 awarded to Quikteks, 373 E US Highway 46Fairfiled, New Jersey 07004 for a contract for File Server Management at \$250.00/month, Managed Care Services at \$40.00/per month per workstation, Datto Cloud Back Up Per Month for 500 GB at \$150.00/month, hourly labor rate for any additional services not included in the managed services listed previously at \$135/per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has proposed a Change Order #1 for extending the previous IT Consulting Firm, Authorinet Consulting, LLC for the term of December 1, 2016 thought December 15, 2016 in the amount of five hundred dollars and no cents (\$500.00) per a recommendation of the Administrator to assist in the transition from one vendor to the other; and

WHEREAS, CMFO-Borough Administrator is recommending the approval by the Governing Body of Change Order No. 1; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the execution by the Mayor of Change Order No. 1 pursuant to which the additional cost of the IT Vendor Transition will be five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

R16251 Resolution Encouraging the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education to Videotape its Public Meetings

WHEREAS, transparency and public participation are of paramount importance to efficient and effective governance; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey law currently does not require municipal governing bodies or school boards to videotape or otherwise record their public meetings; and

WHEREAS, certain members of the public have raised concern with the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale that the public meetings of the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education (the “Board of Education”) are currently not recorded; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recognizes that it has no jurisdiction over this issue, which is within the exclusive purview of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, nevertheless the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale would like to express its recommendation and opinion that it would be beneficial for the Board of Education to consider recording all public meetings for the benefit of the public and making the unedited recording available to the public via their web site or YouTube or public access television.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale does hereby encourage the Pascack Valley Regional High School District Board of Education to consider recording its public meetings and, making the unedited recordings available online or on the Borough of Hillsdale’s Access channels in order to permit a greater number of residents to observe the discussions and actions taken at such meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Education.

R16252 Police Department Retirement (Waiting for Resolution from Ray)

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale (“Borough”) has employed John Carty (“Employee”) as a Police Officer with the Hillsdale Police Department (“HPD”); and

WHEREAS, Employee is an active member of the PFRS; and

WHEREAS, Employee has 22 years/3 months of PFRS Service Credit, meeting the minimum service credit requirement of at least 4 years for PFRS members;

WHEREAS, the Borough is of the opinion that Employee is totally and permanently disabled and no longer can perform his assigned duties based on the documentation supplied by professionals retained by the HPD; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is unable to provide an alternative to the PFRS covered position with duties capable of being performed by Employee; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has consented to the processing of the Involuntary Disability Retirement application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Borough Administrator, Borough Labor Attorney, and Borough Staff of the Borough of Hillsdale be and hereby are authorized to process an Involuntary Disability Retirement application for Police Officer John Carty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to all parties involved in the administration of this action.

R16253 Resolution Awarding Flexible Spending Account Administration to National Benefit Services, LLC.

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Vendor to provide Flexible Spending Account Administration services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, National Benefit Services, LLC of West Jordan, Utah provided pricing in the amount three dollars and fifty cents per \$3.50 per month per participant (copy attached hereto as EXHIBIT A); and

WHEREAS, this contract is in conformance with the requirements promulgated pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and which satisfies the best interests of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, this contract was awarded by the Middlesex Regional Educational Cooperative # 65MCESCCPS, RFP# ESCNJ 16/17-37 contract valid dates 1/1/2017 until 12-31/2019 is in conformance with the requirements promulgated pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A.

40A:11-1 et seq., and which satisfies the best interests of the Borough; and

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

1. The contract for Flexible Spending Account Administration services as outlined in the attached proposal is hereby awarded to National Benefit Services, LLC effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019.
2. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare contracts and/or other documents pursuant to the award of this contract.
3. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute contracts and/or documents pursuant to the award of this contract.

R16254 Resolution Authorizing contracts with certain approved Cooperative Pricing System Vendors Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:11-11 for a Camera System for the Police Interrogation Room

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 \$6,000.00, 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

Police Department Interview Room camera system total cost not to exceed \$ **6,000.00**

Vendor:

Advanced Electronics Design

DBA Patrol PC

344 John Dietsch Blvd.

North Attlboro, MA 02763

NJ State Contract #A81300

Contract Period from: May 1, 2012 to: April 30, 2017

R16255 Grantee Authorizing Resolution – 2015 Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection,
Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Lightning Detection & Warning System

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$20,003.00 matching grant award from the 2015 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal park project entitled “Lightning Detection & Warning System located in municipal park areas identified as follows: Smith Field, StonyBrook Swim Club, Memorial Field, Beechwood Park, Centennial Field, Meadowbrook School, George White School, Stonybrook Field, and Veteran’s Park;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Borough Administrator/CMFO Jonathan DeJoseph to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about May 18, 2018; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant

will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs of payment, and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements.

R16256 Recognizing November 26, 2016 as "Small Business Saturday" and Supporting the efforts of the Small Business Administration to increase Awareness of the value of Locally Owned Small Businesses

WHEREAS, there are 28,773,992 small businesses in the United States;

WHEREAS, small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States;

WHEREAS, small businesses generated 63 percent of net new jobs created during the past 20 years;

WHEREAS, 87 percent of consumers in the United States agree that the success of small businesses is critical to the overall economic health of the United States;

WHEREAS, 89 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to local communities by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue;

WHEREAS, local businesses help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers which, in turn, are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly homogenized world, communities that support local, one-of-a-kind businesses help contribute to the distinctive character of a community; and

WHEREAS, many local businesses help support so many borough, school, sports and volunteer organizations through donations and sponsorships, throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, shopping at local businesses saves residents time and money; and

WHEREAS, 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important to support the small businesses in their communities; and

WHEREAS, November 26, 2016, is an appropriate day to recognize “Small Business Saturday”

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Hillsdale joins with the Small Business Administration in:

- (1) Recognizing and encouraging the observance of “Small Business Saturday” on November 26, 2016; and:
- (2) Supporting efforts to encourage consumers to shop locally; and
- (3) Supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses and the impact of locally owned small businesses on the economy of the United States.

Councilmember DeRosa requested R16251 be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco on all Resolutions excepting R16251, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Looes, Lundy, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Pulled Resolution:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Acting Borough Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Education.

R16251. Councilmember DeRosa said this is to encourage Pascack Valley Regional High School to record their meetings. As I reported earlier, in March the Board decided not to record their meetings and to their credit since then, they have decided to reconsider their policy. I probably would not be in favor of this except for the three options they have laid out and one having the ability to edit them he objects to. I am supporting this to encourage them to opt for the version where they record and stream them live without any editing.

Councilmember Looes said she did not feel comfortable; it is one thing asking our Mayor to write a letter on behalf of the Council stating that we support a position but it is an independent Board and they should be recording them and showing them. Our residents should attend their meetings and voice their concern. If as a Council I would support our Mayor sending a letter on our behalf but as far as a resolution encouraging it, we are overstepping our separation with the school.

Councilmember Lundy said we have no jurisdiction over the Board of Ed, while she agrees that they should record their meetings and she is in favor of that and advocating for the residents who would like to see this, they also do not feel comfortable encouraging them to do that while we don't have any jurisdiction over them.

Mayor Frank said the Bergen Record had an editorial saying they thought it outrageous that the Board of Education was even considering not doing it and considering editing the versions. Everything we do here in my opinion with all the things that happened at the Board of Ed in the past year, there are a lot of contentious issues and the lack of transparency; there are not a lot of people here this evening but these meetings are made available on YouTube, on our web page as well as being broadcast live and if we can ever get ourselves together we will have retransmission of the live broadcasts during the month on our public access channel. This resolution actually started with one of the other towns, Montvale; Woodcliff Lake already passed it and speaking to the Mayor of Montvale, they will also be passing this resolution this week. This is nothing more than an encouragement and we do have a significant responsibility to the high schools and we have oversight. If budgets get knocked down in some point in time, they might come back to this Council. We are the people, due to our assessments and due to the valuations we place on the property of our town, we establish the tax base and we are responsible for collecting those taxes. We collect just a little less than 15 million dollars a year in taxes from the residents of Hillsdale and we operate on less than 10 million dollars. Five goes to the county and the rest goes to the schools and why they would object and come up with all kinds of reasons of not being willing to provide the transparency to residents of the town is beyond me. Our seniors have been asking about this for years. It is easy to say well the residents should go to the meetings, well the meetings are held in various places at Pascack Hills, they are moved around. He knows seniors don't like to drive at night so this resolution is an encouragement; it has no binding power whatsoever. We recognize the fact that the Board of

Ed is independent. I think it is good government and I think we represent the people of Hillsdale and we have had a lot of people from Hillsdale asking us to do this and that is why it is important that we do it. It is up to this council to vote on.

Councilmember Ruocco said as liaison to the seniors, they have insisted that he press this matter and you have just expressed it rather well so I am not going to add to it. He recognizes that this Council does not have any authority over the Board of Ed but finds the way this issue has developed is rather curious. The reluctance to record and publicize runs contrary to the need of transparency in government; they are a governmental body; even more ironic, they are the governing body over an institution of learning which is instilling in our children the needs to express oneself, express yourself in a democracy, free expression of thought is cherished. The cost to the residents to support these institutions is high; he looks at his tax bill and 25% of his tax bill goes to the regional school board; that is more than the 20% of my taxes that go to support the municipality. I would want my Board of Ed to be sensitive to the needs of transparency to me as a taxpayer. Maybe some board members are not used to that degree of scrutiny and maybe they have become used to operating more or less without members of the public being there, but I find that the argument that they laid out is to why some of them did not want to support televising or recording without editing their minutes does not hold water. He will vote in favor of this, it is basically a resolution encouraging them and we don't have authority, but it is important for this Council to go on record on this issue.

Roll Call Vote Resolution R16251.

Motion by Council President Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Ruocco

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Karcich, Ruocco, Council President Pizzella

Nays: Councilmembers Looes and Lundy

OFF-CONSENT: (R16257)

R16257 Authorizing the Transfer of 2016 Budget Appropriations

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 provides that should it become necessary during the last two months of the fiscal year to expand for any of the purposes specified in the budget an amount in excess of the respective sums appropriated therefore and there shall be an excess in any appropriation over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill the purpose of such appropriation, the Mayor and Council may by resolution setting forth the facts (adopted by not less than 2/3 of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of these appropriations deemed to be insufficient,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Chief Municipal Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2016 Budget Appropriations.

	FROM		TO
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APPROPRIATIONS	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>		
-		
WITHIN CAPS		
Gas and Electric	\$ 15,000.00	
Administrative & Executive - S&W		\$ 6,000.00
Planning Board - Other Expenses		\$ 5,000.00
First Aid Organization - Other Expenses		\$ 3,000.00
DCRP		\$ 1,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds - S&W	\$ 10,000.00	
Vehicle Repair and Maintenance - Other Expenses		\$ 10,000.00
Fire Department - Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00	
Fire Department - S&W		\$ 3,000.00
Recreation Services and Programs - S&W	\$ 15,000.00	
Senior Citizens Services - S&W		\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS WITHIN CAPS	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00

TRANSFERS STONYBROOK UTILITY		
Stonybrook - Other Expenses	\$ 11,985.00	
Stonybrook - S&W		\$ 11,500.00
Bond Interest Payments		\$ 485.00
TOTALS STONYBROOK UTILITY	\$ 11,985.00	\$ 11,985.00

Councilmember Looes said firm accounts of the two accounts, regardless of which one it was, was short.

Mayor Frank said yes.

Councilmember Looes said for senior services, is that because something came up that was \$15,000 more or we normally do that because the money is initially put in Rec services and we transfer it.

Administrator DeJoseph said it is an allocation of where the funding went for the salary and wage. The net effect is zero and next year it will be corrected.

Councilmember Ruocco said it is because of the way we allocate an individual salary.

Councilmember Looes asked about the first eight organizations other expenses, what was that for?

Administrator DeJoseph said that was for clothing allowance. The Planning Board other expenses to increase legal and planning costs.

Mayor Frank said on a 13 million dollar budget, at the end of the year if we only have to adjust \$40,000 or \$50,000 in terms of moving things around to make sure that all the budgets are proper, I think that is not bad budgeting. Between the times we put the budget together December 31 things happen and you can't anticipate some of it; it is just how we laid out the budget and how we ended up charging it.

Motion by Councilmember Looes, Second by Councilmember Ruocco and unanimously carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Councilmember Lundy thanked Councilmember Looes for her service and appreciated all of her efforts over the years and wished her the best of luck. She congratulated Sergeant McLaughlin and Officer Kaplan for their service to our town and for their recognition tonight. She thanked Chief Santa and his Elf for bringing smiles to the children of our town. As a project at the Library they are asking various commissions and the governing body and individuals who would be interested in creating a gear and asking the governing body to decorate it. They will mount all of the gear -and there will be a button and all the gear -will turn. This is a governing body deer that we will be giving back to the Library.

Councilmember Ruocco wanted to reiterate a sense of gratitude to Councilmember Looes for her service here at the Council. Being on Council requires a considerable amount of time, patience, sacrifices for the common good and didn't believe any Councilmember receives respect or gratitude that would be appropriate for the people who devote those hours. Nevertheless, it is a position that we wanted and we get it. He wished her the best of luck. He is looking forward to see the residents at the tree lighting tomorrow night. He recognized all the good work that Sergeant McLaughlin and Officer Kaplan has done for the town. As Police Commissioner I have gotten to know them better and it has been a joy and experience.

Council President Pizzella thanked all the town volunteers and employees; everyone does such a great job and they do so much and he wanted them to know he appreciates it. He also wished Councilmember Looes all the best. She has done a great job and wished all the best and if she wishes to continue being involved, he has a lot of committees that could use her help. He emphasized that the resolution that we passed with regard to the Board of Ed was for the regional Board of Ed, not the local Board of Ed. He broached the issue with the

Superintendent of the Local Board of Ed and he was very open. He is the Liaison of the local Board of Ed and he never comments on what they do. He attends their meetings and listens. This year has been very interesting again for the local Board of Ed because they have been nothing short of amazing and yet they have had to do so much. They have been flexible, supportive and most of all they have been responsible and have put our children first. We got a new interim Superintendent, but Mr. Pfeiffer has been excellent and amazing and he wished there was some way for him to stay on. He is truly a good Superintendent, you can call him at any time and he is very responsive and he had all great things to say about the local Board of Ed.

He is very opposed to the permit renewal for Waste Management; they prohibit any increase in value for that area. He is for revitalization of economic growth in Hillsdale and the industrial area. He ran on it; the first time he ran he has been talking about this for five years. Waste Management negatively impacts the businesses in the area as well as potential businesses that would otherwise come to the area or relocate to the area. It negatively impacts the value of homes and the residents in that area that own the homes. This is a business that pays a little more than some people pay for property taxes; they left their property for two years abandoned and unsafe condition and if the permit gets renewed they will be transporting 900 tons of garbage daily through the streets. A long time ago when that area didn't have anything around it, it was o.k., but now it is in the middle of a residential area, in the middle of our town; Patterson Street is not going to be able to handle all that truck traffic. He doesn't want Hillsdale to become a dump receptacle for the Pascack Valley so he encourages, urges please go to www.gopetition.com and say No to Waste Management. Write letters to our representatives and please help fight the permit renewal for Waste Management. He wished everyone a Happy Christmas and a very Happy Hanukah and Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Karcich thanked Sergeant McLaughlin and Officer Kaplan for their service; he is very proud of our Police Department and thinks they act very professionally. He visited the upstairs of the train station and it is wonderful; there is a model RR and kids are playing and it will be opened tomorrow night. If you haven't seen it, it is worth walking up the steps to see it. It has been a pleasure working with Councilmember Looes, she is very open and kind to a first year Council person and wished her all the best.

Councilmember Looes said she will be back next week and save her really long speech. She commended our Police Department; we live in a small town and have a fairly small Police Department and our police officers are constantly doing above and beyond. They are doing things that show how astute they are and how they are on top of everything as well as the community service they do. They are imbedded in our schools, our town, everybody knows and recognizes them and she thinks that is fabulous. She will miss her tree lighting tomorrow night and regretted it; she always enjoyed it with her kids; she will be attending an award dinner with her son and will be unable to be there.

Councilmember DeRosa joined in thanking the police department for everything they do. Saturday after Thanksgiving we passed a resolution in support of business; even though the day is past, it really marks the beginning of the holiday gift giving and shopping season. American Express sponsored the event and went to many shops in Hillsdale and gave away buttons, etc.; he received help from Councilmember Ruocco, and the Recreation Commission. Shop Rite inflated about 50 balloons and we played Johnny Appleseed and placed them all around town trying to raise awareness. Please shop locally during this holiday season; we ask a lot from our businesses for school events, fund raising for the town for education and they come through; now is our chance to help them.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people between the ages of 15 and 24. If you or someone you know is in crisis or seeking training advice, there is help. You can contact the Society for prevention of teen suicide and their mission is to reduce the number of youth suicide by encouraging public

awareness and through the development of promotion and educational training programs. They can be reached at 800-273-TALK .

Tomorrow is the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Please keep in mind those who perished in those attacks; it is difficult for people who did not live through that to put that into context, it was a date in time that marked the beginning of the US involvement in WWII. Think of it in terms of how 9-1-1 for us, that is how it was back then for those people. He hopes to see everyone at the tree lighting.

Acting-Borough Clerk Kohan introduced Flat Stanley. You may be familiar with this as many of the schools here in Hillsdale have read this book and sent Flat Stanley to other places. It was sent to her by her friend who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio where she grew up. She welcomed the family; the girl's name is Sydney Bouldin and she attends St. John the Baptist in Cincinnati, Ohio. She will send a video to their school.

Mayor Frank also extended his congratulations to the police department for the fine job they do. He mentioned the tree and Menorah lighting tomorrow night. He stopped at the train station over the weekend and they will be open tomorrow, it is a great display. He looked at the roof and asked if they ever had any roof leaks which they said they did not. He is not old enough to remember Pearl Harbor but he remembered his parents speaking about it all the time saying where they were when that happened and it is similar to 9-1-1 for us. Those who are alive during the Pearl Harbor attack are fading and it is important that we don't forget that. He will mention that tomorrow night briefly at the tree lighting and he believed many of the people may not understand what it means but it does mean a lot to us. The American Legion is running a program of cards and letters for our troops; we have 20 young men and women serving from the area and are requesting that people send them a holiday card or write a brief letter. The names are linked to our website; there are collections boxes here and at the Library, perhaps at Valley National Bank, Post Office where you can drop off the cards. The due date is this Saturday, the 10th because the Legion will pick them all up, mail them out to the individuals so no postage is required. In years past he has received responses from some of the men serving overseas how much they enjoyed getting these letters from home. We even added some local papers, The Pascack Press or whatever, and how they shared them with their buddies. Their friends were impressed with the fact that they get these from home. It is a wonderful thing and if you have time get some cards, no stamps required, some names domestic but some overseas and it would be appreciated.

He thanked Santa and the Elf for their hard work. A special thanks to Zoltan Horvath who does so much for the town in terms of photography and we have to recognize him or have an unofficial official town photographer and he will bring that forward.

He would like to reinforce what Council President Pizzella said about Waste Management. He received notification this week from the DEP that their draft permit approval is circulating within the DEP and they expect it back by the end of this month. We would expect that sometime in January that draft permit approval will come out for comment and at the point in time we anticipate that there will be a public hearing and it should be here in Hillsdale for the renewal. We met with a member of the N.J. State Department and he suggested that residents write letters, the petition is one thing but he said there is nothing that impacts as much as letters. My intention this week is to get the address of the head of the DEP over the solid waste permitting section and we will put that up with a couple of sample letters and we would encourage to copy them and send them to them and let them know this is a disgrace to renew this permit which has been sitting vacant for two and a half years. They don't need the capacity and Waste Management transfer stations do not belong in the middle of residential towns, they belong along highways. We don't need the truck traffic. He spoke with the Mayor of Washington Township and she is going to do the same to help support our efforts.

Council President Pizzella said it is a process when they send out the draft permit that is when the process to fight the renewal begins. A draft permit is always issued; they can then deny it and take your public comments into consideration after the public comment period ends. So don't think that because they are going to issue a draft permit that the fight is over. This is when it begins.

Mayor Frank complimented our DPW and Borough Administrator on the leaf program. We have additional equipment this year and we have been well organized. It has never perfect, you miss a house here or there, but I think it has gone very well and we are hoping to finish earlier than anticipated. Now we are getting ready for snow. We are starting the budget process now for next year. We have capital plans in looking at six years and we are talking about millions of dollars of infrastructure improvements. There is a lot of talk about infrastructure nationally in terms of roads, bridges, but we have infrastructure items here as well as roads. We have roofs on our buildings; the roof on this building, on our fire department, the DPW is in most severe need of repair or replacement. We are going to be looking at some tough challenges for the next year and beyond. We are working on it; we are looking at the future and planning ahead. That will be part of our 2017 budget process which has already started.

My wife and I went to Drumthwacket last week; the Governor was holding a brief reception for very important people. We received an invitation and he is going to spend the rest of this year except when he is at Trump Tower to speak on the stress the holidays bring to people who have drug and alcohol problems. He said it is a trigger point and it can be for people who have holiday parties and creates opportunities for people to lose control. Please be safe and careful during the holiday season, there are a lot of opportunities to put yourself in a bad situation and hoped that you can rely on others to help you get through it.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 13,- at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: @

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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 ~BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk