

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 5th day of February, 2019. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Record; 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, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Segalas, (Mayor Ruocco, Attorney Madaio, CMFO DeJoseph, Borough Clerk Kohan). Absent: Council President Pizzella

PROMOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

OATH OF OFFICE/APPOINTMENTS:

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

Mayor Ruocco opened the Initial Public Comment portion of the meeting at this time. Seeing no one, the initial public comment session was closed.

PRESENTATIONS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Reorganization Meeting January 6, 2019
Council Meeting January 15, 2019
Closed Session Minutes January 15, 2019

Motion by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Segalas

Nays: None

Absent: Council President Pizzella

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Hillsdale Police Report January 2019](#)
[Borough Engineer Report – January 2019](#)

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia
Christopher Statile

Fire Chief Kelly thanked everyone for coming to the Reorganization Meeting and welcomed the new Fire Commissioner and looks forward to working with him and the Council. The Fire Department responded to Elmwood Park last week, twice; the night of for about nine hours and a crew went back on Friday from 12:00 to 6:00 PM to offer assistance. Three counties offered their assistance and our men did a great job. He stated this was for Marcal Paper. It was dispatched as Pascack Valley Task Force; when it is a big event the county takes over and in this case for resources, they call it Task Force so Hillsdale went there with the whole Valley. On February 22 we have the Hook and Ladder Cards Event and if you know anyone who plays cards let him know as it is a fun night. We have professional dealers and tables and have everything from 80 to 21 year old people who play.

Police Chief Francaviglia said during the month of January there were 93 dispatching shifts and all covered by non-sworn personnel. We had 339 motor vehicle stops and 19 criminal arrests. Detective Sergeant Hampton graduated from prestigious New Jersey Chief's Police Command and Leadership School which lasts about three months and he went once a week had a midterm and had to submit paper work and he did a good job. Pascack Valley High School and Pascack Hills had their security audit this past month with the NJ Department of Education and Bergen County Prosecutor's Office, State Police and four district Police Departments and all schools passed with satisfactory ratings. We are looking to making security from good to great and we are ahead of most districts in the state. He thanked the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps for inviting the Police Department as well as Council Members to the installation dinners.

Council Member Horvath thanked Chief Francaviglia for making Hillsdale the sixth safest place.

Borough Engineer Statile said we have been assisting the Patty with the opening and closing bids for the pool complex for 2019. A contract is out for bids right now and we are assisting with any questions by prospective bidders. The four railroad grade crossings; as of last week the DOT is still waiting from NJ Transit their cost estimates for two remaining crossings in order to put the whole crossings package together and then proceed to the Commissioner to get the work scheduled. He did not believe it will be done this spring, maybe in the summer; he will keep monitoring that with DOT. When the grade crossings are closed, the trains aren't going to be able to pass through and at that point there will be buses at the train station to pick up the passengers and bring them to Westwood. The train will probably reverse at Westwood and go back to Hoboken. The trains will go through Hillsdale but will not pick up any passengers.

Administrator DeJoseph said the trains will be operational in the morning and evening hours.

Engineer Statile said we submitted the 2019 Local Freight Impact Grant for 2.2 million dollars, submitted electronically January 11 to DOT and may take several months before those grants are vetted and they make a selection through the 30 million dollar program. This will be improvements to the entire industrial area, not just Patterson Street. For the 2019 road program we updated our survey from 2017 for streets to be resurfaced and updated the map which we have of the streets resurfaced since 1976. This was distributed to the Council and it gives you an idea when the streets were last repaved. We are ready to go to bid with the Piermont sidewalk improvements and we need a date of the award. That is ready for the spring or summer. Public Service substation upgrades; if anyone is interested in going into the substation he has an appointment with them next Tuesday at 1:00 PM and if anyone would like to come inside and see the gallery and equipment they can have a tour of the facility. We received our quarterly reports on Centennial Field for 2018. We have a lot of grants outstanding with the State right now; we have two municipal aid grants for resurfacing; 2016 grant for recreation and trails program which is working its way through the state. The next step now is it is going before the Watershed Review Board twice a year, the next meeting is April 2. The DEP has concurred with the use of a trail. The 2019 Open Space Program for an \$8000 grant is expected to be approved the first week in March. Once they are approved by the Freeholders, the contracts will go out and you can start preparing for the work. The Safe Routes to School grant application was submitted and still pending in the state. The 2019 Transportation Alternatives Program is also still pending with the state and the 2019 Open Space grant application will be sent out shortly. We don't have the applications yet but they will be coming out soon.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Ruocco announces the following **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS** for the year 2019.

Fire Department	John Escobar
Ambulance	Anthony DeRosa

Motion: by Councilmember Lundy, Second:by Councilmember Horvath, and unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilman - Anthony DeRosa
- Councilman - John Escobar
- Councilman – Zoltan Horvath
- Councilwoman - Abby Lundy
- Councilman – Steven Segalas
- Council President – Frank Pizzella

Councilman DeRosa said the four districts, Woodcliff Lake, Montvale, River Vale and Hillsdale met with the Superintendent to come up with some type of unity event to disburse how some of the recent symbols of hate that have been found in the schools don't reflect who we are. This event will kick off on March 19. The Ambulance Service has ordered an ambulance and should be available around July. The Rutgers Safety Course will be available for certification if you wish to coach and will be given on Thursday February 18 at Borough Hall. Parks and Recreation will complete their audit of the fields and will present it to the Council.

Councilman Escobar said the Fire Department will have their meeting on February 12 and will have a report at the next Council meeting and that the next Board of Health Meeting is also on February 12th.

Councilman Horvath said he will have a report at the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Lundy said that budget meetings are going on now and should be completed by February 15th. Bids for the pool opening/closing and the concession stand were opened today and are now under review. Hopefully they will be awarded next week. The Library Board met and the new Library Board head is Warren Harris. The signage for the dedication of the library has been ordered. Dave Franz will work with the Gross family to have the dedication sometime in the Spring. The Police Committee has a meeting coming up and she will report on it at the next meeting. She mentioned that you may have noticed with the last storm it may have looked like our roads were brined. Our mechanic fabricated a brine machine and he will try that on the roads to see how that works out.

Councilman Segalas said the Ordinance Review Committee met a few weeks ago and we should have ambitious quarterly short term objectives in place; our bylaws have been broken into parts and hopefully have something at our first meeting in March.

Councilman DeRosa said Councilmember Lundy and myself at the Access for All meeting are trying to identify businesses who can help those with disabilities in Hillsdale. The Committee came up with a survey and results are starting to come back and we are pleased with the results we are getting and the Committee continues to move forward and we will be publicizing and provide handouts.

Mayor Ruocco said on January 9 at the Pascack Valley Mayors' meeting he discussed with the Mayor of Washington Township our need to find some place for our seniors to meet on a regular basis without having to carry supplies; they have a monthly lunch at St. Johns and St. Johns cannot provide storage space and they are constantly moving things for the lunch into the kitchen and moving it out. The Mayor of Washington Township said his community center is vastly underutilized and their seniors meet once or twice a month and is used mostly by seniors and no other groups and offered us use of that center several days a month; he offered a tour of the facility. I toured on January 30, it is spacious, impressive, has a kitchen, seats 400 without tables, 200 with tables and chairs.. Mayor Calamari offered to have closets and shelving built downstairs for add'l storage. He said if we want it we can have it; however, parking is tight. When their seniors use it, employees are asked not to park there so that is a possible stumbling block for our use. I agreed to arrange for the Borough Administrator, the Rec Director, the Executive President of the 50+ Club to tour the facility in early March and advise the Council if it would possibly be useful for us. We would look at this as a temporary solution.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. [Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department requesting the use of the West Lot for its annual carnival from Sunday April 22, 2019 through Saturday April 27, 2019.](#)

Motion to approve, receipt and file: Motion by Council Member DeRosa, Second by Council Member Horvath, and unanimously carried.

2. [Email from Rosemarie D'Alessandro requesting to use the Train Station for the Joan's Joan Safety Fest on September 28, 2019 with a rain date of September 29, 2019 from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.](#)

Motion to approve, receipt and file: Motion by Council Member Horvath, Second by Council Member DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

3. [Email from the Environmental Group Confirming that April 27, 2019 is the date for the Bi-State Clean-Up for Pascack Brook](#)

Motion to approve, receipt and file: Motion by Council Member Segalas, Second by Council Member Horvath, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Ruocco said we have a series of letters which are substantially the same dated January 9 regarding developments around Demarest Farms. These letters are objecting to actions the farm has taken with respect to taking down some walls on Alpine Terrace and erection of a deer fence on Craig Road and along the border between Hillsdale on the north side of the farm's property and the town's property. He asked for a motion to receipt and file on this.

Motion by Council Member Horvath, Second by Council Member DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

4. [Letter dated January 9, 2019 from Pierre and Narine Hacopian regarding developments around Demarest Farms.](#)
5. [Letter dated January 9, 2019 from Ganepola and Manel Ganepola regarding developments around Demarest Farms.](#)
6. [Letter dated January 9, 2019 from Joseph and Meryl Rosenthal regarding developments around Demarest Farms.](#)
7. [Letter dated January 9, 2019 from Chris and Karen Simpson regarding developments around Demarest Farms.](#)
8. [Letter dated January 9, 2019 from Wayne and Karen Silverman regarding developments around Demarest Farms.](#)
9. [Letter dated January 9, 2019 from Peter and Michelle Silver regarding developments around Demarest Farms.](#)

Motion to receipt and file: Motion by Council Member Horvath, Second by Council Member DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Ruocco said the take down of the wall in January ceased after a number of residents brought it to his attention and the Borough brought it to the attention of Farm Management.. The wall as he understands it is on Borough property so any attempt to take it down unilaterally is not appropriate. My concern is allowing those streets to become thoroughfares for patron traffic in and out of the farm. The farm's plan is to allow egress from the farm through that street, Alpine Terrace. Our attorney has been seeking a meeting with their attorney, a date has not been chosen yet. We asked for such a meeting right after this was brought to our attention and hopefully something will be done in the next couple of weeks. I think the farm has already erected a fence.

Attorney Madaio said it is his understanding there has been construction of a deer fence. There is a meeting of the Farm Board and the Borough Engineer will be there and the attorney will attend; that meeting is to discuss the fact that the county is vacating portions of the adjoining roadway and portions of the adjoining roadway will be transferred to the Farm. The Farm will have the ability to use that additional property and we should all be aware of that. The county will make them comply with ADA standards and the county would like to see previously approved site plans to compare what was approved by the town years ago and what is actually on site. There are a few things happening; comparison of what was approved vs. what was built over the years, the transfer of county property to the Farm and the roadway areas are vacated as well as the Farm becoming ADA compliant in those areas where property has been transferred to them which has never occurred. No. 1, the Farm has constructed deer fencing. I believe that requires a municipal approval or requires Farm Board approval and that can be granted in context of a conservation plan. The deer fencing generally speaking exceeds UCC plans, however if it is part of the conservation plan and there is an entire conservation plan, expense requirements and other things, it can be constructed. It should not have been constructed until all those hurdles were settled. That will also be on the Agenda for the 14th and that will be with the Farm Board attorney and the county. In addition to that, the Farm has submitted a report seeking additional parking in the peach orchard portion of the Farm. That would include ingress through Craig and exit through Alpine and we have an awful lot to say about that. That will also be brought up on the 14th. Our position at present any change to parking requires amendment to the Farm's Sites Specific Agricultural Management Practices so the Farm has a plan approved by the Farm Board and as a result we don't have jurisdiction over events that take place on the Farm. However, they still have to go to the Farm Board to have these processes approved and our position that anything in their parking plan requires re-appearance at the Farm Board and approval of a revised SSAMP. If there is parking in the peach orchard, the Chief has an issue with ingress on Craig and exit on Alpine; either way the public should be heard because we largely lack jurisdiction over events that take place on the Farm.

Those are the issues and challenges we will be dealing with on the 14th; we are in the final year of our plans with parking on streets ; this year the Farm can use only one quadrant. We don't want to back slide and want to continue the trend to make the neighborhood much better. those are the issues involved and Engineer Statile and I will be there on the 14th.

DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Ruocco opened the Public Comment and invited the public to come up and address the Council.

Pierre Hacopian, 14 Alpine Terrace –

He wrote one of the letters received tonight. His question involves the ordinances of the city and the ordinances that have been broken or ignored by the Farm and his question have the appropriate fines been levied for the ordinances that have been broken. If I would have damaged city property I would be held liable for its repair.

Mayor Ruocco said no fines have been levied as of now. It doesn't preclude us from doing it in the future.

Mayor Ruocco said seeing no one, he closed the public portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES: (Introductions/Adoptions)

19-01 (Introduction)

Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 09-01 Chapter 138 “Fees” and Chapter 71 Swimming Pool Commission

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 138 of the Code of the Borough of Hillsdale is amended and supplemented to include membership fees in the following schedule and definition:

CHAPTER 71, Swimming Pool Commission

RATES FOR 2019

RESIDENTS-	PRICE			***RESIDENTS volunteers discount 25%	PRICE		
TYPE	On or	6-May	After	TYPE	On or	6-May	After
	Before				Before		
	5-May	29-May	29-May		5-May	29-May	29-May
A. Family of Two	\$561.00	\$590.00	\$620.00	A. Family of Two	\$421.00	\$443.00	\$465.00
B. Family (3 persons)	\$574.00	\$605.00	\$635.00	B. Family (3 persons)	\$431.00	\$453.00	\$476.00
C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$630.00	\$663.00	\$697.00	C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$473.00	\$497.00	\$523.00
D. Family (6 + persons)	\$697.00	\$733.00	\$770.00	D. Family (6 + persons)	\$523.00	\$550.00	\$577.00
E. Individual (18+)	\$399.00	\$420.00	\$441.00	E. Individual (18+)	\$299.00	\$315.00	\$331.00
F. Senior Citizen (62+)	\$227.00	\$239.00	\$251.00	F. Senior Citizen (62+)	\$170.00	\$179.00	\$188.00
G. 2 Senior Citizen	\$333.00	\$350.00	\$368.00	G. 2 Senior Citizen	\$250.00	\$263.00	\$276.00

I. Sponsored by a family membership must show proof \$150 per person , senior grandparent, 2 maximum per family

NON-RESIDENTS	PRICE			***NON-RESIDENTS discount 25%	PRICE		
TYPE	On or	6-May	After	TYPE	On or	6-May	After
	Before				Before		
	5-May	29-May	29-May		5-May	29-May	29-May
A. Family of Two	\$809.00	\$852.00	\$895.00	A. Family of Two	\$607.00	\$639.00	\$671.00
B. Family (3 persons)	\$864.00	\$909.00	\$955.00	B. Family (3 persons)	\$648.00	\$682.00	\$716.00

C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$901.00	\$949.00	\$996.00	C. Family (4-5 persons)	\$676.00	\$711.00	\$747.00
D. Family (6-7 persons)	\$911.00	\$959.00	\$1,007.00	D. Family (6-7 persons)	\$683.00	\$719.00	\$755.00
E. Family (8+ persons)	\$937.00	\$987.00	\$1,036.00	E. Family (8+ persons)	\$703.00	\$740.00	\$777.00
F. Individual (18+)	\$585.00	\$616.00	\$647.00	F. Individual (18+)	\$439.00	\$462.00	\$485.00
G. Senior Citizen (62+)	\$278.00	\$293.00	\$308.00	G. Senior Citizen (62+)	\$208.00	\$219.00	\$231.00
H. 2 Senior Citizen	\$428.00	\$450.00	\$473.00	H. 2 Senior Citizen	\$321.00	\$338.00	\$355.00

I.* J. Sponsored by a family membership must show proof \$150 per person, senior grandparent membership, 2 maximum per family

**** VOLUNTEER:

Persons serving the Borough of Hillsdale, who are either elected or appointed to a Borough Board, Office, Department or commission and who require to take an oath of office. Volunteers shall include but not limited to Mayor and Council, Fire Department, Dept. of Health, Environments Commission, Historian, Recreation Committee, Swimming Pool Commission, Hillsdale Board of Education Members, Police Reserve and Ambulance

Credit card convenience fee	3%	Credit card convenience fee	3%
Return check fee:	\$20.00	Return check fee:	\$20.00

SECTION II:

Chapter 71: "Swimming Pool Commission", Section 71-2 Members is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

MEMBERS:

C. Compensation: The member of the commission shall serve without salary or other compensation for their service.

Excluded from the prohibition is membership rate afforded Borough Volunteers.

SECTION III:

Guest Pass Discount Book	\$75.00
Daily Guest Pass Adult (weekdays and weekends))	\$18.00
Daily Guest Pass Child (weekdays and weekends) Under 17	\$12.00
Private Lesson Non-Members, 1 child	\$53.00
Group Swim Lessons Non-Members	\$85.00
Group Swim Lessons Members	\$75.00
Private Swim Lesson, 1 child	\$35.00
Swim Team Membership	\$75.00*
Dive Team Membership	\$65.00*
Dive Lessons Members	\$51.00
Dive Lesson Non-Members	\$65.00
Mommy & Me Members	\$45.00
Mommy & Me Non-Members	\$49.00
Fab Four Members	\$48.00
Fab Four Non-Members	\$55.00
Private Lessons 2 kids non-members	\$60.00
Private lessons non-member	45.00
Private Lesson for 2 kid's members	\$50.00
Babysitter – each sitter (2 max per family)	\$130.00

Kids Korner Klub – yearly dues				\$10.00 per child per season
Swim Camp (guppy)				\$100 to \$300 per wk.
(I) Grand Parent Fee per person	I			\$150.00
Ladies night, family night other special events	I			\$5-\$65.00 per person
		100-150 people	150-200	200-250, \$3,00
Parties under <100 people –private 4hrs	<100 people \$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	250-300 \$3,600
School Parties (4hrs)				\$950.00
Camp parties one day 3hours				\$1,200.00
Evening after hours party 8-11pm				\$700.00
				200-250 people \$3, 600
Corporate Parties (4 hrs.)	<100 people \$1,800	101-150 people, \$2,400	150-200 people \$3,000	250-300 people \$4,200
Swim Team Rental (outside)			\$5,000 to	\$35,000.00
Swim team rental per lane per hour				\$20.00
Ping Pong balls				\$0.25
Camp Fees – HD &RV per camper				\$50.00
ID Card Replacement Fee				\$10.00
Chair Storage - per chair				\$10.00
Birthday Parties (children under 16) 2 hours				\$50 to\$80.00
Parties - Family (2 hours)				\$225.00
Spirit Wear clothing				\$5 to \$100
Yoga Members and Non-members				\$5-\$40
Fitness examples: Spin, Pilates, Zumba and Cardio Kickboxing				\$5 -\$50.00 per class
Aqua Aerobics Members and Non-members				\$5-\$40per class
Selling of snacks and food				.50-\$10.00
Camp rentals outside (HD, RV)				\$300-\$2,000 per day
\$10 till 10 (nonmembers (5pm to 10pm) Friday nights				\$15.00

***NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 31st, 2019**

SECTION IV:

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication of notice thereof as required by law, and the provisions of this ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2019.

- * If a child is on both swim and dive team the maximum payment per child is \$125.00
 *** New Members Only *** Promotion of 10 -20% off - one per family discount at designated open house or special promotion events

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. **19-01** does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on March 5, 2019 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member Horvath.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horvath, Lundy, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar

Nays: None

Absent: Council President Pizzella

19-02 (Introduction)

**Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$102,074 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$357,261, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Borough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. **19-02** does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on March 5, 2019 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Segalas

Nays: None

Absent: Council President Pizzella

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R19045 through R19048:

R19045 Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale Granting Permission to Pursue a Collaboration with the Community on Public Education and Implementation of a Street-Smart Campaign

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has identified New Jersey as a pedestrian “focus” state due to a high incidence of pedestrian injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, nearly 6,000 pedestrians are injured and 139 killed in motor vehicle crashes statewide; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s pedestrian fatality rate (24.3 percent in 2013) is nearly double the national average (14 percent); and

WHEREAS, Street Smart NJ is a statewide public education, awareness and behavioral change campaign developed by the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA); and

WHEREAS, Street Smart NJ is a collaborative effort between public, private and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to reinforce safe behaviors for pedestrians and motorists within the community through the implementation of a Street Smart Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that in 2019, the Borough of Hillsdale will undertake a Street-Smart campaign in partnership with stakeholders including but not limited to the Hillsdale Police Department.

[R19046](#) Resolution Designating Drivers for the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, being a volunteer firefighter of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of fire vehicles of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, that in the event of an emergency requiring the driving and operation of any fire vehicle of the Borough of Hillsdale in the absence or disability of any of the aforementioned persons every other firefighter of the Fire Department of the Borough of Hillsdale in good standing and active, be and the same is hereby authorized and appointed as a driver of said fire vehicle for and during the duration of such emergency and for and during the absence of other disability of the foregoing named persons; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, being a member of the Hillsdale Police Department, including Special Officers and Police Matron, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of police vehicles of the Police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, being a member of the Hillsdale Department of Public Works, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of vehicles of the Department of Public Works of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the persons named on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, being employees of the Borough of Hillsdale, are hereby designated and appointed as drivers of vehicles of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution may, from time to time hereafter, be amended and supplemented by resolution or resolutions amending or supplementing the schedules filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and that this resolution shall hereupon be effective with respect to the persons named upon such amendatory and supplementary resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons hereinbefore designated as drivers of motor vehicles be instructed that in the event, they have been convicted of a motor violation, had their license suspended or revoked, they shall not drive Borough Vehicles and they shall immediately give written notice of said suspension or revocation to the Department Head and the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, said appointments to be for the period commencing as of the date hereof and terminating on December 31, 2019, and thereafter until their successors shall be appointed and qualify.

[R19047](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit an Application for a Grant with BCUA for the 2019 Recycling Enhancement Grant Program

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the BCUA in the amount up to \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars and no cents) for enhancements and improvements to local municipal recycling depots; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body resolves that Mayor Ruocco and/or the CMFO is authorized (a) to apply for a grant with the BCUA for a grant in the amount up to \$3,000.00 (three thousand dollars and no cents), and (b) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations, and (c) to sign and/or execute any documents that are required as well as allowing the CMFO and the Mayor to execute any documents/vouchers that are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project, and

[R19048](#) Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professional – Borough Planner – Special Projects

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 position:

Borough Planner - Special Projects –

For the purpose of identifying a potential location for a Community Center within the Borough

Council Member Lundy requested the removal of R19048.

Mayor Ruocco called for a motion on the above Resolutions with the exception of R19048.

Motion by Council Member Segalas, Second by Council Member Horvath.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy

Nays: None

Absent: Council President Pizzella

R19048. Council Member Lundy said Council President Pizzella is absent and motioned to table.

Motion to Table by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

OFF-CONSENT:

Motion to adopt _____ Second _____

Council Members Lundy, Council President Pizzella, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Council Member DeRosa said the Fire Department responded to the Marcal fire and the DPW was out one night when we had the flash freeze and were salting the streets. The departments were getting out of bed responding to the need. He thanked the Volunteer Ambulance member who is being deployed in Africa as a member of the N.J. National Guard and wished him the best. Registration is open for baseball and football and you have 10 more days to sign up. If you want to coach you can get the information on our website.

Council Member Escobar commended the Fire Department for their responded to the Marcal fire.

Mayor Ruocco said drivers passing by the fire could feel the heat even though their windows were closed so you can imagine the intensity that the emergency responders were going through.

Mayo Ruocco attended a meeting last night of the Pascack Valley Coalition. They have an upcoming program April 3 at Pascack Hills called Growing Up Over Exposed and sounds like a really good thing for parents of grammar and high school students and for teens to attend as well; better to understand the challenges our youth now face. There will be a key note speaker who has a lot of background in this area and focusing on teen dating abuse, sexual consent, dangers of sexting and additional matters and it is a problem in all of our schools. This will open eyes, especially parents. Educators and Police in schools cannot handle this alone, the primary responsibility must be borne by parents.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

[R19049](#) 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 – *Redevelopment, Police Audit*

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 N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) 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 – *Police Audit*
- (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege – *Redevelopment*
- (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 by Council Member DeRosa, Second by Council Member Horvath, and unanimously carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to reconvene by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Council Member Lundy, Second by Council Member Horvath, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED