

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council Member DeRosa who also led the Salute to the Flag.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 6th day of March, 2018. 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, Horvath, Karcich, Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella. CMFO DeJoseph, Borough Clerk Kohan). Absent: Mayor Ruocco and Attorney Madaio.

**PROMOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Pascack Valley Wrestling Team

Council Member Anthony DeRosa

Council Member DeRosa said we have recognized several Pascack Valley Teams, sports and technology teams. The teams have been honored not only for Division titles but for state and national wins. The Pascack Valley teams have been on a tear for the past year or so and we are talking about some substantial wins. The Dance Team has taken a win in Florida last months and we will be recognizing them. Tonight, we are recognizing the Wrestling Team which is a unique sport in that it is a one on one competition. You could lose a couple of matches but win the match for the team. This group has worked exceptionally as a team and the coach said these guys don't care who gets to win. They just want to win. If they don't do it, the next guy steps up and gets it. This year they were Division Champs for the first time since 2005 and the team has dozens of league and district titles but the state championship eluded them except for this year. It is the academic and athletic programs that bring people to our town and raise their families. We are thankful for you, administration, teachers and coaches for what you do. He read the plaque presented to the Pascack Valley Wrestling Team. Coach Gallion was named Bergen County Coach of the Year for wrestling this year.

Mayor Ruocco present at this time.

**OATH OF OFFICE/APPOINTMENTS:** Fire Chief Patrick Doody

[Mark Savino – Hillsdale Fire Department](#)

[John Weglarz – Hillsdale Fire Department](#)

Oath Administered by Mayor Ruocco to John Weglarz as a member of the Hillsdale Fire Department.

Mark Savino was absent.

**BOARD, COMMISSION AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:**

Mayor Ruocco presents the names of the following individuals for appointment, with the Advice and Consent of the Council, to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

**ACCESS TO ALL COMMITTEE:**

[Marty Ward](#)

Term Expiring 12/31/18

[Robert Heyliger](#)

Term Expiring 12/31/18

Mayor Ruocco administered the Oath of Office to Robert Heyliger as member of the Access to All Committee.

Marty Ward was absent.

Motion to Record by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Horvath, Segalas, Lundy, Council President Pizzella

Nays: None

Mayor Ruocco presents the names of the following individuals for appointment, to the indicated positions and the specified terms of office.

**PLANNING BOARD:** Mayor Appointment

[Scott Raymond](#)

Term Expiring 12/31/18

[Stephen Riordan](#) – Alt #1

Term Expiring 12/31/20

Mayor Ruocco administered the Oath of Office to Scott Raymond, Member of the Planning Board.

Mayor Ruocco administered the Oath of Office to Stephen Riordan, Alternate #1 Member of the Planning Board.

Motion to Record: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Ruocco, Segalas, Lundy, Council President Pizzella

**PRESENTATIONS:**

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

Mayor Ruocco opened the Initial Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Corinne Wehrle, 51 Beverly Road –

She commented on the inability to park on the weekends because of the farm. She asked if anything could be done with regard to stickers from Hillsdale. She said it is very difficult and in her home, they have six cars and they have to move cars all day. They can't have visitors because of the parking and asking for relief and allow us as residents to be able to enjoy our town.

Mayor Ruocco said it is complicated by the fact that there is litigation existing between us and the farm at this point.

Attorney Madaio said there is currently litigation with the farm involving parking ordinances and felt it unwise if we discuss in public options or plans.

Ms. Wehrle said she understands the ramifications but she wanted to bring it out now and not wait until July.

Mayor Ruocco said Ms. Wehrle is not the only to express her frustrations and others would like greater flexibility as you do.

Resident, 3 Loretta Street –

She also has a parking issue unrelated to the farm; her driveway is on Clinton; one side of the street has no parking but our side does and we have people parked near our driveway. She has had difficulties driving out of her driveway; she contacted the police chief; however, his recommendation was denied. She came here to see if there is some kind of resolution available. There might have been some misunderstanding as to how we asked about the no parking area in front of our driveway; it is not necessarily from Loretta to Broadway. There is a sign that states no parking up to the stop sign and there is a two-space gap between that sign and their driveway and the gas station at the bottom side with cars parked there, it is not an issue. If you have one or two cars parked at the top side and the angle the street comes down, we aren't visibly able to see any traffic coming from the bottom. Last year we had two temporary signs put up and we were trying to see if there could be a permanent sign in that one location but nobody follows those signs any more. The problem is the two spots going up to Loretta, the visibility is unbearable.

Mayor Ruocco said he lives in that neighborhood and is familiar with the situation. This issue came before the Police Committee.

Resident said it was declined perhaps because of the wording stating the entire street. We are not stating no parking on both sides just the two top sides when you are backing out specifically.

Councilmember Segalas said we were hoping that the business owner would be mindful and not block the driveway.

Resident said employees of the gas station park there. He has no issues parking on Loretta in front of his house but it is a visibility issue. It is literally the two-car gap.

Councilman Segalas said we will have to look into this.

Police Chief Francaviglia said he was looking at the issue for the resident but also for the business owner. If you exit his driveway and you have vehicles parked east of his driveway on the north side of his street, you can't see cars coming down the hill. He spoke to the business owner directly and he puts two or three vehicles there.

Mayor Ruocco asked if the Police Committee would have another discussion on this matter with the Police Chief. He said the Police Committee will be taking another look at this. The Police Committee will have the option to present it to the full Council as well; we will get this resolved one way or another.

Mayor Ruocco said seeing no one, the Initial Public Comment period was closed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018

Closed Session Minutes February 6, 2018

Closed Session Minutes February 13, 2018

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Horvath, Lundy, Segalas, DeRosa

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember Karcich and Council President Pizzella

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

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

[Hillsdale Police Department Report](#) - February 2018

Chief Robert Francaviglia

Police Chief Francaviglia said during the month of February there were 84 dispatching shifts covered by non-sworn personnel so there was no overtime. We had 232 motor vehicle stops which resulted in 124 summonses as well as eight criminal arrests. This past month Captain Smith, Councilman Horvath, American Legion Commander and I completed our visits to the Korean War Veterans to recognize them for their service to our country. He thanked Freeholder Sullivan for recognizing all of our emergency services for their heroic actions on Kinderkamack Road. This past month we had a serious event on Catherine Court where there were charges of attempted murder and the victim is still paralyzed and he thanked the Westwood Police Department and the Woodcliff Lake Police Department as well as the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office for their quick response in arresting the individuals in that event. At the next Council meeting, Sergeant Tom Smith will report on the Street-Smart Initiative that will be taking place in Westwood and Hillsdale; we want to come up with a joint initiative and he will report more details on that. He thanked Assemblywoman Holly Schepisi for putting together last night's forum on gun laws and school safety.

Mayor Ruocco asked for the date of the pedestrian safety campaign.

Police Chief Francaviglia said there is no date for that as yet. Sergeant Smith will have the details.

Councilmember Segalas asked if he could provide some details on what we have for the high school keeping our schools safe and secure.

Chief Francaviglia said we will be having a meeting with some of the residents here in the near future. Now for daily activities, our patrols walk through the schools, arrival times and dismissal times; they patrol around the schools as well, walking the outside perimeters. We have a school resource officer at the high school and Class III specials on security guard at the high school level and talks about putting a Class III special in the middle school and elementary schools as well. He believed the school resource officer is a valuable asset to our community between the assets he provides to the administration of the students. We do drills as far as lock down drills at the high school and middle school and elementary schools, St. Johns as well. We do active shooter drills and practical exercises with EMS in Hillsdale about how to respond to events like this. We have plans in place for every school and business as it could happen in businesses such as King's, Shop Rite or even the bank. We have response plans for all that. He believes we are ahead of the game, we always try to get surrounding agencies involved with Hillsdale and how they respond to our incidents. We went over with the high school region and local region about some of things they can do to harden their schools as well.

Mayor Ruocco said Adam Hampton did a fine job last night (at meeting arranged in Westwood by Assemblywoman Schepisi) in presenting what we are doing in Hillsdale and adding to the discourse and dialogue.

Borough Engineer Statile said the town is receiving a \$199,000 grant from the DOT to make pedestrian improvements on Piermont Avenue. The project has several locations; one from Kinderkamack to Magnolia, the primary area, but also down to the high school going east to the Bible School and filling in that piece of sidewalk. There was also a problem at Piermont and Ruckman Road; the corner, they can't see around the corners and we are going to try to augment that as well for pedestrian improvements. Fifteen percent of the grant can be used to defray inspection costs. He would like to get the contract out this summer and hopefully with the road program get a better dollar if we can.

Mayor Ruocco said the residents along Piermont on the north side between Kinderkamack and Magnolia have been vociferous over the years complaining about lack of a sidewalk there. This will address that.

Engineer Statile said other residents in the same project area have a difference, there is going to be a lot of disruptions because of retaining walls, trees, not an easy area to get a sidewalk through but we will get it through and is happy we have enough money to do the project correctly. We may need some meetings with Council to discuss with residents who are concerned. The county is not involved. There will be a curb as well to protect the residents. The county is doing the ramps at the ends for handicapped accessibility as well. This application cost the Borough about \$1200 to prepare by our office and you are done. There is no contingency requirement. The train station contract is making good headway; they were placing the tile floor this weekend and they should be done next week with the project. You can't get any doors to close properly because the building is founded on railway ties. It is 150 years old, no foundation, just railway ties. We will make the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to get the reimbursement from the county. He is working on the plans for the sewer with the Fire Department, replacing the sewer line from the back of the fire house. Hopefully we will get the project done in April. Jonathan will solicit bids from several contractors and keep it in a threshold we can award. Public Service is pouring about 2000 yards of concrete for their new building in the next few weeks. There will be noise from the concrete trucks. There is a generator running 24 hours a day which was anticipated with the application. It is a busy place. We are working on the swim club enclosure specifications and he was working on some code compliant specifications and working with the heater company for the heating system as well. We are trying to wrap this up as quickly as possible and get it back to the Commission.

We will be doing a lot of local and county handicap ramps for the road county system through the grant program. We will set up plans for repair of the band shell at Beechwood Park. We have a couple of outstanding grants for CVGV handicap accessibility to Beechwood Park playground equipment as well as park areas for 2018 which was submitted already, a \$45,000 grant and Bergen County Municipal Open Space for \$65,000 for work in the downtown park war memorial. On the band shell, we are sketching up repairs at Beechwood Park. We received the grant agreement. We are doing the design for the contractor to do the work. The county had the grants jammed up for about a year. All the towns have been waiting for the grant agreements to come through. This is matching, 50/50. We received \$32,500.

Administrator DeJoseph said for the Bergen County Development grant, remove our construct Ural barriers, for example the bathroom at the train station remove barriers to make it ADA compliant; putting in an ADA compliant playground is not eligible.

Engineer Statile would argue that. If you are handicapped, the equipment is not barrier free, it is architecturally impairment.

Administrator DeJoseph called the county but has not received an official notification.

Council President Pizzella said he spoke with Engineer Statile and during the Access for All meeting, they wanted to pursue the playground and wanted it to be a group playground and could be used for autism. The Engineer believed it was submitted and we were going to wait for it and was surprised to hear that now we are definitely not getting it. It sounds like you are not sure we are not getting it. Are we applying for this grant and if we applied for it, were we denied? Do we know for sure we have been denied or have we withdrawn?

Administrator DeJoseph said he will give the Mayor and Council a full written report on it either by next meeting or the following meeting. The application was submitted; I received a phone call from the County it is not going to be eligible. I will confirm that in writing.

Engineer Statile said we can talk to Angela Drake as well because sometimes you can twist the application around to make it eligible. You can make a modification to the application that makes it eligible.

Council President Pizzella said there is something in the application that is worded differently that might make it eligible.

Engineer Statile said he had to change an application for River Vale and changed one word in the application. The grant was approved; otherwise it would not have been approved. The Administrator will have to get on the phone as well and the Mayor can call the Director going past Angela stating that this is ridiculous. If the playground equipment is a barrier to handicapped children then we can't use it. We can augment it by substituting additional equipment.

Administrator DeJoseph said an option is to reword it from a \$32,000 grant to \$65,000 for work at Beechwood Park.

Mayor Ruocco said that is an alternative if we didn't get \$45,000, you could take all of the \$65,000 and apply it.

Engineer Statile said you would want to appeal the verbal decision that the grant doesn't cover eligible improvements.

Mayor Ruocco said we submitted an application in December and in February we got a call and they said it is not eligible and do we have the opportunity to convince them otherwise.

Engineer Statile said we could try. We are not out of time, we can still do that.

Mayor Ruocco asked if we could do that orally and follow up with something in writing.

Engineer Statile said you can go to the County and see Angela or the Director as well. It is worth a try, restructure the application differently. Angela is the Assistant Director. It is always worth going back. The \$45,000 grant is not a matching grant. That is federal HUD money.

Councilmember Lundy asked about the Open Space Grant for Veterans Park and if that is a matching grant. The Borough is not committed; the American Legion will be doing the work.

Engineer Statile said the Borough is responsible, it doesn't have to be the Borough, it could be anybody.

Mayor Ruocco said it was clear at the time that there would be a grant from the government and the American Legion would provide the matching funds, there would be no funds from the taxpayers of Hillsdale.

Councilmember Segalas asked if we are due for testing at Centennial.

Engineer Statile said we have already done the required tests for first quarter; the next rounds are coming up now; every quarter tests are required. We are not seeing anything different than we saw 10 years ago.

Councilmember DeRosa referred to Kinderkamack and Magnolia, corner of Ruckman and Piermont.

Engineer Statile said there is a crossing guard there and former Chief wanted to bring the children out opposite the high school. What??? It is quite dangerous and we are hoping to fix that. With \$200,000, there is plenty to get all that done.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Council President Pizzella said the Economic Development Committee has completed the interview process regarding another planner and the Committee will be making recommendations to the Council as to which planner to go with and will likely be made at the next meeting, March 13. He asked the Borough Attorney to update the resolution for development in the industrial area because resolutions are not acted upon after a year. That will be ready for March 13 as well. The Administrator has been attempting to get a date with NJ Transit and we will be provided with some dates. We need to meet with them to see if they will contribute to the grant and the first step is the historic architect we have to get and get the roof repaired. He will be meeting with Waste Management on Thursday and we will be working on documentation that is necessary in getting us into the governor's office on the topic of getting rid of Waste Management. He wished to speak to the Council about the Marketing Committee and members of Economic Development to work together on this grass roots effort. There will be a lot of to do items and we are going to need help. This is the single most important thing that is impacting Hillsdale and will impact our future and we all have to get involved and work together. The website needs to be updated; the Mayor has been holding the fort down and he appreciates that. We have to

figure out who is going to do what, even just writing a letter that we could put on the website that a resident could use to model their letter. Having six types of different letters would be better; there's a lot of things that go into a grass root to deal with a very large company like Waste Management.

Access to All is a new committee and the County asked if we would establish an Access to All Committee within our town. This committee looks about the town and tries to create improved access for those with disabilities; adults, children and all different types of disabilities. We had a meeting last night and we had our mission statement done; it will be on the website and we decided we will bring back the role for clover. We will have Seeing Eye dogs and a 5K walk with dogs and that will be a fund raiser. One project could be the blue playground at Beechwood for children with autism. We would also put forth a questionnaire for a disabled person to fill out and would be linked to police records so that the police would know if there is a disabled person in that home and that information would be available before they left to go to the home and they would be prepared. Anything else he has to be brought up in closed session.

Councilman Segalas said the Fire Department is continuing to train their Cadets. He watched the Cadets and Fire Personnel practice and rebuilds a portion of a house and re-enact circumstances that come up. He hopes to provide at one of our meetings a power point to illustrate it. The Fire Department does these exercises early on the first Monday and they are quite educational and valuable.

Mayor Ruocco said about two months ago he and Chief talked about stimulating marketing and attract new members, a difficult thing. He told the Chief to have a discussion with the Fire Committee and asked if the Fire Committee has been approached.

Councilman Segalas said yes and there has been some preliminary discussion and we actively wish to address.

Mayor Ruocco said there was discussion whether DPW workers could shift over.

Councilman Segalas said ultimately have the DPW workers trained and permit them to be available in the event there is a call during the day. We would have to go to a paid for Fire Department and probably would not exceed the police budget.

Mayor Ruocco asked what else the Fire Committee could do to market, attract and advertise and he asked if there was anything on that. He advised the Fire Chief to start with the Fire Committee.

Councilwoman Lundy said the Library Board is meeting next week and Saturday is Maker's Day and there are many activities that members and children can participate in. The Pool Commission will be meeting next week but the Pascack Press had a write up on fees, rates, open houses and opening date. The rates have not changed for 2018 and registration opening on the 12<sup>th</sup>. You can register on line.

Councilman Karcich said recently we had a Police Committee meeting where we were discussing funding for the SRO and are taking a wait and see approach with the Board of Education and additional funding the Pascack Valley School Board is going to present. We also discussed what the Chief how we secure our schools, the difference between an SRO and we discussed a multitude of contracts upcoming at the police level and some of the requests the Chief made. He was DPW Liaison for two years and had concerns for DPW workers also be trained for the Fire Department. Workers would take off five weeks' time to be trained and if they want to be members of the Fire Department; some don't live in town.

Councilman Horvath said the position of DPW Superintendent has been filled. He will report April 1.

Administrator DeJoseph said due to the impending snow storm tomorrow, garbage collection will be postponed until Thursday and Thursday's collection will be postponed to Friday; recycling will stay standard.

Councilman Horvath said there will be no buses available for Wednesday for seniors due to the snow event. All planned activities are scheduled to be back soon and all will be notified if there are any changes. The Historic Preservation Committee is making good progress and has started some projects and hopes to share some details at the next Council meeting.

Councilman DeRosa said the Regional Board of Education at Pascack Valley assured parents at the last meeting that there are multiple levels of security at the schools and will be enhanced by whatever is there. The Police Chiefs from Hillsdale and Montvale met in closed session to discuss security matters. Students sent letters to Parkland, Florida in support of those students. We mentioned the wrestling team dance team which won the national competition and will be recognized next month. The PV Softball Team, 5K Run will meet this Sunday starting at 9 AM at Stonybrook and there is still time to enter and check the website. George White welcomed the new Superintendent of Schools and is the present Principal at Woodcliff Lake. He credited the Board for

waiting to get the right person. The Board welcomed back the Acting-Superintendent after a health issue and will remain until July. There is talk of a Class III security officer at White School. The Ambulance Service is finalizing their budget and are optimistic in purchasing a new ambulance this year. There will be a fund raiser March 19 and 20 and 20% will be donated to the Ambulance Corps. The Ambulance Corps is also working on a recruitment presentation for high school students and incorporate younger members The Ambulance Service will be having a beefsteak dinner in May and he will have more details on that. With regard to Rec Commission, the mobile finger printing unit that we were hoping to have in Hillsdale has turned out to be more trouble; we are not going to do that here. You have to go to Paramus. The date for the Fall Festival is Saturday, September 15 and the Rec Commission is prepping for the Easter Egg Hunt on March 24. We are due to have our first official meeting of the Recognition and Renaming Committee tomorrow but due to the weather it has been cancelled.

Mayor Ruocco said he reached out to Mr. Pfeiffer to set up an interview between the Mayor and the DPW Superintendent.

Mayor Ruocco said we are awaiting an operations plan from Demarest Farm and we did not receive it yet. He believed that would be communicated from attorney to attorney. We have a NJSLOM/Louis Bay scholarship review panel and we are working to identify people who can sit on the committee,s and he believed he had a Council member willing to volunteer. It is a scholarship awarded at the state level and we are looking for a Borough professional and an elected official and he has names from a voluntary board and that will be done in the next week and we have to get started with that panel. Students have to submit their essays. He noticed if you cross the RR crossing you get quite a jar as you come across Hillsdale Ave heading east or west. He received an email saying summer is the most likely time when this repair will be done and he wanted to let the Council know. There is a plan to fix it.

Engineer Statile said he met with NJ Transit to discuss this at length and they are doing traffic studies first and they will come back and talk to the Borough about all the crossings in town.

Mayor Ruocco said that back in September they wanted us to permanently close streets as part of their remediation and the outcome as he remembered was they would just do just Hillsdale Avenue, and they may do one other without permanent closures.

Engineer Statile did not know that closures were discussed and that is fine.

Mayor Ruocco said whatever the Engineer can do to move forward with that process, proceed. We are trying to get it done before the summer.

Council President Pizzella was approached by some residents and introduced him to a resolution that has been going around town regarding gun control. They wanted him to find out if Council would be interested in introducing some sort of resolution showing their support for gun control. He can provide the Council with the draft that was provided to him.

Attorney Madaio said people are going after guns instead of looking at the whole issue of what has been happening with our schools, especially in Parkland. There is not necessarily a gun situation in New Jersey and we have some of the toughest laws in the country and didn't know what Hillsdale could add to what New Jersey has to offer.

Mayor Ruocco said these types of broader than Hillsdale requests come up periodically; he advised if there is something we have direct power over and it affects Hillsdale, and then we should consider it. If it is a national or state issue and will be or should be addressed at the state level he would rather not get the Council involved.

Council President Pizzella said this is asking us to sign a resolution opposing Congressional Bill House Bill 38.

Mayor Ruocco suggested he send it around and we will have a chance to look at it before the next Council meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Motion to approve, receipt and file Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION**

- E-cigarettes/Vaping Mayor John Ruocco
- Habitat for Humanity Property Donation Borough Administrator Jonathan DeJoseph
- Water Fountain Donation Borough Administrator Jonathan DeJoseph
  - [Backup stone sample](#)
  - [Backup wiring](#)
- Renaming of Recreation Commission Council Member DeRosa
- Update on Composition of Recognition Committee Council Member DeRosa

Mayor Ruocco said for E-cigarettes/Vaping, the local Board of Health director approached him several weeks ago about a resolution that Mahwah is considering. She agreed to go back to research the Mahwah situation to explore what was reasonable for us to do because this resolution (Mahwah's) not only uncaptured E-cigarettes/Vaping but prohibited any retail establishment from selling marijuana. He said it was premature because the state hasn't decided what it is going to do so they will explore more what they are doing in Mahwah and get back to Councilman Segalas.

Water Fountain Donation. Administrator DeJoseph said there has been a request to install a water fountain from the D'Allesandro family and there is a copy of the diagram showing what area, electric off the train station and NJ Transit has been contacted to obtain approval from them for that. If you choose to approve, NJ Transit would want that approval as well as what was done a few years ago to install the monument and garden. Bergen County also approved it and we approve it subject to Bergen County and NJ Transit approval.

Mayor Ruocco said it is not an additional space that is being taken; it is substitution on the garden side on the monument. Plants are being moved and a rock with a fountain coming out of it, it is approximately two feet in diameter and water comes out of it and a couple of lights focused on the water, electricity of NJ Transit building. She has NJ Transit approval, needs our approval and needs county approval.

Councilman Segalas said the police have some concerns about this. They would rather that it not be there.

Councilman DeRosa said it looks like a dangerous situation, it could be slippery. Other towns that have fountains like this, kids have put in detergent and there have been road closures.

Engineer Statile said if they are going to be hacking into the service panel from the train station, they will have to get an electrical permit. You decide, he can help with the permit.

Mayor Ruocco said now he is hearing for the first time that there are some other concerns that we should focus on before we approve it. The other concern is, who will maintain it? He senses the Council wants more time to think about it and we can make a decision.

Councilman Segalas said he believed there will be vigorous discussion on this issue.

Attorney Madaio said the Council would have to provide the resident a resolution approving this. A resolution will be put on the Agenda next week and the Council will discuss it then.

Councilman DeRosa expressed his desire to have another week to think about this.

Mayor Ruocco said he suggested we create a resolution which will give us an opportunity to think about it, give members of the Foundation to come before us next week to talk about it and we can get back to Ms. D'Alessandro that this isn't something that the Council will approve immediately and will have further discussion and issues to take up and we will come to a decision at the next meeting.

Renaming of Recreation Commission. Councilman DeRosa said the Recreation Commission has been known as the Recreation Commission but when you read the ordinance their purview is over all parks so it would be most appropriate to name them Parks and Recreation Commission and would require amending the ordinance.

Mayor Ruocco said no change in the function of the Commission is anticipated.

Councilman DeRosa said no, he will possibly suggest more robust language based on some explanatory ordinances from some other municipalities and the Borough Attorney and enhancing some of the powers they have right now.

Mayor Ruocco said rather than just going through a name change we may want to consider changing the code.

Updating the Composition of the Recognition Committee. Due to the snow storm, Councilmember DeRosa will provide a report on this later.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Ruocco opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Seeing no one, the Public Comment portion was closed.

**ORDINANCES:**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R18060 through R18070:**

[R18060](#) Resolution Refunding of Tax Payment – 80 Broadway Suite 102

**WHEREAS**, 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2017 taxes paid on behalf of Klas Haglid by Valley National Bank for his property known as Block 1308, Lot 19, Qualifier C0100 were misposted to another property owned by Mr. Haglid; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to avoid being delinquent, Mr. Haglid then made payment of 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2017 for said property in the amount of \$1,357.29, resulting in an overpayment of 2017 taxes;

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

Klas C Haglid  
80 Broadway, Suite 102  
Hillsdale, NJ 07642

Block 1308, Lot 19, Qualifier C0100  
\$1,357.29

[R18061](#) Resolution Authorizing the Payment of \$4,500.00 to the Fair Share Housing Center in Accordance with the Settlement Agreement

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment captioned “In the matter of the Application of the Borough of Hillsdale”, Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, Docket No. L-5680-15 as required by prior Judgment of the Supreme Court of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) responded to said action and, ultimately, a Settlement Agreement, dated October 10, 2017, was entered into between the Borough and FSHC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Settlement Agreement was approved by the Honorable Christine Farrington, JSC, by Order of February 9, 2018 subsequent to a “Fairness Hearing”; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 24 of the Settlement Agreement provides that the Borough shall pay the FSHC the sum of \$4,500.00 within 30 days of the date of the Fairness Hearing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the payment of \$4,500.00 to the FSHC in accordance with the Settlement Agreement.

[R18062](#) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement for the Establishment of the Public Safety Answering Point Telephone System by and Between the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Hillsdale

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Hillsdale seek to enter into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus will provide telephonic access to the "Public Safety Answering Point" (PSAP) service on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale, and;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:17C-1 et seq., all Municipalities of the State of New Jersey are required to provide telephonic access to an appropriate "PSAP" service, and;

**WHEREAS**, regionalized providing of such services is a concept specifically endorsed by the aforementioned statutory scheme, and;

**WHEREAS**, both of the parties to such an Agreement are authorized by law to enter into an agreement with one another to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the "Interlocal Services Act" N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et seq., and;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Councils of the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Hillsdale recognize that the implementation of an Interlocal Agreement to provide "PSAP" service, on a regionalized, cost-sharing, basis is still in the best interest of the taxpayers of the respective municipalities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the execution of a "PSAP" Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for a period of one year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the cost of same shall be in the amount of \$5,269.50 for calendar year 2018.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the execution of the attached Agreement with the Borough of Paramus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Agreement shall take effect upon the execution of the Agreement and adoption of Resolutions by both parties as provided by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of the Agreement be maintained on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk.

[R18063](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for a Hook lift/Roll Off Truck and all of the Associated Equipment for the Vehicle

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have recognized the need to continue the improvements of Vehicles and Equipment at the Department of Public Works, Hillsdale, New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for a Hook Lift/Rolloff Truck and all of the Associated Equipment for the Vehicle has been identified; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works Superintendent and the CMFO-Borough Administrator/Qualified Purchasing Agent have developed specifications for the public bidding of a Hook Lift/Rolloff Truck and all of the Associated Equipment for the Vehicle; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to go out to bid for said Vehicle.

[R18064](#) Resolution Awarding the Payment of 2017 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Volunteer Ambulance Service

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted Ordinance #99-17 establishing and implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 399, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the LOSAP program, a list of eligible members and corresponding award has been presented to the Borough Administrator, a copy of the same being annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, a list of eligible members and proposed award has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Administrator, and funds have been certified by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, does hereby approve the increase of 1.3 % as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2017-01 for the list of thirteen (13) eligible members to receive full benefits which is One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,428.20) per eligible member, and the two (2) members to receive fifty percent (50%) of the benefit which is Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Ten cents,(\$714.10) proposed total award of Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Four Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$19,994.80) for 2017 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Volunteer Ambulance Service members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

[R18065](#) Resolution Awarding the Payment of 2017 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Fire Department

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey, has adopted Ordinance #99-17 establishing and implementing Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 399, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the LOSAP program, a list of eligible members and corresponding award has been presented to the Borough Administrator, a copy of the same being annexed hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, a list of eligible members and proposed award has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Administrator, and funds have been certified by the Certified Municipal Finance Officer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, does hereby approve the increase of 1.3 % as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2017-01 for the list of twenty-one (21) eligible members to receive full benefits at the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,428.20) per eligible member, proposed total award of Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$29,992.20) for 2017 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Fire Department members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

[R18066](#) Resolution Expression Opposition to the S-5 Tax Generative Bill in its Current Form

**WHEREAS**, Senate bill #5 has been introduced which proposes to disproportionately shift control of the Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) from a balanced labor-management control to a union dominated (7-5) decision making structure; and

**WHEREAS**, PFRS is not a 401K, rather it is a defined benefit program; and

**WHEREAS**, PFRS is funded entirely by property taxpayer dollars, municipal and county governments will spend an estimated \$913.0 million in 2018 to subsidize the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), while PFRS members will contribute approximately \$334.0 million to the defined benefit plan. In other words, property taxpayers will finance over 73.0% of PFRS in 2018, while PFRS members will pay 27.0%; and

**WHEREAS**, S-5 in its current form, will allow public safety union members and retirees to enhance their own benefits; while forcing their public employers and New Jersey tax payers to assume a disproportionate amount of the risk; and

**WHEREAS**, S-5 gives the labor-management board, at its discretion, and at such time and manner as it determines, the ability to:

- Enhance any benefit set forth in NJSA 43:16A-1 et seq.;and
- Modify any such benefit as an alternative to an increase in the member contribution rate; and
- Reinstate, when appropriate, such reduced benefit to the statutory level without an additional contribution by the member.

**WHEREAS**, S-5 is a tax generative bill which will impact New Jersey Taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, S-5 does not provide or include a funding source thereby making it another state imposed mandate which requires New Jersey Taxpayers to pick up the tab; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale expresses their opposition to S-5 in its current form and will communicate these concerns to the Governor and the Legislature.

[R18067](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Keith Durie as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale and Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Execute an Employment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with Keith Durie to serve as Licensed Sewer Operator

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Keith Durie to serve as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale; and,

**WHEREAS**, Keith Durie wishes to serve in the position of Licensed Sewer Operator and to enter into an Employment Agreement to perform such duties with the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Keith Durie is hereby appointed Licensed Sewer Operator at for the Borough of Hillsdale at an annual rate of \$5000.00 effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough wishes to enter into an Employment Agreement with Keith Durie to serve as Borough Licensed Sewer Operator and authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

[R18068](#) Resolution of Recommendation of Utilizing the Services of The Shade Tree Department LLC for a Forestry Management Plan that includes a Windshield and Tree Survey of all the Borough Right of Ways

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Hillsdale to hire an arborist to prepare a forestry management plan that includes a and windshield and tree survey for all the Borough of Hillsdale right-of-way; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has gone through the process of reviewing proposals to employ the services of a qualified arborist; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator has recommended the hiring of a The Shade Tree Department LLC, PO Box 6089 West Orange, New Jersey 07052 at an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 (\$3,000.00 from grant funds and \$3,000.00 from Borough funds); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey to approve the recommendation of the Borough Administrator to utilize The Shade Tree Department LLC as to prepare a forestry management plan that includes a windshield and tree survey for all the Borough right-of way, at an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

[R18069](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into and Sign an Agreement for the Cooperative Purchasing of Electric and Gas Services Through the Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission (MREDC) and the Education Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council approved an extension to the Stonybrook Swim Club Summer Pool Lease Program on February 13, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale extended the lease with Phoenix Aquatic Club USA, 139 Goebel Road, New City, New York 10956 for a period of one year with the agreed upon terms and conditions set forth in the Bid for the Stonybrook Swim Club Summer Pool Lease Program that was received on April 7, 2017; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Borough of Hillsdale Council authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute such agreement with Phoenix Aquatic Club USA for the period beginning April 30, 2018 – August 31, 2018 in the contract amount of amount thirty thousand dollars and no cents (\$30,000.00).

[R18070](#) Resolution to Hire Schwanewede/Hals Engineering for Surveying and Engineering Services on a Portion of Lot 14 on Block 715, to Determine Suitability for Construction for Possible donation to Habitat for Humanity, Bergen County

**WHEREAS**, Block 715, Lot 14 on Hillsdale’s Tax Maps, located on Vorrath Place, (“the Property”) is a vacant parcel of land owned by the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the there is no intent on the part of the Borough to develop the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale is of the opinion that the Property is not necessary for public use and public interest will best be served by donating a portion of the Property, and releasing and extinguishing any and all public rights which the Borough of Hillsdale may have in the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to donate the Property to Habitat for Humanity, Bergen County, a non-governmental, and nonprofit organization, whose mission is to provide decent, affordable homes for hard-working Bergen County families; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to donating the property, an engineering examination is required to determine suitability for construction; and

**WHEREAS**, Schwanewede/Hals Engineering has submitted a proposal to provide such surveying and engineering services as are required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough desires to hire Schwanewede/Hals Engineering in accordance with their proposal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary and proper to effectuate the hiring of Schwanewede/Hals Engineering to perform the engineering examination on The Property, for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Councilmember Segalas made a motion to table R18066 for discussion at the next meeting which is only seven days away.

Attorney Madaio said we will pull it off the Consent Agenda and if the Mayor wants to call for a vote on the Consent Agenda sans R18066, that will be off the Consent Agenda. He was not in favor of tabling the Resolution but just carry it to the next Council Meeting.

Attorney Madaio said it would be appropriate for the Mayor to call for a motion on the Resolutions sans R18066.

Councilmember Segalas asked for a separate vote on R18061.

Councilmember DeRosa asked for a separate vote on R18068 for clarification.

Mayor Ruocco said this is a vote on all the Resolutions except for the three noted above.

Motion by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich,

Nays: None

Motion on R18061 was made by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Councilmember Segalas.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, DeRosa, Horvath and Karcich

Nays: Council Member Segalas

Abstain: Council President Pizzella

R18066. Borough Attorney Madaio advised the Mayor to simply ask Councilmember Segalas that we carry as opposed to formally table.

Councilmember Segalas said he wants the opportunity to fairly discuss this and asked the Borough Clerk to circulate this in the course of the next few days.

Mayor Ruocco said it is available on the N.J. State League of Municipalities and this is the Resolution they are recommending to the municipalities.

Motion to carry this Resolution was made by Councilmember Segalas, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich

Nays: None

R18068. Councilmember DeRosa asked if this factor into the forestry act.

Mayor Ruocco said it is part of the forestry management plan. Part of the execution of that plan would be the assessment of the ash borer and what that means to us and with recommendations the arborist would make.

Motion on R18068 was made by Council President Pizzella, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Council President Pizzella said the Shade Tree Department LLC is at the state level.

Administrator DeJoseph said no, it is private contractor. He will be doing that work and focusing on Borough right-of-way and public parks as well.

Mayor Ruocco said residents will have to deal with the ash borer on their private property.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella, DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich

Nays: None

### **COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

Councilmember Karcich thanked Assemblywoman Schepisi her presentation on gun laws and school safety. Residents heard from our public safety officials, our Superintendents, SRO trainer, Police Committee members.

Councilmember Horvath said at the award ceremonies that were on the other night on TV in reference to movie stars and entertainment, he complimented the Mayor and Council with the job they are doing. He is impressed with the amount of detail that goes into this job and how well it is being handled and how well people are looking for the interests of this town and he expressed his thanks.

Councilmember DeRosa said he was coming to a meeting at the Borough Hall and noticed that the White School and notice a ladder to the roof. He stopped and asked the Fire Chief about it and was advised it was a drill and he was struck by the importance of those drills. We are not a paid Fire Department and thankfully we don't see

a lot of fires. It is so critical what these people do. April is the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hillsdale as a Borough, not a town. Regarding the scholarship, if you are a high school junior or senior there is a \$1000 scholarship being offered; the essay is due by next Friday. He wanted to mention the importance of if you see something, say something, it is also on social media and if you are the parent or a child and see something that might point to violence, it is important to report that to law enforcement of personnel at school.

Council President Pizzella congratulated the Coach on the PV Wrestling Team. St. Johns is having their St. Patrick's Day dinner this Saturday; they have Irish dancers and it is a lot of fun. It is open to parishioners as well as non-parishioners. He again reiterated what is going on with Waste Management; this is a huge opportunity for Hillsdale which is in an industrial zone and just sits there. It is a solid way to save on taxes in our town, revitalize downtown, and attract more businesses. This is a company that pays very little in taxes. He asked residents to write to their representatives. He said Economic Development is a very creative subject, it is not just about building but increasing walking space, increasing commercial business, etc. He wanted everyone to see what we would lose if we don't fight Waste Management.

Councilmember Segalas said he has been sitting in on interviews for a number established and ad hoc committees. Dozens of hours are given each week by people who are not compensated doing their job and expressed his commendable dedication to their town. Some meetings conclude with Sunday morning meetings and sometimes go on for a lengthy period of time. We have a great group of working people up here and we all have a common interest for a better Hillsdale. Hillsdale has not been treated equally by the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection.

Councilmember Lundy congratulated the coach of the Wrestling Team. Congratulations to John Werglarz on his appointment to the Fire Department. She mentioned the Access to All Committee and people do put a lot of time into these committees which serve Hillsdale. In the event of snow tomorrow, be careful, stay off the roads.

Administrator DeJoseph said next week there will be a Resolution on the Agenda for roof replacement at Borough Hall, we will finalize quotes and will be approximately \$150,000 for three separate roofs.

JIF elected official training will be held in the Council Chamber on March 20 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Ruocco encouraged everyone to attend and we get a rebate; this is money that comes to the Borough.

Mayor Ruocco thanked the Borough Administrator, Environmental Commission, Scott Raymond for the NJ Tree Recovery Campaign that we are in the middle of. Saplings will be available for residents at no charge. This will be held Friday; April 20 and the state makes this available through your tax money. Daylight savings times start Saturday and keep that in mind. Commented on the State's estimate of its rate of return on all its various pensions. Police, Fire, Teachers and all employees; the state lowered their rate of return on pensions from 7.65 to 7%. This has the immediate impact of increasing municipal contributions by more than four hundred million dollars by 2019. He hasn't figured out how much that will be for Hillsdale yet. The legislators are going to spread this out over the course of five years; they don't want to hit the municipalities with a large increase at once no matter the justification. It doesn't consider the problem of the underfunding of the pensions. In 2017, Hillsdale's pension costs came to \$700,000 so as soon as he can figure out what the increase may be for us he will advise. It is fiscal irresponsibility in Trenton. When you request services from our Borough professionals coordinate that through the Borough Administrator and he encouraged Council Members to be consistent with the rules of the Borough form of government we have; go through the Borough Administrator first before you approach lawyers, engineers or planners; or at least coordinate through the Administrator.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

[R18071](#) 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 – *Police Personnel, DPW Personnel Library, Borough Professional Positions, Waste Management, Municipal Housing Liaison, Fair Share Housing*

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

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Motion to reconvene by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

**OFF-CONSENT:**

R18072 Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Engineer

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to retain a Borough Engineer as a Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7; and,

**WHEREAS**, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. commonly known as the “New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law” that took effect on January 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has fully complied with the “fair and open” process set forth under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council has determined that Chris Statile, 3 Fir court, Oakland, NJ 07436 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Statile has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Christopher Statile as per the proposal of November 28, 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Christopher Statile as Borough Engineer, for a one-year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[R18073](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of a DPW Superintendent for the Borough of Hillsdale and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Employment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale to serve as the new DPW Superintendent

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain the services of William Haffler to serve as DPW Superintendent/Acting Recycling Coordinator and to be designated as the Principal Public Works Manager for the Borough of Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, William Haffler wishes to serve in the position of DPW Superintendent/Acting Recycling Coordinator and be designated the Principal Public Works Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, William Haffler and the Borough of Hillsdale wish to enter into an Employment Agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of employment;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that William Haffler is hereby appointed DPW Superintendent/Acting Recycling Coordinator and designated as the Principal Public Works Manager for the Borough of Hillsdale effective April 1, 2018 with an annual salary of \$95,000.00 (Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars and no cents), inclusive of appropriate stipends for the position of Acting Recycling Coordinator.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough wishes to enter into an Employment Agreement with William Haffler to serve as DPW Superintendent/Acting Recycling Coordinator and be designated as the Principal Public Works Manager. The Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an Agreement on behalf of the Borough, and for the Borough’s Labor Attorney to assist in preparation of such Agreement.

**APPOINTMENT OF 2018 BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS:**

**BOROUGH ENGINEER:** *(Mayor Appointment with advice and consent)* (R18071)

Mayor Ruocco presents the name for Borough Engineer for the term expiring December 31, 2018.

Motion: by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Motion to table: We need to say who made the motion, right???

Ayes: Councilmembers Lundy, Council President Pizzella and Councilmember Segalas

Nays: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Horvath

Mayor Ruocco voted not to table.

Borough Attorney Madaio said the motion to table has failed and we come back to the original motion. The original motion for the appointment of Chris Statile to the position of Borough Engineer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich

Nays: Councilmembers Lundy, Council President Pizzella and Councilmember Segalas

Ayes: Mayor Ruocco

Attorney Madaio said the Resolution passes for the appointment of that individual.

Mayor Ruocco said we have another matter and that is a resolution authorizing the appointment of a DPW Superintendent and Acting-Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Hillsdale authorizing the Mayor to execute an employment agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale to serve as the new DPW Superintendent.

Attorney Madaio said the Mayor can read the heading and ultimately terms or agreement will be a public document.

Mayor Ruocco read a Resolution Authorizing the appointment of William Haffler as DPW Superintendent, Acting-Recycling Coordinator and appointment as the principal Public Works Manager for the Borough of Hillsdale and authorizing the Mayor to execute an employment agreement on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with William Haffler to serve as DPW Superintendent and Acting-Recycling Coordinator.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Horvath, Karcich, Lundy, Council President Pizzella and Councilmember Segalas

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Segalas, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE**

**March 13, 2018 7:30 pm**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk