

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 9, 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 9th day of April, 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.

Please notify the Municipal Clerk for any disability requirements necessary for attendance at Mayor and Council meetings. The fire exits are located through the double doors to your left. Please silence all cell phones.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Segalas, Council President Pizzella (Mayor Ruocco, Attorney Madaio, CMFO DeJoseph, Borough Clerk Kohan)

**PROMOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

[Recognition of Employees, Volunteers, Committee Members for Local Gov't Week](#)

Mayor John Ruocco

Mayor Ruocco said this is recognition of Local Government Week. Last week the Mayor and Council adopted a Resolution recognizing this celebration; this week we had two sessions of coffee with the Mayor, we also hosted a small gathering of sandwiches and pizza and variety of other foods for our employees. Tonight, we are recognizing all the employees, volunteers, committee members who work so hard and give so much of their time to make this community what it is. It takes the volunteers to make the community. He thanked Councilmember Lundy and Borough Administrator DeJoseph for discussing ways we could recognize the week here. We settled on this tonight as well as the luncheon and coffee with the Mayor. We have a Proclamation he would like to read and then ask everyone who is a volunteer in the audience to stand up for recognition.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale employees, volunteers and committee members dedicate themselves to continuous commitment to quality of life for Hillsdale residents as they perform on behalf of our Borough; and

WHEREAS, Borough employees, volunteers and committee members are committed in the performance of their duties which include public safety, human services, health care, education, transportation, economic development and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the professional and personal commitment of Borough of Hillsdale employees, volunteers and committee members contribute to the most efficient and effective operation in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is honored to join other municipalities in the State of New Jersey Local Government Week during the week of April 7 to April 13 and to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all our Borough employees, volunteers and committee members for their hard work, sacrifices, and commitments to the residents of the Borough of Hillsdale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, John Ruocco, Mayor of the Borough of Hillsdale, do hereby proclaim this week April 7 through 13 as New Jersey Local Government Week in Hillsdale and call observance

and attention to all residents of Hillsdale to commend the extraordinary efforts and commitment of all our Borough employees, volunteers, and committee members.

Mayor Ruocco said everyone here who is a volunteer in Hillsdale please stand up and be recognized. It is my understanding that next week they will proclaim a similar week to this and we as Mayor and Council will have to think of new and innovative ways to recognize your efforts and it is charge, we will gladly take on.

[Bergen County American Legion Centennial Recognition](#)

Mayor John Ruocco

Mayor Ruocco said this is something that is not done every year and he will read the Proclamation that he will issue.

WHEREAS, on March 15, 1919, the American Legion was founded in Paris, France by the U.S. World War I Military Personnel and members of the American Expeditionary Force who convened for the first caucus; and

WHEREAS, a new organization named the American Legion was developed from this historic meeting whose founders Lt. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. were dedicated to the four pillars existing for the care of veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, children and youth; and

WHEREAS, today the American Legion is the world's largest veterans' organization with over two million members worldwide and over 4,000 members belonging to 41 Posts in Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County American Legion Organization recognizes 23 "Central Posts" that are celebrating their hundred years of service having all been chartered in 1919; and

WHEREAS, those Posts are situated in the following communities: Bogota, Carlstadt, Cliffside Park, Closter, East Rutherford, Englewood, Fort Lee, Garfield, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Hillsdale, Leonia, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Oradell, Park Ridge, Richfield, Richfield Park, Ridgewood, Rutherford, Teaneck and Woodridge; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County American Legion Centennial Committee's mission is to bring recognition to the 23 Centennial Posts in Bergen County that were chartered in 1919 and to that end we will hold the Centennial Gala on Sunday, September 29, 2019, at the Ewan Catering and Events in Lodi, New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected representatives and the citizens of the Borough of Hillsdale are pleased to recognize the Bergen County American Legion for their Post Collective myriad of contributions to the good and welfare of citizens, service members and communities they serve and wish its members every success in continuing the legacy of service into its next 100 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, John Ruocco, Mayor of the Borough of Hillsdale, do hereunto set my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

Mayor Ruocco came down to recognize members of our Post who are here tonight. He had no prepared remarks but has known some of these gentlemen for a number of years. They have always been honorable and he has come to know them in the Memorial Parade; they do an excellent job by planning those events, they take a lot of care and put a lot of effort and thought into it and treat the entire experience with a great amount of respect which is warranted. You do the community proud in terms of all you do for the community. They are fund raising for a renewed and revitalized memorial in the Veterans Park. It hasn't been touched in 100 years; they have to raise approximately \$60,000; they have a grant from the County and they will match it. He encouraged anyone who is listening, all the citizens of Hillsdale, to go on their website and make a contribution. From the drawings he has seen of this park it is going to be impressive and will make us all proud. He thanked them all.

Mike Berhart, a representative of New Jersey, past Vice Commander, he knows you always helped the veterans in this community and have done a fine job and presented a State coin, 100th anniversary and introduced our Commander-elect Francis.

Mr. Francis said in recognition of all the work you have done to honor us at the Centennial, he has a County coin that has all the towns represented for the 100 year from Bergen County.

Mayor Ruocco said the thought is valuable and expressed his thanks.

**OATH OF OFFICE/APPOINTMENTS:**

Fire Chief Thomas Kelley

Fire Department Members:

[Matthew Kalil](#)

[Michael Peltyszyn](#)

[Nicholas Cascio](#)

Cadets:

[Nicholas Torchio](#)

Mayor Ruocco said we have new Fire Department members. Mayor Ruocco administered the Oath of Office to Nicholas Torchio Cadet.

Mayor Ruocco administered the Oath of Office to Matthew Kalil and Michael Peltyszyn Fire Department members.

Mayor Ruocco said people don't often realize what a commitment it is to join the Fire Department. I was never a member of the Fire Department and when the alarm goes off and the Fire Department has to make the call at 2:00 or 3:00 AM, I am sleeping in my bed and you guys are out putting on your equipment, getting out. He said thank you and the town thanks you.

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

Mayor Ruocco opened the Initial Public Comment portion to the public. Seeing no one, the Initial Public Comment portion was closed.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

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

**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 Regional Board of Education had retreat meetings so there was no public meeting this past week. Just a reminder that the local school board will be having a school board budget hearing on Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup> at George White. The Ambulance Service is having a fund raiser on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the Rec Commission met last Thursday. They are considering two suggestions on what they should do with the \$160,000 matching grant for Memorial Field. He was also asked to mention opening day for baseball which is a lot of fun.

Councilwoman Lundy said Stonybrook registration with a discounted rate at the open house on May 18 from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM; a 10% discount will be given members if you sign up and pay that day. The Library has a program Grab and Go with bedtime stories for busy parents. Each bag contains books for sale and parents can come in, grab a bag for their children. Take advantage of that program.

Council President Pizzella reminded everyone Tri-State (inaudible) on April 27, check the website, your help is needed. Everything the Environmental Commission needs, food and water, has been taken care of.

Mayor Ruocco said there was a conflict for the date of the fishing contest.

Council President Pizzella said it is still the same date. You can pick up your seedlings; the Environmental Commission in conjunction with the Council has seedlings available to replant trees and available May 15 at St. John and George White and check the website for further detail. With regard to Environmental Development, until the investigation is complete and the report is in, you can get a copy at the Council office. Access for All, he wanted to thank Councilwoman Lundy and Councilman DeRosa for covering for him last meeting. There was a prior meeting and the survey that is going on in town is closed. We are attempting to have the Bergen County Access for All representatives come in and give a talk to our committee and also to the public. We anticipate we will send out a summary of findings from the survey and our project is going to be based on that. He thanked Officer McLaughlin for getting us the shirts we are wearing, Access for All; he did a great job and has been very helpful. You can go to Access for All website and you can go to the police; there is a form you can fill out and let the police know and that will give them a heads up if there is ever a situation and that would be helpful to them. Also, the Watershed has approved the Suez, Woodcliff Lake trail and we will be meeting with the other towns on this to discuss the next steps. He is concerned about the train station; it has been three years and NJ Transit hasn't moved fast enough. The Borough Administrator has reached out to them several times and so has our redevelopment planner. He is going to be meeting with Frank and Mark and discuss a plan to get them motivated with our train station. Waste Management has recently shown interest and is investigating the value of their property and he thinks that is a very positive thing for Hillsdale. Waste Management is in the middle of the industrial area and is a hindrance to our redevelopment plans. He apologized for missing the last meeting. He added that Access for All has a Facebook page and you can get all

the links to different services that we know of that are available for people with disabilities and we will be putting a lot more on the Facebook page as we get more and more knowledge as to what the survey will tell us and as we get more knowledge from Bergen County.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

#### **[2019 Budget Presentation](#)**

Councilwoman Abby Lundy

Chairwoman Abby Lundy thanked the members of the Finance Committee, Mayor Ruocco and Administrator DeJoseph and Council President Pizzella and worked together as a team; an additional thanks to Department Heads and Paul Garbarini as well. On Page 3 is a chart that summarizes all of the revenues. The amount to be raised from taxation for municipal taxes is 9.4 million dollars; general revenue is 4.5 million dollars; the pie chart breaks down the revenues.

Mayor Ruocco said, from the pie chart, taxes represent 65% of the overall revenue.

Councilwoman Lundy said significant revenue factors from the state has been stagnant for many years; she and the Borough Administrator looked back at least five years and find the same state revenue. There has been a modest increase in local revenue and reduced amount on balances generated from prior year's operations, if anyone has questions on that. Page 5 appropriations.

Council President Pizzella said some balances are left over from the year before.

Mayor Ruocco said the closest analogy he would make is capital and surplus in a business but not exactly in the municipal world. It is different but that is the closest I can come. It stayed fairly constant, I have been talking about this and in the last five or six years it got close to four million; as of yearend the surplus was 3.2 and you can use the surplus as a source of revenue as opposed to taxation. The auditor would not look kindly on us if we start to eat into capital.

Councilwoman Lundy said Page 5 is appropriations. Anyone who taken accounting knows that you get equal credits and revenues have to equal appropriations and appropriations are five million dollars; looking at the pie chart 21% of our appropriations is public safety which includes police, fire, ambulance, OEM. DPW is 14%, insurance our largest expense and if you look at the pie chart you will see how we are spending the money; there is 12% for other, Page 6 is other; collection of taxes, construction code, public health assistance, environmental, volunteers on the Planning Board.

Council President Pizzella said this is a 14.5 million dollar budget; he wanted to point out that we only get 65% from taxes and you don't have that commercial base that feeds us the revenue that we need to keep going and that is what our towns are facing, increasing costs and if you can increase revenue, it is difficult to make ends meet. I find it interesting that only 65% is our main means of generating revenue, taxes.

Councilwoman Lundy said on Page 7 is some significant factors affecting appropriations. There are some reductions in appropriations; health insurance premiums are down \$25,000 but that can fluctuate from year to year, there is increase in parks and recreation appropriations \$19.3 thousand dollars and increase in pensions and retirement \$2000, increase in police retirement pensions \$46,000, increased engineering for the National Flood Insurance rating systems program which will ultimately reduce flood insurance and encourages flood plain management, decrease in sewer charges of \$50,000 and addition of \$39,000 for police accreditation in which we received \$25,000 and increased accountability. Capital budget. There are some projects and purchases she pointed out. There is a \$717,000 road program of which \$192,000 was a grant, Memorial Field \$160,000 with \$8,000 grant; we are purchasing a tractor and crate driver for DPW for \$91,000 and \$27,000 at the DPW for repairs, purchasing and finger printing system for Police Department at \$27,000, purchasing police vehicles \$110,000. We are purchasing a washer and dryer for the Fire Department and doing improvements at Stonybrook for \$50,000.

Mayor Ruocco said with respect to the pistol range expenditure; we do get revenue from that process because we rent it out to other towns so it is source of revenue for us as well.

Administrator DeJoseph said we have a bond ordinance which details all the capital improvements we are doing this year.

Councilwoman Lundy referred to Page 9, paying down our debt. We had a budget reduction on principal of \$460,000 and payment of \$90,000 on the bond anticipation note. We were going into our whole calculation but we decided it would a bit much.

Mayor Ruocco said our town is under leveraged compared to other towns. Typically, the auditor looks at the total debt to property valuations, and ours is about one third the ratios of other towns so we have head room if we want to bond. We don't want to go too much but we do have room and the rating agencies recognize that.

Councilwoman Lundy said for the Hillsdale taxpayer for the 14 and half million budget we need to raise 9 million dollars in taxes as last year we increased 9.2 million dollars. The municipal tax rate 2.5% increase and how that affects the average assessed home a \$60 increase over last year for the average assessed home or 2.37% increase. This is just the municipal portion. When you get your tax bill it will be an increased tax number, our share is on the average of \$2500.

Mayor Ruocco said we are 20% of the overall tax burden residents get; county is 10%, regional school system is about 30%, local school system is about 40%. We don't know the final numbers for the school system and we don't what the final tax bill will be yet.

Councilwoman Lundy said this will be put on our website.

Mayor Ruocco said on page 5, he believed there is a typo, \$4.5 million should be \$14.5 million. We had an earlier version, it just got deleted. This will be double checked.

Administrator DeJoseph said tonight we will have budget introduction and next meeting budget adoption.

Mayor Ruocco said if we would have the option if we wanted to change the budget between now and adoption. On May 14 we will have a public hearing which will be the same day we pass the budget. A budget summary is a creation from a couple of years ago that the interim CFO thought was helpful for us to see. I don't know if we ever put that on the website, a one-page summary.

Councilmember DeRosa thought we were required to do that.

Mayor Ruocco said he thought there was a user-friendly budget.

Administrator said it will be ready for adoption.

Mayor Ruocco said it is on a one page and you can see it.

Councilmember DeRosa thanked the Finance Committee for all of their work done with the budget.

## **BUDGET INTRODUCTION RESOLUTIONS**

[R19090](#) Governing Body Certification of Compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to

cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

[R19091](#) Introduction of 2019 Budget

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said budget be published in the Ridgewood News in the issue of April 12, 2018 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on May 14, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Horvath.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. [Letter dated April 4, 2019 from Susan Vaccaro requesting to Paint the Town Purple in Recognition of Relay for Life on May 18, 2019 at Emerson High School](#)

Motion to approve, receipt and file: Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

#### **DISCUSSION:**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Ruocco opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting to the public inviting anyone who wished to speak to come forward, seeing no one, the Public Comment portion was closed.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

##### **19-07 (Introduction)-**

**Bond Ordinance to Authorize the Making of Various Public Improvements and the Acquisition of New Additional or Replacement Equipment and Machinery, New Information Technology Equipment, New Communication and Signal Systems Equipment and New Automotive Vehicles, Including Original Apparatus and Equipment, In, By and for the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to Appropriate the Sum of \$1,929,768 to Pay the Cost Thereof, to Appropriate Capital Fund Balance, to Make a Down Payment or Fully Fund Appropriations from the Capital Improvement Fund, to Authorize the Issuance of Bonds to Finance Such Appropriation and to Provide for the Issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in Anticipation of the Issuance of Such Bonds.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen,

State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to make various public improvements and to acquire new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment, new communication and signal systems equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, in, by and for said Borough, as more particularly described in Section 4 hereof. The cost of the improvements includes all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefor.

Section 2. There is hereby appropriated to the payment of the cost of making the improvements described in Sections 1 and 4 hereof (hereinafter referred to as "purposes"), the respective amounts of money hereinafter stated as the appropriation for said respective purposes. Said appropriation shall be met from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized, and the Capital Improvement Fund moneys (either to make a down payment or to fully fund appropriations) and the Capital Fund Balance appropriated, by this ordinance. It is anticipated that the following government grants and private contributions shall be received by the Borough: (A) \$192,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to finance the cost of the improvements to St. Nicholas Avenue described in Section 4.B hereof; (B) \$45,000 from the County of Bergen to finance the cost of the ADA improvements to Piermont Avenue described in Section 4.C hereof; (C) \$80,000 from the County of

Bergen Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (the "County Open Space Fund") to finance the cost of the improvements to Memorial Field described in Section 4.I hereof; (D) \$62,134 from the County of Bergen Open Space Fund to finance the cost of the improvements to Veterans Park described in Section 4.J hereof; (E) \$62,134 from American Legion Post 162 to finance the cost of the improvements to Veterans Park described in Section 4.J hereof; and (F) \$169,500 from the Bergen County Open Space Fund to finance the cost of the property acquisition described in Section 4.K hereof. Said grant funds and private contributions shall be applied as set forth in Section 12 hereof. Said improvements shall be made as general improvements and no part of the cost thereof shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the making of such improvements is not a current expense of said Borough.

Section 4. The several purposes hereby authorized for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued are set forth in the following "Schedule of Improvements, Purposes and Amounts" which schedule also shows (1) the amount of the appropriation and the estimated cost of each such purpose, and (2) the amount

of each sum which is to be provided by Capital Fund Balance of the Borough hereinafter appropriated, and (3) the amount of each sum which is to be provided by the appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund hereinafter made to either fully fund the appropriation or to provide a down payment, and (4) the estimated maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued for each such purpose, and (5) the period of usefulness of each such purpose, according to its reasonable life, computed from the date of said bonds:

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS

A. Undertaking of the 2019 Road, Curb, Sidewalk, Culvert, Sewer and Drainage Improvement Program at various locations. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 555,000
Capital Improvement Fund Appropriated	\$ 555,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

B. Resurfacing of St. Nicholas Avenue. It is hereby determined and stated that said road being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 217,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 15,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 202,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

C. Replacement of ADA ramps at Piermont Avenue.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 2,900
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,100
Period of Usefulness	10 years

D. Undertaking of environmental testing and monitoring (including acquisition and installation of related equipment) at Centennial Field.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 100,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 5,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 95,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

E. Undertaking of various exterior improvements to Department of Public Works ("DPW") facilities. It is hereby determined and stated that said public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 20,000
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Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 1,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 19,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

F. Replacement of the upper roof on the Fire House. It is hereby determined and stated that the public building being improved is of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 80,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 76,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

G. Undertaking of various improvements to public buildings, including security upgrades. It is hereby determined and stated that the public buildings being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 50,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 3,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 47,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

H. Acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of a telephone system to be installed at various municipal facilities.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 45,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 20,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 25,000
Period of Usefulness	10 years

I. Undertaking of various improvements to Memorial Field.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 180,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 9,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 171,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

J. Undertaking of various improvements to Veterans Park.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 124,268
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 6,000

Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 118,268
Period of Usefulness	15 years

K. Acquisition of real property (19 Glendale Drive, designated as Block 1111, Lot 5 on the Borough Tax Map) for open space purposes.

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 169,500
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 8,100
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 161,400
Period of Usefulness	40 years

L. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies:

DPW

tractor

field grooming machine

Fire Department

gear washer/dryer

Police Department

target control equipment for installation at the Pistol Range

fingerprint system

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 203,000
Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 10,000
Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 193,000
Period of Usefulness	15 years

M. Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new information technology equipment and new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, for the use of various Borough departments, offices and agencies:

DPW

civic decoration equipment

Fire Department

turnout gear

Police Department

computer and evidence upgrade equipment

SUVs

Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 136,000	
Capital Fund Balance Appropriated		\$ 55,000
Capital Improvement Fund Appropriated		\$ 81,000
Period of Usefulness	5 years	
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Aggregate Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$1,929,768	
Capital Fund Balance Appropriated		\$ 55,000
Aggregate Capital Improvement Fund Appropriated either as a Down Payment or to Fully Fund Appropriations		\$ 720,000
Aggregate Amount of Bonds and Notes Authorized		\$1,154,768

Section 5. The cost of such purposes, as hereinbefore stated, includes the aggregate amount of \$85,000 which is estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of such purposes, including architect's fees, accounting, engineering and inspection costs, legal expenses and other expenses, including interest on such obligations to the extent permitted by Section 20 of the Local Bond Law.

Section 6. The sum of \$55,000 is hereby appropriated from Capital Fund Balance of the Borough to the payment of the cost of the improvements authorized in Section 4.M hereof.

Section 7. It is hereby determined and stated that moneys exceeding \$720,000, appropriated for down payments on capital improvements or for the capital improvement fund in budgets heretofore adopted for said Borough, are now available to finance said purposes. The sum of \$720,000 is hereby appropriated from such moneys to the payment of the cost of said purposes.

Section 8. To finance said purposes, bonds of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,154,768 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law. All matters with respect to said bonds not determined by this ordinance shall be determined by resolutions to be hereafter adopted.

Section 9. To finance said purposes, bond anticipation notes of said Borough of an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,154,768 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. In the event that bonds are issued pursuant to this ordinance, the aggregate amount of notes hereby authorized to be issued shall be reduced by an amount equal to the principal amount of the bonds so issued. If the aggregate amount of outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this ordinance shall at any time exceed the sum first mentioned in this section, the moneys raised by the issuance of said bonds shall, to not less than the amount of such excess, be applied to the payment of such notes then outstanding.

Section 10. Each bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this ordinance shall be dated on or about the date of its issuance and shall be payable not more than one year from its date, shall bear interest at a rate per annum as may be hereafter determined within the limitations prescribed by law and may be renewed from time to time pursuant to and within limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law. Each of said bond anticipation notes shall be signed by the Mayor and by a financial officer and shall be under the seal of said Borough and attested by the Borough Clerk or Deputy Borough Clerk. Said officers are hereby authorized to execute said notes in such form as they may adopt in conformity with law. The power to determine any matters with respect to said notes not determined by this ordinance and also the power to sell said notes, is hereby delegated to the Chief Financial Officer who is hereby authorized to sell said notes either at one time or from time to time in the manner provided by law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined and declared that the average period of usefulness of the purposes to be financed with bonds or notes, according to their reasonable lives, taking into consideration the respective amounts of bonds or notes authorized for said purposes, is a period of 17.30 years computed from the date of said bonds.

Section 12. It is hereby determined and stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk of said Borough, and that such statement so filed shows that the gross debt of said Borough, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, is increased by this ordinance by \$1,154,768 and that the issuance of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

Section 13. Any funds received from private parties, the County of Bergen, the State of New Jersey or any of their agencies or any funds received from the United States of America or any of its agencies in aid of such purposes, shall be applied to the payment of the cost of such purposes, or, if bond anticipation notes

have been issued, to the payment of the bond anticipation notes, and the amount of bonds authorized for such purposes shall be reduced accordingly.

Section 14. The Borough intends to issue the bonds or notes to finance the cost of the improvements described in Section 4 of this bond ordinance (except for Sections 4.A and 4.M). If the Borough incurs such costs prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes, the Borough hereby states its reasonable expectation to reimburse itself for such expenditures with the proceeds of such bonds or notes in the maximum principal amount of bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance.

Section 15. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this ordinance. Said obligations shall be direct, unlimited and general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Section 16. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

Section 17. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 19-07 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 May 14, 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 Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Mayor Ruocco wanted to make one comment. We talked about this in the Finance Committee; the \$1,929,768 number you see here does not mean filing for that amount of money. If we calculated this correctly and you apply all the grants and you use the capital improvement fund which is fed by general operating we would only be borrowing approximately \$544,000. He did not want anyone over alarmed over the amount.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

**19-08 (Introduction)** –

**An Ordinance to Provide for and Determine the Rate, Amount and Method of Payment of Compensation to Persons Holding Certain Office and Positions of Employment in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey**

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

SECTION 1. The rate of compensation of persons holding any of the hereafter named offices and positions of employment, which compensation shall be on an annual basis unless otherwise specified, is hereby fixed and determined to be as set opposite the title of each of the hereinafter named offices and positions of employment. Whenever there shall be set forth a minimum and maximum rate of compensation the employee or officer shall be compensated at an annual rate within such range.

SECTION 2. Each employee set forth in this Section shall receive annual compensation as set forth below.

	TITLE	MAXIMUM
1	Mayor	\$ 9,000.00
2	Councilmembers	\$ 6,000.00
3	Police Chief	\$ 178,500.00
4	Police Captain	\$ 170,340.00
5	Police Lieutenant	\$ 159,181.00
6	Borough Administrator	\$ 47,754.00
7	Borough Clerk	\$ 76,990.00
8	Certified Municipal Financial Officer and Qualified Purchasing Agent	\$ 95,821.00
9	Assistant Managers-Finance	\$ 58,679.00
10	Tax Assessor	\$ 23,317.00
11	Tax Collector	\$ 20,000.00
12	Finance Assistant - Accounts Payable	\$ 47,000.00
13	Confidential Administrative Assistant- <i>per hour</i>	\$ 21.32
14	Executive Assistant- <i>per hour</i>	\$ 20.40
15	Municipal Housing Liaison	\$ 2,000.00
16	Superintendent of Public Works	\$ 98,000.00
17	Acting Recycling Coordinator	\$ 2,000.00
18	Licensed Sewer Operator	\$ 5,000.00
19	Class III Police Officers (2018-2020 School Year -Hourly)	Not to exceed \$30.00/hr
20	Fire Official	\$ 10,612.00
21	Municipal Judge	\$ 19,357.00
22	Inspector for Continuing Certificate of Inspection	\$ 5,000.00
23	Court Administrator	\$ 54,527.00
24	Court Violations Clerk- <i>per hour</i>	\$ 20.81

25	Prosecutor	\$	12,191.00
26	Alternate Prosecutor per court session	\$	200.00
27	Public Defender	\$	4,370.00
28	Alternate Public Defender per case	\$	200.00
29	Welfare Director	\$	16,133.00
30	Community - Seniors Activity Director	\$	15,040.00
31	Recreation Director	\$	16,622.00
32	Construction Official	\$	22,632.00
33	Building Sub-Code Official	\$	22,631.00
34	Building Sub-Code Official Vehicle Allowance	\$	750.00
35	Zoning Official- <i>per hour</i>	\$	31.21
36	Board Secretary- <i>includes preparing minutes-per meeting</i>	\$	50.00
37	OEM Coordinator	\$	2,040.00
38	OEM Deputy Coordinator	\$	2,040.00
39	Volunteer Ambulance Corps Stipend	\$	600.00
40	Volunteer Fire Department Stipend	\$	600.00
41	Fire Chief	\$	3,400.00
42	Deputy Fire Chief	\$	2,650.00
43	Senior Captain	\$	1,650.00
44	Junior Captain	\$	1,350.00
45	First Lieutenant	\$	1,050.00
46	Second Lieutenant	\$	900.00
47	Third Lieutenant	\$	750.00
48	Forth Lieutenant	\$	600.00
49	Fire Department Captain's Vehicle Allowance	\$	200.00
50	Mechanic (per apparatus)	\$	200.00
51	Advisor	\$	500.00
52	Fit Test Administrator	\$	200.00
53	Air Bank Tech	\$	400.00
54	Radio Tech	\$	250.00
55	Training Advisor	\$	350.00
56	Cadet Advisor	\$	350.00
57	Driver (per apparatus)	\$	50.00

58	Board Clerk	\$	1,300.00
59	Education beyond Fire Fighter 1	\$	35.00

		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
60	Borough Temporary or Per-Diem Worker	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00
61	DPW Seasonal or Per-Diem Worker	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00

SECTION 3. If an employee performed a unique assignment of exceptional value to the Borough requiring significant time and effort in addition to his/her usual responsibilities, the Borough Council may grant a bonus not to exceed \$5,000 to this employee.

SECTION 4. The compensation fixed and determined by this Ordinance for the persons holding the respective offices and positions of employment herein named, shall, except as otherwise provided by statute, ordinance or resolution, be in lieu of all other fees, costs and charges received and collected by such offices and employees shall remit such funds promptly to the Borough Treasurer.

SECTION 5. All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage (in accordance with state law), approval (in accordance with state law), and publication of notice thereof as required by law, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be retroactive to January 1, 2019, unless otherwise noted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 19-08 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 May 14, 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 President Pizzella, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Council President Pizzella, Segalas, DeRosa, Escobar, Horvath

Nays: Council Member Lundy

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R19092 through R19098:**

[R19092](#) Payment of Bills

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bill in the sum of \$4,173,957.62 as authorized by the Department Head and approved by a Council member liaison, be paid; and that the Mayor, Clerk and Certified Municipal Financial Officer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants in payment of same.

Summary of Payment of Bills for 4/09/19

Payment of bills 3/13/2019 - 4/9/2019 \$ 1,700,690.78

**Voided Checks & Checks already paid pursuant to Resolution # 19021**

Check	Process Date	Fund	Vendor	Reason	Total
WIRE	4/1/2019	Current	Hillsdale BOE	Board of Education	\$ 1,792,977.00
WIRE	3/25/2019	Current	Borough of Hillsdale Agency	Pension Payments	\$ 802,110.50
29856	3/13/2019	Current	Suez Water	Utilities	\$ 30,165.88
29857	3/14/2019	Current	Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund	Health Insurance Premiums	\$ 3,430.00
29858	3/15/2019	Current	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	\$ 655.48
29859	4/5/2019	Current	Paramus Postmaster	Postmaster	\$ 325.00
6126	3/13/2019	Stonybrook	Optimum	Utilities	\$ 194.94
6127	3/31/2019	Stonybrook	Borough of Hillsdale Agency	Health Insurance Premiums (Re-issue)	\$ 1,007.17
6128	3/14/2019	Stonybrook	Bergen Municipal Employee Benefit Fund	Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 28.00
6129	3/15/2019	Stonybrook	Verizon Wireless	Utilities	\$ 49.49
3648	3/14/2019	Escrow	Chiellini Construction	Re-issued to correct vendor	\$ 260.00
29877	4/9/2019	Current	Borough of Hillsdale Agency	Void - Issued for incorrect amount	\$ (156,669.45)
6112	3/13/2019	Stonybrook	Borough of Hillsdale Agency	Void - Lost	\$ (1,007.17)
3638	3/14/2019	Escrow	Borough of Hillsdale Escrow	Void - Wrong Vendor	\$ (260.00)
Total Adjustments					\$ 2,473,266.84

**Total Bill List for 4/9/2019 \$ 4,173,957.62**

**Voided Checks & Checks already paid pursuant to Resolution # 19021 - Prior period**

6125	3/12/2019	Stonybrook	PSE&G	Utilities	1,939.31 **
29855	3/12/2019	Current	PSE&G	Utilities	35,367.10 **

\*\*NOTE - These 2 items were inadvertently omitted from the 3/12/19 bills list and are listed here for ratification at this time.

Range of Checking Accts: First to Last      Range of Check Dates: 03/13/19 to 04/09/19  
Report Type: All Checks      Report Format: Super Condensed    Check Type: Computer: Y    Manual: Y    Dir Deposit: Y

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Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
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ANIMAL TRUST	ANIMAL TRUST				
1478	04/09/19	SNJ01 SNJ-DEPT OF HEALTH	60.00		8942

CAPITAL	CAPITAL				
2019	04/09/19	STA31 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER P.A.	25,332.50		8944

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Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00	
Total:	1	0	60.00	0.00	

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Total:	1	0	25,332.50	0.00	

CURRENT	CURRENT				
29856	03/13/19	SUE01 SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY (REG)	30,165.88		8932
29857	03/14/19	BER01 BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BNFT FUND	3,430.00		8935
29858	03/15/19	VER02 VERIZON WIRELESS (CELL PHONE)	655.48		8937
29859	04/05/19	POS04 POSTMASTER PARAMUS	325.00		8939
29860	04/09/19	ACC03 ACCLAIM INVENTORY, LLC	1,750.00		8940
29861	04/09/19	ACE02 ACE TREE SURGEONS	37,016.44		8940
29862	04/09/19	ACT07 ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC.	0.00	04/09/19 VOID	0
29863	04/09/19	ACT07 ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC.	5,937.46		8940
29864	04/09/19	ADV08 ADVOCACY FOR DRUG EDUCATION	1,000.00		8940
29865	04/09/19	AFC01 AFC URGENT CARE	195.00		8940
29866	04/09/19	APP01 APPROVED SURGICAL SUPPLIES INC	58.00		8940
29867	04/09/19	ATL01 ATLANTIC SALT INC.	3,042.00		8940
29868	04/09/19	ATL09 ATLANTIC COAST FIBERS LLC	673.20		8940
29869	04/09/19	AUT01 AUTOMOTIVE BRAKE CO INC.	255.25		8940
29870	04/09/19	BAR11 BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES, INC	300.00		8940
29871	04/09/19	BCM00 BCMCAA-SHERRI D'ALESSANDRO	30.00		8940
29872	04/09/19	BER01 BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BNFT FUND	3,702.00		8940
29873	04/09/19	BER11 BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH	240,757.04		8940
29874	04/09/19	BER15 BERGEN CTY MUN CLERKS ASSOC	35.00		8940
29875	04/09/19	BER21 BERGEN COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFI	6,000.00		8940
29876	04/09/19	BOR05 BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD	6,310.08		8940
29877	04/09/19	BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	156,669.45	04/09/19 VOID	8940
29878	04/09/19	BOR22 BOROUGH OF EMERSON	884.36		8940
29879	04/09/19	BUR01 BURTON AGENCY INC.	8,627.00		8940
29880	04/09/19	CAR17 CARGILL, INC.	8,885.05		8940
29881	04/09/19	CDW01 CDW GOVERNMENT LLC	653.72		8940
29882	04/09/19	CEN04 CENTRAL POLY-BAG CORP	536.70		8940
29883	04/09/19	CHA19 CHASAN, LAMPARELLO, MALLON	1,357.80		8940
29884	04/09/19	CHI02 CHICKEN DELIGHT, INC	23.00		8940
29885	04/09/19	CLI01 CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	437.47		8940
29886	04/09/19	CRO03 CROWN TROPHY RIVER EDGE, INC	61.80		8940
29887	04/09/19	DE01 D & E UNIFORMS	217.50		8940
29888	04/09/19	EXC02 EXCELLENT BUILDING SERV CORP	2,191.00		8940

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29891	04/09/19	GAL01 GALLS LLC	584.39		8940
29892	04/09/19	GEN08 GENERAL REPRODUCTION PRODUCTS	17.50		8940
29893	04/09/19	GRO06 GROFF TRACTOR NEW JERSEY LLC	213.44		8940
29894	04/09/19	GTB01 GTBM, INC	1,350.00		8940
29895	04/09/19	GTM01 GT MARKETING LTD	347.50		8940
29896	04/09/19	IMP02 IMPERIAL BAG & PAPER CO LLC	726.61		8940
29897	04/09/19	INT01 IACP	525.00		8940
29898	04/09/19	LAW08 LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES, INC	39.23		8940
29899	04/09/19	LAW03 LAWREN SUPPLY OF NJ, INC	872.32		8940
29900	04/09/19	MAD05 MADAIO, MARK D, ESQ	3,334.00		8940
29901	04/09/19	MAR01 MARSALA HARDWARE, INC.	164.56		8940
29902	04/09/19	MAR04 MARC'S DELI INC.	89.20		8940
29903	04/09/19	MGL01 MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS LLC	119.00		8940
29904	04/09/19	MIC01 MICROSYSTEMS-NJ.COM, LLC	1,993.59		8940
29905	04/09/19	MIC05 MICROSOFT CORPORATION	496.00		8940
29906	04/09/19	MID10 MID-ATLANTIC TRUCK CENTER INC	510.04		8940
29907	04/09/19	MOR11 MORRISON MAHONEY, LLP	973.85		8940
29908	04/09/19	MOR13 MORRIS COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY	80.00		8940
29909	04/09/19	NAS07 NASSAU INN	745.00		8940
29910	04/09/19	NEO02 NEOPOST USA, INC.	273.60		8940
29911	04/09/19	NEW19 NEW JERSEY LAWYERS SERVICE LLC	19.00		8940
29912	04/09/19	NJ08 NJS LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES	25.00		8940
29913	04/09/19	NOR01 N. JERSEY MEDIA(ACCT#1101697)	87.94		8940
29914	04/09/19	NOR32 NORTHERN NJ CHAPTER OF NIGP	80.00		8940
29915	04/09/19	OPT02 OPTIMUM	63.92		8940
29916	04/09/19	PA01 P&A AUTO PARTS CORP	770.31		8940
29917	04/09/19	PAS06 PASCACK VALLEY MAYORS ASSOC	489.05		8940
29918	04/09/19	PAS07 PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH	976,073.35		8940
29919	04/09/19	PAS28 PASCACK PRESS	78.00		8940
29920	04/09/19	PER06 PERFECT CUT LAWN & GARDEN, INC	5,000.00		8940
29921	04/09/19	RAC01 RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.	2,324.81		8940
29922	04/09/19	RET03 RE-TRON TECHNOLOGIES INC	122.91		8940
29923	04/09/19	ROU01 ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL, LLC.	86.05		8940
29924	04/09/19	RUT12 RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	245.00		8940
29925	04/09/19	RUT14 RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	150.00		8940
29926	04/09/19	SEL02 SELECTIVE INSURANCE - FLOOD	25,081.00		8940
29927	04/09/19	SHE08 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CORP	67.52		8940
29928	04/09/19	SMI07 SMITH, SEAN	644.72		8940
29929	04/09/19	STA05 STATE LINE FIRE & SAFETY INC	480.50		8940
29930	04/09/19	STA30 STAPLES (CREDIT SERVICES)	43.98		8940
29931	04/09/19	STA31 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER P.A.	938.80		8940
29932	04/09/19	STO02 STONE INDUSTRIES INC	160.16		8940
29933	04/09/19	SUN05 SUNRUN INSTALLATION SERVICES	160.00		8940
29934	04/09/19	TRI16 DENNIS TRIPALDI	250.00		8940
29935	04/09/19	UNI23 UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISES, INC.	261.00		8940
29936	04/09/19	UNU01 UNUM LIFE INS CO OF AMERICA	134.40		8940
29937	04/09/19	VER18 VERIZON (FIOS)	124.99		8940
29938	04/09/19	WBM01 WB MASON CO., INC.	514.70		8940
29939	04/09/19	WES04 WESTWOOD CAR WASH, INC.	700.00		8940
29940	04/09/19	BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	92,740.45		8947

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3648	03/14/19	CHI08 CHIPELLINI CONSTRUCTION	260.00		8933
3649	04/09/19	BOT01 BOTTOM 9 BASEBALL LLC	300.00		8943
3650	04/09/19	BTS01 BT SPECIALTIES LLC/	608.20		8943
3651	04/09/19	ELA01 ELAYAN, MIKE	222.78		8943
3652	04/09/19	LCD01 LC DEVELOPERS, LLC	382.50		8943
3653	04/09/19	LOW03 LOVEJOY, STEVEN	497.50		8943
3654	04/09/19	MUN06 MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE, INC.	376.00		8943
3655	04/09/19	NOL01 NOLAN PARTNERSHIP	1,223.65		8943
3656	04/09/19	RAG03 RAGUSA, LOUIS	67.50		8943
3657	04/09/19	STA10 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER, P.A. (ESC)	0.00	04/09/19 VOID	0
3658	04/09/19	STA10 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER, P.A. (ESC)	0.00	04/09/19 VOID	0
3659	04/09/19	STA10 STATILE, CHRISTOPHER, P.A. (ESC)	4,693.20		8943
3660	04/09/19	VER20 VERDICCHIO, KATHLEEN	175.00		8943
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	Total:	11	2	8,806.33	0.00
<b>PUBLIC ASSIST2</b>					
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
2909	04/01/19		1,150.00		8938
2910	04/01/19		231.00		8938
2911	04/01/19		162.00		8938
2912	04/01/19		231.00		8938
2913	04/01/19		231.00		8938
2914	04/01/19		231.00		8938
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<b>RECREATION</b>					
RECREATION TRUST					
3880	04/09/19	5KO 5KOUNT LLC	450.00		8945
3881	04/09/19	ACT07 ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC.	1,765.61		8945
3882	04/09/19	CRO03 CROWN TROPHY RIVER EDGE, INC	115.17		8945
3883	04/09/19	SPO05 SPORTS EXPERT INC	7.10		8945
3884	04/09/19	WBM01 WB MASON CO., INC.	187.57		8945
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<b>STONYBROOK</b>					
STONYBROOK OPERATING					
6126	03/13/19	OPT02 OPTIMUM	194.94	03/31/19	8930

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STONYBROOK STONYBROOK OPERATING Continued					
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6128	03/14/19	BER01 BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BNFT FUND	28.00	03/31/19	8934
6129	03/15/19	VER02 VERIZON WIRELESS (CELL PHONE)	49.49	03/31/19	8936
6130	04/09/19	ACC03 ACCLAIM INVENTORY, LLC	250.00		8941
6131	04/09/19	ACT07 ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC.	3,378.09		8941
6132	04/09/19	BER01 BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BNFT FUND	28.00		8941
6133	04/09/19	BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	1,007.17		8941
6134	04/09/19	GIL01 GILL ASSOCIATES LLC	344.00		8941
6135	04/09/19	HOD02 HODGES & SON PLUMBING & HTG	3,593.18		8941
6136	04/09/19	NOR01 N. JERSEY MEDIA(ACCT#1101697)	17.22		8941
6137	04/09/19	OUR01 OUR TOWN ASSOCIATES INC	250.00		8941
6138	04/09/19	PAS28 PASCACK PRESS	449.00		8941
6139	04/09/19	UNU01 UNUM LIFE INS CO OF AMERICA	4.20		8941
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	Total:	14	0	10,600.46	0.00
WIRES					
122	03/25/19	BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	802,110.50		8946
121	04/01/19	HIL02 HILLSDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION	1,792,977.00		8917
Checking Account Totals					
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	2	0	2,595,087.50	0.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	2	0	2,595,087.50	0.00
Report Totals					
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
	Checks:	123	4	4,173,957.62	156,669.45
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Total:	123	4	4,173,957.62	156,669.45

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	8-01	49,815.06	0.00	0.00	49,815.06
STONYBROOK UTILITY	8-05	5,663.56	0.00	0.00	5,663.56
	Year Total:	55,478.62	0.00	0.00	55,478.62
CURRENT FUND	9-01	4,074,581.82	0.00	0.00	4,074,581.82
STONYBROOK UTILITY	9-05	4,936.90	0.00	0.00	4,936.90
ANIMAL FUND	9-12	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT	9-15	2,236.00	0.00	0.00	2,236.00
	Year Total:	4,081,814.72	0.00	0.00	4,081,814.72
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	25,332.50	0.00	0.00	25,332.50
RECREATION ACCOUNT	R-14	2,525.45	0.00	0.00	2,525.45
	Total of All Funds:	4,165,151.29	0.00	0.00	4,165,151.29

Project Description	Project No.	Project Total
POLICE DONATIONS 7200005589	0000000018	908.20
POAA 7200 00 5588	0000000019	376.00
1212/15 305 PATERSON7763301642	3050010002	2,535.00
68 E LIBERTY B 402 L 14	68E0040002	457.50
B1611 L8 DONATELLO 7764627716	DON0040002	13.20
B 2201 L 13 ELAYAN	ELA0010002	222.78
506/1.01/02 GOLDORC 7763761127	GOL0060002	90.00
1523/3 GULLER/RALG 7764627831	GUL0020002	322.50
B605 L7 LC DEVELOPERS	LCD0020002	150.00
LC DEVELOPERS 909/2 7764627261	LCD0030002	232.50
B404 L21 LOVEJOY 7764627401	LOV0030002	497.50
B1523 L3 NOLAN PARTNERSHIP	NOL0020002	1,223.65
B101 L10 O'CONNOR 7764627849	OCO0010002	645.00
2004/2.01&1 ORIOLO 7764627279	ORIO060002	25.00
B 1106 L 11 RAGUSA 7764627592	RAG0020002	67.50
ROAD PERMIT 16-53 CIELLINI	ROAD16-53	260.00
STONE RIDGE 1805/10 7764627310	STO0070002	380.00
B107 L6 VERDICCHIO 7763761515	VER0050002	175.00
1312/2 XHAFERI 7764627691	XHA0020002	225.00
Total Of All Projects:		<u>8,806.33</u>

[R19093](#) Resolution Awarding the Two- Year Contract for Disposal of Vegetative Waste

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale promulgated bid specifications to obtain bids for the disposal of vegetative waste for the Borough; and,

**WHEREAS**, bids were obtained in accordance with applicable law and bids for the Project were opened April 2, 2019 at Borough Hall; and,

**WHEREAS**, three (3) bidders responded to the Request for Bids; and,

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsible bidder was RER Supply, LLC with a bid of Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$85,400.00) for an open ended two-year contract beginning May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021 also with the option of renewing the contract for one (1) option for a two (2) year extension based upon the same terms and conditions as specified in the bid proposal; and,

**WHEREAS**, RER Supply, LLC has met all of the bid specifications; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the contract for Disposal of Vegetative Waste for the Borough of Hillsdale is awarded to RER Supply, LLC, 4 South Corporate Drive, Riverdale, New Jersey 07457 and the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Borough, to execute an Agreement with RER Supply, LLC

in the amount of Eighty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$85,400.00) for a two year contract beginning May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021; with the option of renewing the contract for one (1) option for a two (2) year extension based upon the same terms and conditions as specified in the bid proposal.

[R19094](#) Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant from the Bergen Joint Insurance Fund for Base Accreditation Services and Execution of a Grant Agreement

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (“CALEA”) and the State of New Jersey Associations of Chiefs of Police offer a program to obtain accreditation in order to attain the highest standards of police department management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen Joint Insurance Fund is seeking to encourage police departments to pursue such excellence by providing a grant in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 to support the Hillsdale Police Department’s efforts to attain accreditation from New Jersey Chiefs of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police and the governing body believe that the attaining of such certification is consistent with the goals of the Hillsdale Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is committed to taking necessary action in order to support the accreditation process.

**WHEREAS**, the successful completion of the accreditation process from the New Jersey State Associations of Chiefs of Police will result in a reduction in liability insurance premiums from the Bergen JIF and

**WHEREAS**, in the long term the completion and retention of accreditation from the New Jersey State Associations of Chiefs of Police will help the municipality manage its liability and workers compensation insurance exposure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale,(Herein After the “Municipality”) in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor, Administrator and Chief of Police are hereby authorized to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Bergen Joint Insurance Fund for the receipt of funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the NJ State Chief’s of Police accreditation program.
2. The Municipality agrees to abide by the terms of the Grant Agreement to attain certification within two years of the date of the agreement. Upon accreditation being obtained, the Bergen JIF will use their normal accreditation discount to offset the grant costs.
3. If the Municipality does not achieve certification within the two year period, the amount of the Grant is due payable to the Bergen JIF within a three year period.
4. If the Municipality does not achieve the certification within the two year period and/or leaves the Bergen JIF before the grant is repaid in full, the amount of the grant is due immediately to the Bergen JIF upon the date of termination to the JIF.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

[R19095](#) Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise Requests for Qualifications for a Consultant for Police Department Accreditation

**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 a Consultant for Police Department Accreditation.

[R19096](#) Resolution Awarding Payment of 2018 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 0.8 % as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2018-02 for the list of eleven (11) eligible members to receive full benefits which is One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars and Sixty Three Cents (\$1,439.63) per eligible member for a proposed total award of Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Five Dollars and Ninety Three Cents (\$15,835.93) for 2018 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Volunteer Ambulance Service members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

[R19097](#) Resolution Awarding Payment of 2018 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Volunteer 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 0.8% as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2018-02 for the list of sixteen (16) eligible members to receive full benefits at the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars and Sixty Three (\$1,439.63) per eligible member, proposed total award of Twenty Three Thousand Thirty Four Dollars and Eight Cents (\$23,034.08) for 2018 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Fire Department members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

[R19098](#) Resolution Canceling all Property Taxes for 5 Birchwood Drive as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 - Disabled Veterans Exemption

**WHEREAS**, Mr. John Angermeyer & Allison Angermeyer, owners of Block 905, Lot 9 known as 5 Birchwood Lane in the Borough of Hillsdale has been qualified per the Borough Tax Assessor, that John Angermeyer is a Permanently and Totally Disabled Veteran in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30 provides permanently and Totally Disabled Veteran's to be exempt from Property Tax; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tax Collector shall cancel all Property Taxes on the above-mentioned Property starting January 1, 2019 and on; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Horvath.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

**OFF-CONSENT:**

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

Councilmember Lundy congratulated the Cadets and Fire Department members for their service and volunteers. She said Cops and Bobbers is May 19.

Councilmember Segalas expressed thanks to our employees and volunteers who respond behind the scenes. They secure our town and preserve its character and charm; the essence of life is to serve others and do well. Volunteerism benefits the recipient, it helps our food pantry, helping children, dedication to people who need housing and there are different volunteerism makes a difference. Volunteers provide social and financial benefits to our town; the passport bus will be here from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of April and your tax dollars are paying for that service available and get your passport renewed. Nobody likes taxes but occasionally we see a benefit. April 26 is National Arbor Day and we will be at the schools to assist with their events. April 27 the Pascack Brook fishing contest. May 4 a shredding event for our residents at the DPW.

Council President Pizzella thanked all the Hillsdale employees and volunteers for their dedication. He thanked HSBA for their opening day. He enjoyed being on the Finance Committee, different than a corporate setting and thanked Councilwoman Lundy, Administrator DeJoseph and Mayor Ruocco because besides taking it seriously they really think about the residents and the budget process. They have so much more knowledge about how to put the budget together, the needs of the town, saving money, where to get money. We are served well and thanked them.

Councilmember DeRosa said in the capital budget there is \$91,000 plus for the tractor and vehicle. Those should come in handy when caring for our baseball fields. There are multiple attachments that plow snow and sweepers that sweep clay from the grass onto the infield which should help on a lot of our fields. He also thanked all of our volunteers; if the Borough had to pay for board members and coaches that run our sports programs it would be expensive. He said Passover is April 19 for those observing that and Happy Easter April 21. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday the 20th at Beechwood Park.

Councilmember Horvath asked if we missed the professional reports.

Mayor Ruocco said no.

Councilmember Horvath would like to echo what was said by Council, thanks to all the people who serve this town. He wished the American Legion a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; Poppy season starts next month and is a good way to serve them and support them.

Councilman Escobar said a 15-year veteran of the NJ Fire Department and was killed yesterday in Afghanistan, he was 23 years old.

Mayor Ruocco heard the report this morning, very sad. Fairways development is a development being proposed for the golf course in River Vale, it is a 249-unit apartment building, some affordable. Hearings are going on, the next one is April 30. We all understand the pressure River Vale is facing as we faced in our affordable housing requirements; they are under the similar pressure. It doesn't mitigate the concerns he has over the traffic impact it will have on the surrounding area especially to our town. The only exit for traffic coming out is entering onto Piermont; traffic will enter on River Vale but only allowed to exit right off onto Piermont; that backs up in the morning and this is going to add to that pressure. He will consider suggesting to their Planning Board that they should consider making the entrance on River Vale Road equally egress and ingress to alleviate some pressure; that is the way it is now when cars go to the golf course or appeal to the county for a light at the exit.

There is an upcoming Mayors conference on Affordable Housing this Saturday at the Meadowlands Hilton and he intends to attend and report back in terms of what he learned. We had a Mayors Legislative Day on April 5 where Mayors or representatives go to Trenton and meet with the folks there. The common themes were to get affordable housing out of the courts, and find a way to block the Meadowlands power plant. The Commissioner from DEP was there and did not seem to be sympathetic to objections by the Bergen County folks. She said she is going to let this play out, there are standards and are going to hold this proposed utility up to those standards. She didn't take a position supportive of what the Bergen Mayors said, which was we don't want to support such

a thing because we get no benefit out of it and it has pollution effects. Senator Sweeney continues to press the "PATH FOR PROGRESS" study. BC Mayors of NJ League of Municipalities had a meeting this morning and he attended. General Counsel for the League presented facts about marijuana legislation, there is uncertainty now, and they say they don't know which way this is going to go. He asked for a poll among the 25 Mayors and not one Mayor was in favor for recreational use. The League is preparing resolutions for all municipalities to opt out and if the state passes it and you choose to opt out and we do have to choose one way or the other we will have draft resolutions to consider. The sense among the League officials is that Trenton is deciding things without ample input from municipalities and that seems to be a trend and the Mayors are bemoaning that. Mayors are complaining about the expiration of the 2% interest arbitration cap and no one seems to be listening. He wished the Jewish residents a holy Passover and our Christian residents a Happy Easter.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

**TUESDAY, May 14, 2019**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED