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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 12th day of May 2020. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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ROLL CALL:

Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk, Mayor Ruocco, (Borough Attorney Mark Madio, BA Christopher Tietjen, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan)

APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:

[R20092](#) Appointment of Denise Kohan, Registered Municipal Clerk

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:9-133 every municipality in the State of New Jersey is required to have a Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Denise Kohan, a certified Registered Municipal Clerk of the State of New Jersey, was appointed to serve a three-year term as Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Hillsdale, commencing June 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of reappointing Denise Kohan as Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Hillsdale, thereby granting her tenure of office in that position pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A9-133.7; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body that Denise Kohan is hereby appointed Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Hillsdale effective June 8, 2020 and to continue to serve until her successor is duly appointed and qualified.

Motion by Council President Horvath Second Council Member DeRosa

Roll Call Vote:

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

Recuse: Councilmember Lundy

Nays: None

Ms. Kohan's Oath of Office was done by BA, QPA, Notary Christopher Tietjen, BA, QPA, Notary

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Ruocco announces the proposed changes to the **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES** for the year 2020. He explained that there could be a possible conflict of interest in having Mr. Horvath remain on the Ambulance Committee. He discussed this with the Borough attorney. He has obtained the agreement of both Mr. Horvath and Mr. Pizzella to make the following change.

(With advice and consent of Council)

	Chair		
Ambulance	Anthony DeRosa	Frank Pizzella**	Abby Lundy
Fire Department	John Escobar	Anthony DeRosa	Zoltan Horvath**

** The change is moving Council Member Pizzella to The Ambulance Committee from The Fire Department and moving Council President Horvath from the Ambulance Committee to the Fire Department

Motion by Council President Horvath Second Councilmember Pizzella

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk, DeRosa

Nays: Councilmember Escobar

PROMOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS -

Mayor Ruocco said to save some time due to the long agenda, he will not read the proclamations.

[Municipal Clerk Week – May 3, 2020-May 9, 2020](#)

[Public Works Week – May 17, 2020-May 23, 2020](#)

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

Mayor Ruocco opened the Initial Public Comment Period at this time.

Jonathan DeJoseph – 39 Forest Drive

Mr. DeJoseph asked what is the Borough doing with staffing arrangements due to Covid-19? Through an OPRA request and in seeing timesheets marked COVID as well as paying staff for overtime during the pandemic? He also asked how have revenues been affected because of the pandemic? And finally, what is the town doing in response to Stonybrook? How can we make sure that tax payers are not going to be responsible for the shortages?

Mayor Ruocco responded that he was not aware of any overtime, but would have the BA look into why and where there is overtime. As far as the other items, they are on for discussion under the budget part of the agenda, if he could wait for that discussion to answer those questions. Mr. DeJoseph responded that he would wait.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council Meeting Minutes March 3, 2020

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council President Horvath, Council Member Lundy, Councilmember DeRosa

Nays: none

Abstain: Councilmember Escobar, Councilmember Trochimiuk, Councilmember Pizzella

Mayor Ruocco voted yes due to a tie vote

Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2020

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Member DeRosa, Escobar, Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Abstain: Councilmember Horvath

Council Meeting Minutes April 3, 2020

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Member DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Council Meeting Minutes April 14, 2020

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Member DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Abstain: Council Member Pizzella

Council Meeting Minutes April 17, 2020

Ayes: Council Member DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Abstain: Council Member Pizzella

PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

[Hillsdale Police Department Report](#) – April 2020

[Department of Public Works Report](#) – April 2020

[Borough Engineer Report](#) – April 2020

Mayor Ruocco reported that the Monthly Department Head Reports are attached for those that wish to view them. Mayor Ruocco asked if anyone had any questions in regards to these reports? Seeing none, the Mayor moved on.

Mayor Ruocco stated that since we have a public hearing at 8:00 pm that we can't change, I will go onto correspondences.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. [Letter dated May 6, 2020 from Urstadt Biddle Properties, Inc requesting a more "relaxed" approval process for outdoor seating for restaurants.](#)

Mayor Ruocco stated that this was a letter that he received from Friendly's in regards to getting approval for outdoor seating. This is something that the Council will need to consider if the Governor changes or updates his executive order.

The Mayor called for a Motion to receipt and file Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa

Councilman - John Escobar

Council President – Zoltan Horvath

[Councilwoman - Abby Lundy](#)

Councilman – Frank Pizzella

Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Ruocco stated that we still have time, so we will move ahead with the consent agenda resolutions and come back at 8:00 to the public hearing.

RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R20094 through R20106:

[R20094](#) Payment of Bills

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
RESOLUTION 20094**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the following bill in the sum of \$4,536,121.97 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 5/12/2020

Bills List for Approval 4/15/2020 - 5/12/2020 \$ 4,531,967.97

Voided Checks & Checks already paid pursuant to Resolution # 20021

Check	Process Date	Fund	Vendor	Reason	Total
PER ATTACHED CHECK REGISTER					<u>\$ 4,154.00</u>

Total Bill List for 5/12/2020 \$ 4,536,121.97

BILL LIST BY VENDOR NAME

P.O. Type: All	Include Project Line Items: Yes	Open: N	Paid: N	Void: N
Range: First	to Last	Rcvd: Y	Held: Y	Aprv: N
Format: Condensed		Bid: Y	State: Y	Other: Y
				Exempt: Y

Vendor # Name	PO #	PO Date	Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	Contract	PO Type
ACT07 ACTION DATA SERVICES, INC.	20-00764	05/06/20	PAYROLL SERVICES APRIL	Open	955.88	0.00		
ACT06 ACTION FIRE APPARATUS CO INC	20-00768	05/06/20	BREATHING EQUIPMENT	Open	827.40	0.00		
AIR02 AIRGAS, INC	20-00061	01/24/20	ACETYLENE/OXYGEN BLANKET PO	Open	50.30	0.00	B	
	20-00681	04/27/20	ACETYLENE/OXYGEN FOR DPW SHOP	Open	<u>50.30</u>	0.00		
					100.60			
AME06 AMERICAN WEAR CORP	20-00062	01/24/20	CLOTHING DPW JAN-MAR 2020	Open	338.70	0.00	B	
	20-00680	04/27/20	CLOTHING DPW APRIL-JUNE 2020	Open	<u>384.96</u>	0.00	B	
					723.66			
ATL04 ATLAS LOCK & KEY CO., INC.	20-00679	04/27/20	24V Relay Board	Open	210.00	0.00		
AUT05 AUTOZONE STORES, LLC	20-00739	05/06/20	FUEL TANK FOR H-11	Open	1,149.99	0.00		
BER11 BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTH	20-00699	04/27/20	2ND QTR 2020 BCUA FEES	Open	236,600.00	0.00		
	20-00706	04/29/20	MARCH 2020 RECYCLING TAX	Open	<u>22,445.80</u>	0.00		
					259,045.80			
BER01 BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMP BNFT FUND	20-00672	04/22/20	DENTAL INS. STONYBROOK MAY	Open	15.60	0.00		
	20-00673	04/22/20	DENTAL INSURANCE MAY	Open	<u>3,421.40</u>	0.00		
					3,437.00			
BOR18 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE AGENCY	20-00776	05/07/20	MAY MEDICAL FOR RETIREES	Open	29,936.54	0.00		
	20-00777	05/07/20	MAY MEDICAL INS. - STONYBROOK	Open	577.18	0.00		
	20-00778	05/07/20	MAY MEDICAL INS	Open	<u>60,106.04</u>	0.00		
					90,619.76			
BOR05 BOROUGH OF WESTWOOD	20-00749	05/06/20	GAS/DIESEL JAN 2020	Open	4,201.25	0.00		
	20-00767	05/06/20	GAS/DIESEL MARCH 2020	Open	<u>1,945.79</u>	0.00		
					6,147.04			
BRE01 BREEN CANVAS CO - JOHN D BREEN	20-00763	05/06/20	slide replacement awnings	Open	3,000.00	0.00		

CAR30 CARTRIDGE WORLD
 20-00759 05/06/20 H[TONER BLK 1320 Open 62.68 0.00

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CHA19 CHASAN, LAMPARELLO, MALLON	20-00704	04/28/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	2,763.04	0.00		
COO02 COOPER ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC.	20-00738	05/06/20	MILWAUKEE PROCESSING FEE	Open	29.97	0.00		
COR16 CORELOGIC (REFUNDS)	20-00733	05/05/20	Tax Overpay Refund 2nd Qtr 20	Open	2,996.73	0.00		
COU03 COUNTY OF BERGEN	20-00701	04/27/20	2ND QTR 2020 COUNTY TAX	Open	1,097,915.00	0.00		
COU04 COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND	20-00700	04/27/20	2020 OPEN SPACE PRELIM TAXES	Open	46,981.00	0.00		
DEP08 DEPENDABLE HYDRAULIC SALES	20-00737	05/06/20	COMPUTER REBUILD FOR SWEEPER	Open	692.00	0.00		
DTR02 DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	20-00666	04/15/20	MARCH 2020 ELECTRIC BILL	Open	1,140.41	0.00		
	20-00667	04/15/20	GAS & ELEC STONYBROOK MAR 2020	Open	264.74	0.00		
					1,405.15			
DMR01 DMR ARCHITECTS	20-00695	04/27/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	7,851.02	0.00		
	20-00696	04/27/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	1,962.76	0.00		
					9,813.78			
DRA04 DRAGER, INC.	20-00690	04/27/20	Simulator Service	Open	179.00	0.00		
EAS04 EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING	19-02276	12/19/19	Equip for New Police Vehicle	Open	9,033.14	0.00		
ELE04 ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS, INC.	20-00746	05/06/20	PLANNED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS	Open	2,315.00	0.00		
ELE03 ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE CORP.	20-00730	05/04/20	JUNE 2020 ELEVATOR MAINT	Open	140.00	0.00		
ESS01 ESS, INC.	20-00611	04/06/20	New Car Supplies	Open	881.51	0.00		
EXC02 EXCELLENT BUILDING SERV CORP	20-00709	04/29/20	CLEANING SVCS - APRIL 2020	Open	917.28	0.00		
FAS01 FASTENAL COMPANY	20-00059	01/24/20	DPW VENDING MACHINE SUPPLIES	Open	97.24	0.00		B
FP01 FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	20-00761	05/06/20	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	Open	135.00	0.00		

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GAE01 GAETA RECYCLING CO, INC	20-00609	04/06/20	GARBAGE CONTRACT-MARCH 2020	Open	42,500.00	0.00		
GAL01 GALLS LLC	20-00755	05/06/20	Barrier tape	Open	177.27	0.00		
GAW01 GANN LAW BOOKS, INC	20-00475	03/05/20	2020 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS	Open	1,418.50	0.00		
GOV06 GOVOFFICE LLC	19-02307	12/24/19	WEBSITE HOSTING YEAR 2 OF 3	Open	3,015.00	0.00		
HAR15 HARTMAN EXCAVATING, LLC	20-00743	05/06/20	SCREENED TOP SOIL	Open	440.00	0.00		
HIL02 HILLSDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION	20-00071	01/27/20	SCHOOL TAXES - JAN TO JUNE 20	Open	1,828,329.00	0.00		B

HIL02	HILLSDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION						
20-00071	01/27/20 SCHOOL TAXES - JAN TO JUNE 20	Open	1,828,329.00	0.00			B
I0C01	IO CHEMICAL, LLC						
20-00742	05/06/20 HAND SANITIZER/DISPENSER	Open	205.86	0.00			
C0011	JAMES M. COONEY, ESQ						
20-00758	05/06/20 PERC PBA ARBITRATOR FEES	Open	2,281.75	0.00			
JPM01	JPMONZO MUNI. CONSULTING, LLC						
20-00683	04/27/20 ESTIMATED TAX BILLS SEMINAR	Open	50.00	0.00			
KOH02	KOHAN, DENISE						
20-00750	05/06/20 REIMBURSEMENT QUILL	Open	275.07	0.00			
KOH03	Kohan, Jeff						
20-00751	05/06/20 NEW MOWERS	Open	2,300.00	0.00			
KOH05	KOHAN, RAYMOND						
20-00674	04/22/20 1512/10 KOHAN ESCROW REFUND	Open	510.00	0.00			
KY001	KYOCERA DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS						
19-00765	05/16/19 Blanket Purchase Order	Open	267.32	0.00			B
20-00668	04/20/20 COPY LEASE 3/28/20-4/27/20	Open	267.32	0.00			
20-00669	04/20/20 COPY LEASE 4/28/20-5/27/20	Open	267.32	0.00			
			801.96				
AF02	LAFRANCE, EDWARD						
20-00740	05/06/20 PAINTING BORO HALL	Open	3,600.00	0.00			
AM03	LAWREN SUPPLY OF NJ, INC						
20-00612	04/06/20 WHITE COVERALLS	Open	1,000.00	0.00			
MAD05	MADAI0, MARK D, ESQ						
20-00772	05/06/20 Professional Services	Open	115.00	0.00			
20-00773	05/06/20 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES APRIL 20	Open	149.50	0.00			

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MAD05	MADAI0, MARK D, ESQ		Continued					
20-00774	05/06/20 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open			3,289.00	0.00		
					3,553.50			
MAR01	MARSALA HARDWARE, INC.							
20-00249	02/19/20 BLANKET PO HFD PURCHASES 2020	Open			9.61	0.00		B
20-00770	05/06/20 DPW PURCHASES FOR MARCH 2020	Open			253.48	0.00		
					263.09			
MGL01	MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS LLC							
20-00736	05/06/20 ESTIMATED TAX BILLS	Open			384.00	0.00		
MIC05	MICROSOFT CORPORATION							
20-00682	04/27/20 On-Line Services	Open			255.48	0.00		
20-00703	04/28/20 EMAIL SVCS 3/28/20-4/27/20	Open			336.00	0.00		
					591.48			
MON07	MONMOUTH TELECOM, INC.							
20-00726	05/01/20 STONYBROOK MAY 2020 PHONE	Open			97.48	0.00		
20-00727	05/01/20 MAY 2020 PHONE BILL	Open			2,042.49	0.00		
					2,139.97			
MOR11	MORRISON MAHONEY, LLP - TAX							
20-00731	05/04/20 TAX APPEAL LEGAL FEES	Open			968.00	0.00		
NEW19	NEW JERSEY LAWYERS SERVICE LLC							
20-00677	04/27/20 BUDGET DELIVERY TO TRENTON	Open			143.80	0.00		
NJ20	NJLM (LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES)							
20-00748	05/06/20 NJLM ONLINE MINI CONFERENCE	Open			115.00	0.00		
NOR37	NORTH JERSEY MEDIA(#1456488)							
20-00684	04/27/20 Account # 395740	Open			65.10	0.00		
20-00757	05/06/20 Account # 395740	Open			117.07	0.00		
					182.17			
NOR05	NORTHWEST BERGEN REGIONAL							
20-00697	04/27/20 MAY 2020 CONTRACT SVCS	Open			4,684.65	0.00		
OFF05	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP							
20-00694	04/27/20	Open			450.65	0.00		
OPT02	OPTIMUM							
20-00707	04/29/20 INTERNET/STATIC IP/MODEM BORO	Open			124.05	0.00		
20-00708	04/29/20 INTERNET/STATIC IP/MODEM DPW	Open			94.05	0.00		
20-00760	05/06/20 SERVICE 3/1-3/31 STONYBROOK	Open			198.44	0.00		
					416.54			

PA01	P&A AUTO PARTS CORP				
20-00753	05/06/20 PARTS FOR BORO VEHICLES	Open	256.65	0.00	
PAS07	PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH				
20-00702	04/27/20 MAY 2020 SCHOOL TAXES	Open	1,052,658.09	0.00	

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QUI05 QUIKTEKS LLC								
	20-00675	04/24/20	Technical Support Renewal	Open	456.00	0.00		
	20-00723	05/01/20	MAY 2020 IT SUPPORT	Open	112.13	0.00		
	20-00724	05/01/20	MAY 2020 IT SUPPORT	Open	56.06	0.00		
	20-00725	05/01/20	MAY 2020 SUPPORT	Open	1,650.81	0.00		
	20-00756	05/06/20	DVI Cable	Open	18.00	0.00		
					<u>2,293.00</u>			
RAC01 RACHLES/MICHELE'S OIL CO.								
	20-00351	02/20/20	DIESEL FUEL PURCHASE ORDER	Open	408.59	0.00		B
RER01 RER SUPPLY, LLC								
	20-00641	04/08/20	RECYCLE VEGETATIVE WASTE	Open	5,000.00	0.00		B
RIC01 RICCIARDI BROTHERS INC								
	20-00754	05/06/20	SUPPLIES FOR BORO HALL	Open	13.98	0.00		
ROT01 ROTAR, ELIZABETH								
	20-00698	04/27/20	MEDICARE REIMB APR-JUN 2020	Open	433.80	0.00		
RCU01 ROUTE 23 AUTO MALL, LLC.								
	20-00752	05/06/20	PARTS FOR PD 273 & 277	Open	104.10	0.00		
SHE08 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS CORP								
	20-00741	05/06/20	PAINT/SUPPLIES FOR BORO HALL	Open	168.92	0.00		
	20-00745	05/06/20	PAINT & SUPPLIES FOR BORO HALL	Open	401.68	0.00		
	20-00747	05/06/20	Pistol Range Project	Open	1,105.34	0.00		
					<u>1,675.94</u>			
SHI01 SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP								
	20-00691	04/27/20	Annual Basic Mnt Renewal VBE	Open	454.28	0.00		
SNJ01 SNJ-DEPT OF HEALTH								
	20-00744	05/06/20	DOG LICENSE REPORT MARCH 2020	Open	51.60	0.00		
	20-00771	05/06/20	Dog License report April 2020	Open	7.80	0.00		
					<u>59.40</u>			
STA30 STAPLES (CREDIT SERVICES)								
	20-00762	05/06/20	Labels	Open	34.99	0.00		
STA31 STATLE, CHRISTOPHER P.A.								
	20-00686	04/27/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	2,920.00	0.00		
	20-00687	04/27/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	270.00	0.00		
	20-00688	04/27/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	612.50	0.00		
	20-00689	04/27/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	558.00	0.00		
	20-00692	04/27/20	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	1,772.50	0.00		
					<u>6,133.00</u>			
SUE01 SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY (REG)								
	20-00661	04/09/20	WATER CHARGES MARCH 2020	Open	49.16	0.00		
	20-00662	04/13/20	WATER CHARGES MARCH 2020	Open	262.88	0.00		
	20-00663	04/13/20	WATER CHARGES MARCH 2020	Open	139.17	0.00		
	20-00734	05/05/20	WATER CHARGES 4/2-5/4/20	Open	288.20	0.00		

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SUE01 SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY (REG)								
	20-00735	05/05/20	WATER CHARGES 4/27-5/4/20	Open	134.01	0.00		
	20-00775	05/06/20	WATER CHARGES 4/27/20-5/5/20	Open	138.74	0.00		
					<u>1,012.16</u>			
TCT02 TCTA OF NEW JERSEY								
	20-00685	04/27/20	TCTA NJ WEBINAR CONFERENCE	Open	200.00	0.00		
ROD07 THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC								
	19-01241	07/25/19	ACCREDITATION CONSULTING	Open	3,325.00	0.00		B
TOT05 TOTAL TEE'S & SIGNS								
	20-00769	05/06/20	3'x5' BANNER FOR DPW RECYCLING	Open	75.00	0.00		
TRA13 TRANUNION RISK & ALTERNATIVE								
	20-00693	04/27/20	TLOxp Account	Open	55.15	0.00		
	20-00765	05/06/20	Transunion Usage	Open	212.00	0.00		

TR12	TRI-COUNTY TERMITE & PEST CTRL					
20-00469	03/05/20 PEST CONTROL APRIL-JUNE 2020	Open	25.00	0.00		8
TYC02	TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL					
20-00722	05/01/20 ANIMAL CONTROL APRIL 2020	Open	1,150.00	0.00		
JN001	UNUM LIFE INS CO OF AMERICA					
20-00670	04/22/20 LIFE INSURANCE STONYBROOK MAY	Open	4.20	0.00		
20-00671	04/22/20 MAY LIFE INSURANCE	Open	<u>138.60</u>	0.00		
			142.80			
VER18	VERIZON (FIOS)					
20-00705	04/29/20 FIOS Internet 150M/150M W/51P	Open	159.99	0.00		
VER02	VERIZON WIRELESS (CELL PHONE)					
20-00728	05/03/20 STONYBROOK PHONES 3/24-4/23/20	Open	42.41	0.00		
20-00729	05/03/20 PHONE SERV 3/24-4/23/20	Open	<u>415.06</u>	0.00		
			457.47			
VER21	VERIZON WIRELESS (FD IPADS)					
20-00664	04/13/20 FD IPADS & SERVICE 3/2-4/1/20	Open	255.92	0.00		
AT04	WATCH GUARD VIDEO (USE ADV07)					
19-02264	12/17/19 4RE In-car System - New Car	Open	6,279.00	0.00		
EL02	WILD RIDGE SALES & PROMO INC					
19-02371	12/31/19 lounge chairs	Open	1,820.00	0.00		
20-00326	02/19/20 10 lounge chairs and shipping	Open	<u>2,032.00</u>	0.00		
			3,852.00			
ES02	WISS & BOUREGY, P.C.					
20-00732	05/04/20 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Open	1,868.75	0.00		

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Vendor # Name	PO #	PO Date	Description	Status	Amount	Void Amount	Contract	PO Type
Total Purchase Orders:		121	Total P.O. Line Items:	0	Total List Amount:	4,531,967.97	Total Void Amount:	0.00

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Totals by Year-Fund		Budget Rcvd	Budget Held	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Project Total
Fund Description	Fund						
CURRENT FUND	0-01	4,485,566.28	0.00	4,485,566.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
STONYBROOK UTILIT	0-05	1,405.61	0.00	1,405.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
ANIMAL FUND	0-12	1,209.40	0.00	1,209.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRUST ACCOUNT	0-13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	510.00
TRUST FUND	0-21	<u>3,850.26</u>	0.00	<u>3,850.26</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Year Total:		4,492,031.55	0.00	4,492,031.55	0.00	0.00	510.00
CURRENT FUND	9-01	16,849.65	0.00	16,849.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
STONYBROOK UTILIT	9-05	<u>1,820.00</u>	0.00	<u>1,820.00</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
Year Total:		18,669.65	0.00	18,669.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
STONYBROOK SWIM C	B-06	5,032.00	0.00	5,032.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	15,594.64	0.00	15,594.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
RECREATION ACCOUN	R-14	130.13	0.00	130.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total of All Funds:		<u>4,531,457.97</u>	0.00	<u>4,531,457.97</u>	0.00	0.00	510.00

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Project Description	Project No.	Rcvd Total	Held Total	Project Total
1512/10 KOHAN 7764627964	KOH0020002	510.00	0.00	510.00
Total of All Projects:		<u>510.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>510.00</u>

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
PUBLIC ASSIST2 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
2998	04/15/20		254.00	04/30/20	9162
3008	05/01/20		1,150.00		9170
3009	05/01/20		1,000.00		9170
3010	05/01/20		194.00		9170
3011	05/01/20		194.00		9170
3012	05/01/20		277.00		9170
3013	05/01/20		277.00		9170
3014	05/01/20		277.00		9170
3015	05/01/20		277.00		9170
3016	05/01/20		254.00		9170
Checking Account Totals					
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
Checks:	10	0		4,154.00	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0		0.00	0.00
Total:	10	0		4,154.00	0.00
Report Totals					
		<u>Paid</u>	<u>Void</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Amount Void</u>
Checks:	10	0		4,154.00	0.00
Direct Deposit:	0	0		0.00	0.00
Total:	10	0		4,154.00	0.00

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT	0-15	4,154.00	0.00	0.00	4,154.00
Total of All Funds:		4,154.00	0.00	0.00	4,154.00

[R20095](#) Resolution to Award Payment of 2019 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Volunteer Fire Department – 100%

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 1.6% as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2019-03 for the list of twenty (20) eligible members to receive full benefits at the amount of One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$1,462.66) per eligible member, proposed total award of Twenty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Three Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$29,253.20) for 2019 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Fire Department members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

[R20096](#) Resolution to Award Payment of 2019 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Volunteer Ambulance Service – 100%

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 1.6 % as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2019-03 for the list of nine (9) eligible members to receive full benefits which is One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two Dollars and Sixty Six Cents (\$1,462.66) per eligible member for a proposed total award of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty Three Dollars and Ninety Four Cents (\$13,163.94) for 2019 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Volunteer Ambulance Service members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith

[R20097](#) Resolution to Award Payment of 2019 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Volunteer Fire Department – 50%

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 1.6 % as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2019-03 for the list of one (1) eligible member to receive fifty percent (50%) benefits which is Seven Hundred Thirty One Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$731.34) per eligible member for a proposed total award of Seven Hundred Thirty One Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$731.34) for 2019 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Volunteer Fire Department members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

[R20098](#) Resolution to Award Payment of 2019 LOSAP Benefits to Eligible Members of the Volunteer Ambulance Service – 50%

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 1.6 % as per the Annual CPI Adjustment listed in the Local Finance Notice 2019-03 for the list of five (5) eligible members to receive fifty percent (50%) benefits which is Seven Hundred Thirty One Dollars and Thirty Four Cents (\$731.34) per eligible member for a proposed total award of Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$3,656.70) for 2019 LOSAP benefits, for eligible Volunteer Ambulance Service members as annexed hereto and made a part hereof and authorizes payment in accordance therewith.

[R20099](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into and Sign a Contract to Purchase 19 Glendale Drive, Hillsdale from Joseph Meyers

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have entered into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$169,500.00 grant award from the 2016 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the acquisition of floodplain property located at 19 Glendale Drive in Block 1111, Lot 5 on the tax map of the Borough of Hillsdale (“the Property”); and

WHEREAS the Borough is desirous of purchasing the Property and authorizing the appropriate Borough Officials, including the Mayor, to take all steps necessary, including the execution of the contract for purchase and the closing documents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body hereby authorizes the Mayor to be a signatory to the aforesaid Contract and closing documents, and for all appropriate Borough officials to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purchase of the Property.

[R20100](#) Resolution Appointing Community Development Representatives

WHEREAS, The Borough of Hillsdale has entered into a 3-year Cooperative Agreement for the Fiscal Years 2020, 2021, 2022 with the County of Bergen, Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, under Section a-1.b of said Agreement, there is the establishment of Committees consisting of two representatives from each participating municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body and the Chief Executive of each participating agency shall make one appointment each for the term July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, alternates may be appointed in the same manner as set forth above and shall have the same powers in the absence of the designated representatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor hereby appoints:

Administrator as Regular CD Committee Member; and
John Ruocco as Alternate CD Committee Member

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE GOVERNING Body hereby appoints:

Zoltan Horvath as Regular CD Committee Member; and
Frank Pizzella as Alternate CD Committee Member;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County of Bergen, Community Development, One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

[R20101](#) Resolution Appointing an Animal Control Officer for the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is in need of an individual to perform the services of Animal Control Officer and Cruelty Investigator for the Borough of Hillsdale; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has recommended the appointment of Police Officer Corey Rooney as the Borough’s Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that Police Officer Corey Rooney is hereby appointed as the Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator for the Borough of Hillsdale for a period of one year commencing on June 12, 2020 and ending June 11, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Police Department for their records.

[R20102](#) Resolution Appointing Local Registrar – Denise Kohan

WHEREAS, as per N.J.S.A. 26:8-11, et seq. the position of Local Registrar of Vital Statistics (Registrar) for the Borough of Hillsdale, has been created; and

WHEREAS, Denise Kohan having been certified as Registrar, was appointed on April 5, 2016 to fulfill the responsibilities of Certified Registrar for the Borough of Hillsdale and her term is now due to expire June 8, 2020; and

WHEREAS, for a Municipal Clerk serving as registrar the term shall be concurrent with his/her term of office of Municipal Clerk as per N.J.S.A. 26:8-13; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council hereby re-appoints Denise Kohan as Registrar for the concurrent term ending June 7, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to send a certified copy of this resolution to the State Registrar's Office.

[R20103](#) Resolution to Authorize the Extension of the Agreement with the Hillsdale Board of Education for Security Camera System Access

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale and the Hillsdale Board of Education entered into an agreement on April 25, 2018 regarding Security Camera System Access in each of its schools, which provides among other things, real-time video feed through each installed camera along with the current ability to access video records; and

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to the terms and have created an Agreement whereby the Hillsdale Police Department shall have access to the Computerized Security Camera System on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, this agreement commenced on April 25, 2018 and ends on June 30, 2019 with an understanding that this agreement may be extended upon the agreement of both parties, in writing no later than June 1, 2019 and then shall commence on July 1, 2019 and terminate on June 30, 2020 or as agreed to by each party; and

WHEREAS, both parties wish to extended this agreement commencing on July 1, 2020 and will terminate on June 30, 2021 with an understanding that this agreement may be extended upon the agreement of both parties, in writing no later than June 1, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that is the desire of the Borough Council of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to authorize the extension of the Agreement with the Hillsdale Board of Education, and all other appropriate Borough professionals are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of said document.

[R20104](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids to Provide a Non-Exclusive Lease to Permit Parking in the Borough Owned "West Lot" (Block 1105 Lot 2) on Saturdays and Sundays during the months of September and October 2020

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale maintains a parking lot within the Borough which is more commonly known as the "West Lot" for public parking purposes: and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body desires to Lease the "West Lot" to persons interested in securing parking on Saturdays and Sundays in the months of September and October, 2020;

WHEREAS, any such Lease will require public bidding and full compliance with the Local Public Contract's Law (NJSA 40A:11-1, et seq.)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Clerk is authorized to prepare bid documents and advertise for bids for the non-exclusive use of the Borough owned "West Lot" located at 425 Hillsdale Avenue; Block 1105 Lot 2 for parking on Saturdays and Sundays only during the months of September and October, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that all such bid documents shall specify that there is Two-Hundred (\$200.00) minimum bid price per day, but other conditions that in the determination of the Borough Staff and Professionals is required.

[R20105](#) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to submit a Declaration of Interest for the 2020 Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Improvements the Bergen

County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Memorial Field Recreation Area

WHEREAS, Bergen County has announced the availability of funds under the Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Bergen County Trust Fund Municipal Program for Park Improvements will award matching grants to Bergen County municipal governments for proposed Municipal park improvements at Memorial Field Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Interest needs to be submitted prior to the deadline of Monday, May 18, 2020; and

NOW THEREFORE, The Borough of Hillsdale Council authorizes the Mayor to approve such a declaration and the Borough Administrator to submit for said grant and to assure its participation in this program.

[R20106](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund – 25 Highland Avenue, Block 1806 Lot 12

WHEREAS, a duplicate tax payment has resulted in overpayment of taxes for 2020 on the properties listed below,

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

Block 1806 Lot 12
25 Highland Avenue
Refund to:
Corelogic

\$2,996.73

Total to be refunded

\$2,996.73

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember Pizzella

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

Nays: none

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020 AMENDED MUNICIPAL BUDGET:@ 8:00 pm

[2020 Amended Municipal Budget](#)

Motion to open public hearing on the Amended 2020 Municipal Budget Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Member Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath

Nays: none

Abstain: none

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding the Amended 2020 Municipal Budget, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I entertain a motion that the public hearing on be closed and that it be resolved that a copy of the 2020 Budget Introduction was available to the general public at the Hillsdale Free Public Library, Borough Hall and on-line.

Motion to close public hearing on the 2020 Amended Municipal Budget Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember Pizzella

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none
Abstain: none

DISCUSSION:

1. Borough Staffing Arrangements during Covid-19

Mayor Ruocco asked for the BA & CMFO to review the staffing arrangements that are currently in effect because they are greatly at variance with what the norm is in the private sector, PLUS, it has been my concern that employees might be better off furloughed given the generous unemployment benefits that workers could glean from a temporary furlough. The topic also bears vetting in public because with the upcoming vote on the budget tonight, AND the economic effects of the recession on many of our residents, I felt it necessary to have the Council and public understand why we are paying many employees, some FT some PT, their full wages when they are not able to be on the job, and in some cases, not able to telecommute.

The Borough Administrator explained that as of now Borough Employees are working on a rotating basis as to not have the full staff in the building at the same time. The DPW is also using the same type of schedule where they are rotating the staff as well.

2. How Borough Revenues have been affected by Pandemic: March – May

Mayor Ruocco asked the BA & CMFO to give Council an idea of what revenues could be like for the full year, given the economic recession, by looking at what we experienced in the first 4 ½ months of this year.

The BA and the CMFO distributed reports to show how revenues have affected the Borough from April to May 8th. The BA reminded everyone that this report is not the total year revenue, this is only what has been collected up to May 8th. There is still an opportunity to collect.

Councilmember Trochimiuk said that she is trying to get some sort of number that CMFO and the BA has that shows what we have lost. The Mayor responded that he doesn't think that it is correct to say that we have lost the revenue. The only thing that you can draw a conclusion from in the report is that we are running at a slow pace in in the first 4.5 months of the year. Our revenue is down from 2019. We are running a bit behind based on the 4.5 months. That may hold up for the next 7 months or whatever it may be. It may get better it may not.

Councilmember Lundy added that she doesn't think that it is fair to say that it won't get better. In some cases, it could just be a timing difference. The 40 or \$50,000 in FEMA money we received last year came in early. We will be getting that again this year, we just haven't yet. So, I don't think it's fair to say we will be down or worse in every case.

The CMFO stated that we are already seeing increases. He spoke to the bank and we will be seeing interest earned in our accounts that we never received interest on before. Our Court is now starting to hold virtual sessions which will increase revenue. Any releases in construction will begin to show in revenue. As the Governor lifts restrictions, we will begin to see an uptick in revenue.

Councilmember Trochimiuk asked that in our past discussions wasn't it up to the BA and the CMFO to track these types of expenses and to be aware of them as they are coming along? You need to gage them in terms of revenues lost and then you would have to adjust your spending to reflect that difference? The BA responded yes and we are prepared to discuss that under item #4.

3. Comparison of Borough Salary/wage expenses (pre-Covid to now)

Mayor Ruocco asked the BA and the CMFO to compare salaries pre-Covid and what we are incurring now. There really isn't much difference looking at both time periods. The salary data that he had and which Council has indicated that we could save about \$5,000.00 weekly if we furloughed part time workers in the Borough and in the library.

They might be financially better off if we did so because they would be paid more in unemployment benefits with the \$600.00 extra benefit that they would receive than what the Borough would pay them. But their duties in the Borough Hall would have to be reassigned, that would be the problem. The library could absorb furloughing employees a lot easier if the it remains closed. Employees are not in the building. From what I understand they were telecommuting, but the amount of work that is actually being done on a telecommuting basis isn't very measurable.

The Mayor wanted the council to bear in mind a couple of things:

- Much greater savings are achievable if you go beyond the limit of the part-time workers, if unionized members agree to the furlough plan

- Another reduction could be an across the board reduction in salary for all Borough Employees and Elected Officials. That's another option that the Council should be considering.

While it may be too early for the Council to decide on either one of those or another alternative, I just want the Council to think about whether you want to authorize the BA to lay down the ground work for any of these actions. Something that I think the council owes the BA tonight, so that we have viable options.

The BA added that outside of the 10 or so Department Heads that are not covered under a union, everyone else is covered under a collective bargaining agreement. This would require our labor counsel to go to each of these unions and request a meeting to discuss terms to negotiate those contracts to a reduction in force, furloughs or reductions in pay.

Councilmember Lundy said wouldn't you have to take it position by position because as you said certain people can do other people's jobs. There are a lot of things that come into play that I don't think it could be across the board, it would have to be position by position. The CMFO replied that you are correct. There are some positions that you cannot move as you need certain licenses to do that job. Plus, there is also segregation of duties. The BA added that he has begun to phase some employees back in because without them here physically other members of his staff are picking up their duties, which are then reducing their duties on a limited capacity. Its causing a workflow issue.

Councilmember Pizzella stated that he read for example that the Board of Education has been given guidance on retaining certain employees employed and paid. Have we gotten any direction from the state as to what we can do? Mayor Ruocco replied no, he's not aware of any such guidance. I think the state is struggling itself with this issue.

The CMFO said there is a Local Finance Notice that came out that the BA touched on earlier about recovery strategy. Depending upon the size of the municipality and location there is a list of positions that they consider to be always essential such as Health Care, Public Works, Administration, Finance, Land Use, Water and Sewer and IT. This is the guidance that we have gotten so far.

Councilmember Trochimiuk asked the BA in regards to the staffing levels that you sent us. You show furlough savings in percentages. Is this saying furloughs say for 50% of the time? The BA responded that yes this means they would work 50% of the time and be furloughed the other 50%. Councilmember Trochimiuk asked isn't that kind of what is being done now? Some are coming in some of the time and some are working from home like being furloughed except that they are still being paid isn't that what is being done?

The BA responded that no they are not furloughed. They have only been asked not to report to work as ordered by Executive Order 107 to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. I wouldn't classify that as a furlough.

Councilmember Trochimiuk said well we are kind of late to the game. We are two months into this, so shouldn't they have been furloughed two months ago? There is no point to furlough people now.

The BA said yes, we could have discussed this from the onset, however as I previously mentioned most of the employees here are covered by a bargaining unit. So, we would have to bring each unit to the table and have them agree to a furlough. In my experience, unions are not going to be quick to agree to a reduction in pay.

Yes, but I'm not talking about the Police, your schedule doesn't even have them included stated Councilmember Trochimiuk. You came up with a saving of \$10,000. The BA responded that we are talking about the 10 individuals that are outside the bargaining unit, which includes me, Denise, David, Gioia, Marguerite. If the council chooses to furlough us that's fine but the council will have to recognize that 50% of the government operation would default. There would be no one here to do those jobs. No marriage license would be issued, no taxes could be collected. The essential functions of the government wouldn't operate. Councilmember Trochimiuk said she is not suggesting that we do furloughs. You are not working full time, are you? The BA responded that yes, I am probably working 60-70 hours per week.

Some of your staff is coming in and some of your staff is not coming in correct? The BA responded that is correct and some work remotely.

Councilmember Trochimiuk asked is the library working from home? Should they be furloughed. The BA responded yes, they are working from home, some of them but they are governed by the Board of Trustees. Dave Franz, the Library Director has instructed them on certain tasks, professional development and I don't necessarily agree with that, but I don't really have a say in that decision.

Mayor Ruocco said that he is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Library and they have decided to continue to pay their employees even though they are not working. Initially when the library closed, they had them working on things that they could do from home. Now, it's my understanding there isn't much more to do from home. I have asked the Board of Trustees to consider this as the Borough being under financial stress, may not be able to provide the amount to the library in excess of the so-called 1/3mil that we are required to give the library. Traditionally the Borough has been generous with the library. Typically, we would give about \$139,000 to the library beyond what is required by the 1/3 mil. If the Borough is going to be struggling, I don't think it's in the best interest for the Borough to go beyond that. The BA and I have been discussing this issue with the Director and the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will have to make a decision soon as to the employees, and as the BA said, this is their decision. If they continue with the liberal approach, they are going to have problems, especially if the Borough doesn't not give them the extra funds. I have asked them to come up with a Plan B and hopefully they are doing that.

Councilmember Trochimiuk said that the resident, Jonathan DeJoseph brought up a point about overtime at the library. Who actually approves the payroll sheet? The BA responded that the Library Director signs off on that and I have already sent an email to the Director asking what that overtime is for. Councilwoman Trochimiuk said she thinks someone should follow up with this.

Mayor Ruocco said at this point to the Council, do you want the BA to begin to explore the possibilities with the Unions and other employees? Or do you prefer to wait down the road? Council President Horvath said I would think so at this point as its better to be prepared and face the issue that could come up.

Councilmember Pizzella said I do think that the BA that has to start working on what the future may look like. As more information comes about, we will have to adjust accordingly.

Councilmember Lundy said I think the BA is looking for more direction then come up with an alternate plan. I think we owe it to him to give him some sort of direction. I suggest that he start department by department and see where we can make cuts without hurting any services.

Mayor Ruocco said he has been doing a good job on that. The savings are not great and require more discretion on his part, sometime you can't just take a position and furlough them for 16 weeks. The Borough might not be able to provide the service if we do that. Safety is the number one thing that we provide in this Borough. The residents don't want to see a decline in services.

Councilmember Lundy asked so are we instructing the BA to start talking with the Bargaining Units because we are only going to incur Labor Attorney Fees. Do we want to add Attorney fees on top of everything else?

The Mayor said to answer your question sometimes to achieve greater things down the road, you have to spend some money now.

Councilmember Escobar said I really think that the BA has already started this and doesn't really need our blessing, but of course he is going to have it.

Councilmember DeRosa said I think it's fair to give the BA some direction. I think we all realize this situation continues to be influx. I think it's good to have options and I would be in favor of having the BA look into this.

The BA added that he just wanted direction to move forward with labor counsel to meet with the 3 Bargaining Units

Councilmember Pizzella said it's a good idea to have a plan in place, it sends a message that you took the time to think it out. I wouldn't reach out to labor counsel until you come up with a plan that you feel comfortable with.

Councilmember Escobar feels that the BA should sit with the Department Heads first because once you involve the labor counsel, I think everyone will start to panic and the conversation could take a different turn.

Councilmember DeRosa feels the same way if you don't have to approach labor counsel first. The BA has spoken already with the Department Heads but he can meet with them again and come up with some numbers to share with CouncilThe only hurdle that the Borough will face here is the terms with those bargaining units.

Councilmember Lundy said that she will go the unpopular route and say that we have \$45,000.00 savings in our own stipends.

Mayor Ruocco stated that if you want to make a motion to have the Council forfeit their stipends you can do so tonight.

Councilmember Lundy said that is my suggestion.

Councilmember DeRosa said he personally would consider that so let's use it as an option. If down the line we need it, I would do that as well as Councilmember Lundy. It's there if we need it.

The BA stated that he has the guidance that he was looking for. He will sit down and have a more formal discussion with the Department Heads and come up with a plan. If need be, he will call a Special Council Meeting to discuss with the Council in Executive Session.

4. Potential "worst case" austerity measures to control operating & capital expenses

Mayor Ruocco had asked the BA to make good on his commitment to give this council before we voted on the budget a more detailed understanding of what appropriations in the 2020 budget could be frozen or canceled altogether, if necessary, due to revenues becoming more uncertain since we first introduced the budget and even since we amended the budget. So while this Council may approve the amended budget, it is necessary to adopt an austerity approach to spending. I am looking for specific items from the BA as to items that could be held back in terms of spending until revenues are better known.

The BA said that in his report to the council it states what the O/E (operating expenses) is for the Borough and it will be monitored over the next several weeks in order to evaluate the need for specific items for Borough Operations to maintain services and public safety within the Borough that the residents have come to expect and deserve. The CMFO and I will monitor the expenses and take a conservative approach on spending to maintain an appropriate cash flow based on an uncertain financial position that we face. Cash flow will be imperative as the Borough has certain statutory payments as I have noted earlier. The CMFO and I will continue to monitor the Boroughs revenue sources, parallel to Borough expenditures to ensure our financial position at the end of the calendar year 2020 is appropriate in order to create a 2021 budget that would not potentially place a burden on the tax payer. It would be difficult to say what appropriation lines will or will not be expensed as multiple contracts and services are necessary to the operation of the Borough. Those expenses that can be monitored will be. If the budget is adopted tonight as amended tonight, I again will remind Department Heads that only essential purchases shall be made. Reports on revenues and expenditures as well as collections will be included going forward in the meeting packet once we have an approved final budget.

Collections for the second quarter have been high despite the grace period extension.

My recommendation is to have the Council approve the introduction to the Capital Ordinance tonight and then it will be up for adoption on June 9th. This will allow for the Road Program to be bid and roads paved prior to fall and the opening of our schools. The rest will be based on need.

Councilmember Horvath asked the BA if he has looked into Shared Services for anything to save us money. The BA said yes, we may have one option, however I don't think we can discuss at the current moment as I have not notified the employees of that department. However, as a small Municipality, I do not think there would be too much benefit to a lot of the shared services.

Mayor Ruocco said, thinking in terms of priority, you had said the road program would move ahead and it is a priority for you. All else in the Capital Budget, you would freeze but you would be open to the right argument or the need, is that correct? The BA responded yes that is correct. The CMFO added that reports were already run to see the effect on what we have been trying to do. If you run the report from this time last year, we are already \$60,000.00 less in spending. Our expenditures are pretty consistent. A lot of them have multiyear contract. We have the same expenses pretty much the same every year. The biggest bang for your buck comes with the Improvement Capital. Things like supplies, education etc. don't really add up too much. Mayor Ruocco said that he did not hear you say, something that you had mentioned before was about the front loader and that you felt that we needed to move ahead with that. Is that correct?

The BA responded that yes that it correct. It is necessary for the upcoming leaf season and for the price that it is offered at this time. The only other item that I mentioned is for the Borough Hall building security, which is also beneficial to the safety of the employees and our residents. The rest will be on a need basis.

Councilmember Lundy asked the BA that if the Borough puts up some type of plastic shields and other security and safety measures, would this be covered by FEMA? The BA said that he believes some of it will be reimbursable by FEMA if we do it the right way.

Councilmember Lundy said on the overall expenses, I said it in a finance meeting. As far as appropriations, I am not going to go line by line, I will leave it to the BA and the CMFO. They are going to be accountable to us. They know what to do, I am not going to nickel and dime them.

Councilmember Horvath asked if some of things that you will be spending, will you be coming back to the council or are you just going to do it? The BA responded that it is his and the CMFO; s job to make those decisions. I think the Capital Program as I mentioned, if the Department Heads come to me with a need's basis, I will bring it to that committee and the liaison and then ultimately bring it to Council for resolution.

Councilmember DeRosa stated that he has a great deal of confidence in the Borough Administrator and the CMFO. I don't know really how much is changing here. We will continue to look at expenditures as they come along.

Councilmember Escobar added that he doesn't think micromanaging is a good thing. We all have a lot of confidence in Chris. He knows how we feel and at the end, he will be accountable to us.

The Mayor stated that before we take up the budget, I wanted to make a comment about Stonybrook which does relate to the Budget and something the Council should be aware of. Stonybrook has not been able to cover their expenses for several years. If the Governor allows pools to open, Stonybrook is likely to lose more money this year due then it otherwise would have due to the pandemic. Membership commitments are significantly reduced and we have already spent several tens of thousands of dollars doing the basic work needed to prepare for opening. This council needs to decide quickly what its tolerance is for more losses and what is fair to expect from the tax payer since they would have to pick up any net operating loss. Having the taxpayers pick up any losses would be a precedent I intend to call a Special Council Meeting to discuss this topic. I raise it now because there is an unfortunate impact that passing the budget that will affect the Stonybrook situation. Every year we contract with a company to open and do maintenance on the pool throughout the summer and work in the fall and then to close the pool for the winter. That cost is significant, its approximately \$175,000.00. If the Governor allows pools to be open or even if the Council decides not to open the pools, we may have to encumber some of those contractual expenses. We don't know what that amount could be. If the budget has no funds for Stonybrook, then it would remove us from that contractual obligation. So, if the Governing Body decides not to adopt this budget and directs the Borough Administrator and the CFO to come up with another budget at a subsequent council meeting then the contract for \$175,000 would not be enforceable. Because there would be no funds in the budget to open the pool this year. Now that is a positive, but you have to balance that with not adopting the current budget. That is for the Council to evaluate. I just wanted the council to be aware.

The CMFO stated from the finance part of this, we can't just not have a Stonybrook Budget. You can't just make it zero. Expenditures have already been made and we will need a minimum of what we spent and any additional of what you think we may need whether the pool opens or not. The Mayor says that is a good point. It doesn't have to be zero but I will leave that up to the Borough Administrator and Borough Attorney to find out. The BA reminded the Council that the budget cannot be any less than what has already been appropriated through the two temporary budgets.

Councilmember Lundy brought up what the Borough Attorney had mentioned the force majeure, wouldn't that come in to play as well based on the restrictions from the Executive Order that it would make it impossible to operate?

Borough Attorney Madio stated that in the concept of a force majeure, it is an order or an extension of an executive order by the Governor would make it lawfully impossible to open the pool. That of course would be a valid reason for not opening the pool and would likely leave everyone off the hook on both sides. In reference to what the CMFO said, because it's a multi-year contract the budget has to take into consideration funding for each year. In the contract it does specifically say that in continuation of the terms of the contact beyond the fiscal year, is contingent on the availability of funds for the following years budget. In the event of such unavailability of such funds, the owner reserves the right to cancel the contract. Continuation of the contract beyond the fiscal year is contingent on the availability of funds in the following year's budget. It appears to indicate the following year's funds in the budget. This is the language that I wanted to get out there.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa
Discussion:

The Mayor asked if there was any discussion at this point? Councilmember Lundy stated that she thought that the Mayor mentioned that the BA would give us his views on what the consequences would be if the budget did not pass tonight. Mayor Ruocco responded that yes, he gave the BA that option because there was this issue that if you don't pass the budget tonight, the little potential savings with respect to what the Borough Attorney and I alluded to. But there are negatives to not passing the budget. One of the items that I talked about is the ability to do the Road Program and complete that in a timely fashion, to go out to bid so that the roads get paved before the schools are opened. In a webinar that I attended relating to Corona Virus Relief Bonds, several Mayors indicated that they were in the throes of producing their budgets, and were asking should they wait to get better estimates of revenues, should they proceed? The advice that we are getting from our auditors and those administrators that our BA spoke with is that we can proceed rather safely to go on the basis of our revenue projections, with the understanding that we monitor the spending and be able to suppress the appropriated spending. This is what the BA has promised to do for us and so I lay that out there when considering the budget.

The CMFO added that we also run the risk of being non-compliant with the current Local Finance Notice regarding the budget adoption date in that the budget has to be adopted by May 31st or the next meeting thereafter. By not adopting it at this meeting it could push us to passed that deadline, which could put you in bad graces with the state. You would not be in compliance with the current deadlines if you choose not to adopt to tonight.

Councilmember Lundy asked the CMFO if the removal of the appropriation that the Mayor was referring to in Stonybrook would fall into that category of 10% of the overall budget or just the Stonybrook Budget, would that cause us to have to advertise the budget? The CMFO said its 10% of any one line. Councilmember Lundy said then would that cause us to reintroduce the budget? The CMFO responded no, not reintroduce, but you would have to have a hearing on the amendment, then another waiting period, then another adoption, which I don't think it would be done by June 9th.

The Mayor stated that we have a motion and a second, so I would like to call for a roll call vote.

Ayes: Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath (he added that one of the reasons why he voted no on it last time on the budget as he wanted clarification on how we are going to tighten our belt and the BA has answered some of those questions), Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Abstain: none

ORDINANCES: (Introductions & Adoption):

20-07 (Adoption)

AN ORDINANCE THAT PROVIDES FOR AND DETERMINES THE RATE, AMOUNT, AND METHOD OF PAYMENT COMPENSATION TO PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN OFFICE AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 20-07 Councilmember DeRosa Second Councilmember Lundy

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: none

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 20-07, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 20-07 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Mayor Ruocco stated that not seeing anyone, I will call for a Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 20-07 Councilmember DeRosa Second Councilmember Lundy

Ayes: Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath Nays: none
Abstain: none

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 20-07 Councilmember Lundy, Second Councilmember DeRosa
Mayor Ruocco asked if anyone would like to discuss this ordinance?

Councilmember Trochimiuk stated that this ordinance was brought forth at the last meeting. I had some commentary as not understanding the purpose of this, these large dollar amounts put into the maximum column. Right now, I see that the exact document has been resubmitted maybe the work or was inserted, but what I would like addressed at minimum I would like address that in the title of the ordinance is the words "maximum" would be put in. The way it reads right now is that each employee set forth in this section shall receive annual compensation as set forth below. I don't understand why it says that. And I don't understand where these dollar amounts came from. For example, you put \$150,000 next to your (the BA's) name, will you be submitting another one of these next year? The BA responded no. There has been this same ordinance with this working over the past ten years. The statutory requirement of the Borough is to adopted an ordinance that determines the rate amount and method of payment of compensation for persons holding certain offices and positions. So, we are required to provide a schedule of what maximum salaries for titles by employees held here at the Borough. Historically, the Borough has done this every year. However, it's my intention to escalate the salaries in the maximums as to not have to advertise this every year. Any salary increases will be brought by resolution for a council decision to pass.

Borough Attorney Madio stated that under that section 2 – that table says maximum, perhaps it would be more acceptable if we add the word maximum to the text to match the table and it could make people more comfortable. Mayor Ruocco added that we should add the word maximum to the title as well. Since the BA explained that this will cover several years, it makes it more understandable. Borough Attorney Madaio said to make it clearer, lets add the word maximum to the title, lets add the word maximum in section 2, and in section 1 about half way in the paragraph add to be "the maximum" after the word to be determined. With those changes we are adding the word maximum three times, which is exactly what is reflected in the table and it makes it a little bit clearer without being a wholesale change that might require reintroduction.

Council President Horvath said he is still not happy with this outline. I would like to see the minimums. I would like to see what each particular salary is for each position. If those large numbers are realized, how long does it take to get there, the procedure it takes to get to that point. Right now, you are putting those big numbers out there that have no timeline on it. Theoretically each one of those numbers can be paid this year.

Councilmember Lundy replied that I think you are missing the point here. There will be a resolution that will list all the positions and the salaries.

Borough Attorney clarified that the ordinance sits for the next several years and each year you just do a resolution. The actual salary will be set each year based on a resolution.

The BA added that as he said at the first meeting that this is an attempt to save the borough money because you have to advertise an ordinance twice and there is a cost for it. Secondly this is the same wording and the same title that it has been over the past 10-15 years. The only difference is that in the past the maximum was the exact salary. If the Council wants me to reword it-- that's fine. I can do an ordinance every year and state the salary. Councilmember Horvath replied that this is what he would like to see.

Councilmember DeRosa said that ordinance has a column that has in big caps "maximum."

It doesn't show the minimum and it doesn't show what it takes to get to that maximum stated Councilmember Horvath. Those maximums mean that those people are entitled to that number. Councilmember Trochimiuk added that you could put a million dollars in that column, these numbers are irrelevant. The council still has to get together to approve what each person is getting. Technically it doesn't matter what is on there. It precludes from having the Borough put forth an ordinance every time you want to give somebody a raise. This verbiage may be the same as the past, but the last column used to be the actual salary. So, if you wanted to give somebody a raise you had to redo the ordinance. I can understand that. Is anyone against writing the word "maximum" to the heading or into those sections. I brought this up at the last meeting and I was ignored. I'm sure that you have the votes to pass it, but it just means that you disregarded anything that I had to said to you last time or this time. I am still going to comment.

Councilmember DeRosa replied that I think its valid but its just covered. Its redundant but at this point, I will acquiesce.

Borough Attorney Madio said that he suggested that we add maximum to the title and added maximum to section 2 and added maximum to section 1, I thought this was a given at this point.

Mayor Ruocco said I think what I am hearing, there is a concern that maximum here create some type of expectation in the resident's minds and employee minds. I have seen this document several times. This document is really not effective. For me, this document is useless. We only do it because it had to be done under the law. If it has got to be done, I think the recommendations that the Attorney makes are good, but I would like to know how, you, as the Borough Administrator how you will make available to the public the actual salaries that we pay people in the Borough. The BA responded that as he mentioned at the last meeting and again, he is acknowledging at this meeting, he will bring a resolution to the council for approval at the June 9th meeting that will have the exact salaries for 2020.

Councilmember Pizzella asked if this the salary ordinance is required by law and we do this every year?

Borough Attorney Madio responded that yes this is something that you do every year, but what the BA is trying to do is save the Borough money because if you give someone a raise you would have to redo the ordinance and pay to have it advertised twice each time. This way you only have to change the resolution and there is no publishing cost for it.

Borough Clerk Kohan read the ordinance with the changes to make sure everyone is on the same page:

In the title of Ordinance 20-07, the word "Maximum" will be added as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE MAXIMUM 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

Then in Section 1, the word "maximum" will be added 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 the maximum 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 or maximum rate of compensation the employee or officer shall be compensated at an annual rate within such range.

Then in Section 2 the word maximum will be added as follows:

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

Borough Attorney Madio said we just added the word maximum three times in the ordinance, I don't think that's a significant change, so I think the council should vote one time on the ordinance as we marked it up.

Since we added the three words into it, we should re-motion now with the three hand written changes:

Motion: Councilmember Pizzella Second: Councilmember Lundy

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Pizzella, Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Lundy

Nays: Council President Horvath

Abstain: none

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

20-08 (Introduction)

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,273,712 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED

SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND FROM VARIOUS GRANTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 20-08 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 June 9, 2020 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 Councilmember Pizzella Second Councilmember DeRosa

Ayes: Trochimiuk, DeRosa, Escobar, Council President Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella

Nays: none

Abstain: none

The Mayor opened the meeting to the Public.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Beshara 11 Watson Place: I appreciate everybody putting their time and effort into these meetings, I hear items tonight about Stonybrook and other items on the docket concerning furloughs and things like that. Both my wife and I are on reduced salaries as are other residents in town. We lived in town for 10 years and our taxes have gone up every year. It is 2 months in and nothing has really been addressed to look at the things. When you are trying to run an efficient business there are people that have to take a step back. I was told by my employer that I have to take a 50% salary reduction and I told my employer that I get it. We are not producing the revenues that we were. As a town we are not producing the revenues that we are. Its going to be a long time. Even when it comes to the pool. Even if the Governor allows the pool to open, some people may still not be comfortable with going. That being said it doesn't mean that we want the pool to be closed. We love the pool and we want to see everyone succeed. A reduced salary or a furlough hasn't even been discussed with this council. What are we doing? I think everyone needs to take a step back and reduce the cost of living in this town for us to live without a deficit in 2020-2021-2022. Again, we are 2 months into this and it doesn't seem that there has been any type of preparation into the realization that people are not working in the capacity that they were before.

Michael DiBartolo – Fairhaven Drive – my comment has to deal with the front-end loader that was one of the line items that was brought up in the budget of as an essential piece. What is the cost of that item? The Mayor responded that it is \$150,000.00 I believe. The BA confirmed this as well. Is that deemed essential? When was the last time they received a front loader? The Mayor responded that he thinks that the current front loader has been around for at least 20 years. The equipment that we are using now has reached its end of its useful life and there is a concern that this equipment may not make it to the leaf season and use for the snow. The BA confirmed that the current front-end loader has reached its end of its useful life as the DPW indicated. It would be beneficial in the upcoming leaf and snow season. If we do not purchase this equipment we would have to go out and rent one, which I don't believe would be economical.

Mr. DiBartolo said he doesn't mean to be rude but I know that there are two loaders down there and one was bought about three years ago. Does anyone have a comment about that?

The DPW Superintendent responded that the loader that was replaced was in 2016. That already has 1600 hours on it, because this is the main loader. The 2000 loader has 5000 hours on it and now it's getting to the point that its breaking down and needing more repairs than what it's worth.

Mr. DiBartolo asked if its really necessary for the town to make this type of expenditure in the pandemic moment of time while we can still get good use out of the old one and we still have the new one? The DPW Superintendent gave his opinion that it is. No matter what happens with the pandemic, I still need to pick leaves up. I still need a full crew and equipment to pick up the leaves in November and December.

Mr. DiBartolo said he understood, he is a public worker himself. Between the number of employees that you have and the equipment that you are going to use, is it necessary to run them out. Can't you survive another couple of years and run them out? The DPW Superintendent replied no we can't. In the past 2 years you have bought several pieces of equipment. I know that you just bought a vacuum last year. The DPW Superintendent said that the 20 years before he was employed here, there were no equipment purchases. If equipment keeps breaking down, I have to replace it.

The Mayor added that the front loader gets used for more than just leaves. It's a multiple use piece of equipment.

Mr. DiBartolo said I get the buying of equipment; I just think the spacing out of buying this equipment is more tax efficient.

The Mayor responded that your comments are well taken. I think the DPW Superintendent and the BA have researched this type of equipment and have come to the conclusion that the existing piece is too risky and we need to replace it. I think this is the time to worry about old equipment breaking down when we need it.

Ted Panagopoulos – 7 Baylor Avenue – Is this venue something that you are going to continue with in regards to Council Meetings? I feel that its very convenient and open up the process to a lot of families in town that down have time to be involved as consistently as we would like. Is this something that we are doing now because of the current situation or is this something that we will be continuing? The Mayor responded that we could consider it, but I believe that the effort on part of the state is to get back to business as quickly as we can on the dais. When that will happen, I can't tell you as it depends upon the Governor and the situation that is happening. For the foreseeable future I think is the way that we will be conducting council meetings.

Councilmember Pizzella said this is very convenient, but it's hard to have conversations as you can't always hear everyone and internet connections. I am glad that is has gotten more people involved. But it has a lot of problems with it.

Mr. Panagopoulos added that he would really like to see this format even when we get back to a hugging like status to be able to have the convenience to part of this process.

Bob Cinicon – Hillsdale Avenue inquired about Stonybrook. One of the things that I think that you are leaving out is the aquatic club that can bring in revenue as well. It doesn't offset that whole nut that we are talking about but it would help somewhat and bring in some revenue. We don't want to underestimate the value of the pool to the community and the families. If it can be opened in a safe manner. I hope that the council hasn't made a decision of this because it would have a ripple effect on the whole family. I just hope you take that into consideration.

Michael DiBartlo – Fairhaven Drive – In regards to what Bob just said in regards to the cutting in Stonybrook, it is a lot of peoples concern tonight. It's the number 1 pool in the county. Back to the loaders as seeing that we are going to have three loaders is there a thought in selling the third loader? What would the value be and maybe that could help in offsetting the cost of Stonybrook? The DPW Superintendent stated that he received a quote for \$5000.00 for the 2000 Loader.

The Mayor asked if there was anyone else that wanted to address the council? Hearing no one, the Mayor closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

OFF-CONSENT:

The Mayor stated that there is one item left and I would like to table that resolution - 20107 as we have 6 months to pass this resolution according to JIF.

[R20107](#) Resolution Approving the Bylaws of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

[Backup](#)

WHEREAS, The Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter the "FUND" and;

WHEREAS, Recent changes were made to the FUND'S bylaws; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing conducted on March 19, 2020 the Executive Committee of the FUND distributed the proposed bylaw amendment to the membership for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, these revised bylaws must be ratified by at least three fourths of the member towns before they can become effective.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale that the revised bylaws are hereby ratified.

Motion to table Councilmember Trochimiuk Second Councilmember Horvath
Ayes: Escobar, Council President Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella, Trochimiuk, DeRosa
Nays: none
Abstain: none

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Councilmember DeRosa would like to thank the residents who were able to make their quarterly tax payments. Its times like these that people ask themselves. Why did I go into my line of work, like a nurse, a fireman, a school teacher? If you ask these people today, they would respond because they want to help people. I don't think many of these people signed up for a pandemic like this, but I am glad that they are there and I just want to say thank you.

Council President Horvath just wanted to say in regards to the budget that he would like some due diligence on that. (Microphone stopped working)

Councilmember Pizzella wants to thank all the essential workers and his wife who is also an essential worker. Please everyone take care of yourself. I think it's great for all those that are signing onto the meeting and getting involved. I think it's great.

Councilmember Lundy first would like to thank Denise Kohan on her appointment. All her dedication and hard work is evident every day. We are fortunate to have her here in Hillsdale. I would also like to thank the DPW. Its DPW week and I would like to thank all of them for putting themselves out there and doing what they do. I appreciate everything that you are doing. Lastly, I would like to thank all the first responders and essential workers for everything that they are doing. Stay Safe.

Councilmember Trochimiuk would like to thank everyone that came online for the meeting. I think there were 64 people online. I don't remember it every being that high. I think its great. To the person that spoke about continuing the meetings online after we go back to having them in chambers, I think it's a good idea and maybe we could do something like that as it gets more people involved.

Mayor Ruocco said he wanted to end on a note of gratitude. Much deserved praise has been going to our first responders in Hillsdale for their service during the pandemic. One sector of our community may have not drawn the attention it rightly deserves and that is our public health nursing staff. This is particularly appropriate given that May is National Skilled Nurses Month. All of us know from the news reports how the nursing community has been called to the front lines in dealing with the virus. It has struck me all too close to home as my family as I have been dealing with several nurses that have been attending to my mom who has tested positive for the virus. I would like to personally thank our 2 public health nurses Marguerite Deppert and Lois Kohan for their long hours that they have devoted to the crisis. Marguerite and Lois have been monitoring and tracking and reporting numerous positive cases here in town and haves been in touch with them and their families. They have been interacting with Northwest Bergen Regional to ensure that our citizens remain safe and that the requirements of the county and state are met. I also want to add that Lois Kohan has also been involved with our food pantry in making sure that the needs of our residents are being met. Thank you both for all the work that you do.

Councilmember Horvath wanted to thank the council for taking up all the important issues as you see how it is important to the town as a whole. We had a lot of people come on and listen. This teleconferencing could be something that we can do in the future, as Council member Trochimiuk said, maybe once a week, maybe once a month, At least people can come board and see what they have to say.

My yes vote on the budget is assuming that we do our due diligence and is predicated on us not spending money. I don't want to see the town held back; I don't want to see people laid off but we need to do what's good for the town as a whole.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

All in favor:

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE
9, 2020 7:30 pm**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED