

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 24, 2023 via the Zoom Platform only.

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor Ruocco called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a Special meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

Please silence all cell phones. Please wait to be recognized by the Mayor during the Public Hearing and the Public Comment part of the meeting. You will need to state your name and town of residence for the record.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council President DeRosa, Council Members Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Mayor Ruocco, (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

Councilman Horvath called for a point of order and asked in order for the cote to count do you have to be able to see the person on the monitor other than just their names. Mark Madaio stated is not a deal either way, but most people should show themselves. All members can now be seen on the screen.

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

Mayor Ruocco opened the public comment period. Seeing no one wishing to speak, he closed the public comment period.

**RESOLUTIONS (R23092 thru R23093):**

[R23092](#) Resolution to Amend the Grant Agreement for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for ADA Compliant Improvements at Memorial Field Park

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Borough of Hillsdale wishes to amend the Grant Agreement #PV-HILL-02-21 for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for ADA Compliant Improvements at Memorial Park Field with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$50,000.00 in 2021 Community Development Block Grant Funds in

conjunction with the additional \$34,000.00 awarded for a total amount of \$84,000.00 to be used for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for ADA Compliant Improvements at Memorial Park Field; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes Mike Ghassali, Borough Administrator to be the signor to the amended Grant Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes Mike Ghassali, Borough Administrator to sign all county vouchers to be submitted in conjunction with the aforesaid project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, recognizes that the Borough of Hillsdale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the aforesaid Grant Agreement; and that the liability of the Borough of Hillsdale is in accordance with HUD requirements.

[R23093](#) Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for ADA Compliant Improvements at Memorial Field Park

**WHEREAS**, a Community Development Block Grant was awarded in the amount of \$84,000.00 to the Borough of Hillsdale for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant – ADA Compliant Improvements – Memorial Field Park; and

**WHEREAS**, bids were solicited from four contractors to perform all the work specified under the project specification; and

**WHEREAS**, Ranco Mechanical LLC of 2 Melba Drive Newton, New Jersey submitted the lowest responsible and responsive bid in the amount not to exceed \$76,400.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, the contract be awarded to Ranco Mechanical, LLC for the Borough of Hillsdale for the ADA Compliant Improvements at Memorial Field Park; and

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Ranco Mechanical LLC will be reimbursed with Community Development Block Grant Funds for this project and that the Mayor, the Borough Clerk, the Borough Engineer are authorized to take any and all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

[R23094](#) Resolution Awarding a Contract for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant for Stonybrook Swim Club ADA Bathroom Accessories

**WHEREAS**, a Community Development Block Grant was awarded in the amount of \$7,500.00 to the Borough of Hillsdale for the FY 2020-2021 Community Development Block Grant – Stonybrook Swim Club ADA Bathroom Accessories; and

**WHEREAS**, quotes were solicited from three contractors to perform all the work specified under the project specification; and

**WHEREAS**, Peterson Plumbing, 158 Spring Valley Road, Montvale, New Jersey 07645 submitted the lowest responsible and responsive quote in the amount not to exceed \$2,550.00; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, the contract be awarded to Peterson Plumbing for the Borough of Hillsdale for the Stonybrook Swim Club ADA Bathroom Accessories; and

**NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Peterson Plumbing will be reimbursed with Community Development Block Grant Funds for this project and that the Mayor, the Borough Clerk, the Borough Engineer are authorized to take any and all necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

Motion Trochimiuk Second DeRosa

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

Nays: none

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn Trochimiuk Second DeRosa

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

Nays: none

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED