

Mayor Sheinfield Opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and giving the Open Public Meeting Statement. This is a Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 7th day of January, 2025. 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.

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Sheinfield called Councilwomen Elect Melissa Mazza Chiong and her family up to administer her oath. Mayor Sheinfield called Councilman Elect Robert Colletti Jr and his family to join him up front. Mayor Robert Colletti Sr. gave a brief family history and then administered the oath to Robert Coletti Jr.

Melissa Mazza-Chiong – Councilmember	Term ending 12/31/27	Mayor Michael Sheinfield
Robert Colletti Jr. – Councilmember	Term Ending 12/31/27	Mayor Robert Colletti

Both Councilmembers joined the council on the dais.

Borough Clerk Kohan took the roll call of the 2025 Hillsdale Municipal Council:

- Mayor Michael Sheinfield
- Councilmember Robert Colletti, Jr.
- Councilmember Justin Fox
- Councilmember Melissa Mazza-Chiong
- Councilmember Clemente Osso
- Councilmember John Ruocco
- Councilmember Janetta Trochimiuk

All were in attendance except Councilman Fox who arrived approximately at 6:15 pm.

RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Sheinfield recognized Mary Amoroso from the County Commissioners Office. She presented Robert Colletti Jr and Melissa Mazza Chiong with Commendations for their roles as councilmembers.

Ester Fletcher from We Do, an organization that encourages women to run for office, presented Councilmember Mazza Chiong with a certificate of achievement for successfully not just running a campaign but for being elected into office.

Councilmember Melissa Mazza Chiong is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as councilwoman for the Borough of Hillsdale. She is honored to have the chance to held build the kind of community that we all envision for ourselves and our children. She thanked her family and friends for all of their support.

Councilmember Robert Colletti, Jr. acknowledged all the mayors that are in attendance and thanked them for their service. He thanked his running mate, John Escobar for his 6 years of service to the community as Councilman. He thanked his family for their support as well as the current council. He feels that it’s important to operate as a team and he is honored to be a part of this governing body. He promises to be diligent in his

research and to make every decision on the greater good of the community in the most financially sound way as possible.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS:

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

Mayor Sheinfield welcomed and congratulations to Melissa Mazza Chiong and Bob Colletti for being elected to council last November 2024.

It was a productive year not without its challenges the 2023 mayor and Council made progress on many matters and positioned us well heading into to 2024. At this time last year, we had a flooded DPW with the team working offsite in Woodcliff Lake, as well as the police department was flooded out downstairs and they were crammed into the chambers behind us. Due to retirements and medical leaves the police department was also short staffed. The public meeting room as well as the main public vestibule was under construction. Centennial Field needed significant repairs and improvements. Seasonal rains had made playing games at Memorial Field challenging as well our borough website was outdated and residents didn't find it user friendly.

Residents as well as some members of council expressed their concerned over what they believe was a lack of transparency from the governing body while outside of our jurisdiction, Hillsdale residents were deep into considering a second referendum regarding much needed renovations to our middle school.

Now the good news, we've made progress in all of these issues but the work isn't complete. New challenges must be addressed in 2025. The police are back in their renovated Department downstairs and we brought in two new Patrol officers to fill vacancies. Work is also well underway at Centennial Field and we are confident the improvements will be completed by Spring of this year and the kids will be able to use those fields.

The renovations to date at the DPW have allowed the team to return to work under one roof sooner than expected. We have upgraded the borough website; it's still a work in progress however we now have the right tools in place to make it more useful and informative for our residents.

I campaigned on saving money for our residents by connecting our Municipal and Board of Education buildings to the county fiber ring and I'm pleased to report that tomorrow borough hall will be the first building in Hillsdale connected to the county fiber ring with the anticipation of more buildings to follow close behind.

I thank everyone on the staff involved in making this happen. We are one of the first handful of Bergen County municipalities to go live with this cost savings shared service. We signed an agreement with Westwood and merged our courts together to save money for our residents and bring greater efficiency to the process. We will soon be announcing the addition of another town to our paid ambulance program. This will bring in needed revenue to Hillsdale without impacting the existing service to our residents in any way. We are awaiting a proposal from the fields committee via the Recreation Committee with input and support from Colliers Engineering to address the work needed at Memorial Field. Let me pause for a moment to reiterate what I said to the many residents who came to speak before the mayor and council at the end of last year nothing's been decided yet.

We know there are passionate feelings on both sides of this topic. We're thankful for everyone who took the time to participate in this process. We will take your concerns and wishes into consideration as this process evolves and we will continue to welcome your input with transparency in mind. We started a video series to keep residents updated on important topics. So far, we've done a video on DPW repairs and then on the field renovations. We send these videos out to residents via our weekly email blasts and make them permanently available on the borough website and our social media platforms I encourage everyone to sign up for the newsletter through the website. It's my hope to put out videos on a regular basis and I welcome your input on topics to cover.

We're hard at work putting together the plans for a new cell tower on the east side of town. We're working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding the final cleanup of the downtown site of the former Alexander Dry Cleaners. We've been informed that the cleanup will begin in the next couple of months and be completed before the summer.

Affordable housing; we're on track to meet the mandated deadline set out in the law sign signed by our governor early last year. Round four will not be without its challenges but we are committed to following the process while also strongly advocating for a number of units which is reasonable and realistic for our community. The new housing development in the industrial park off Patterson Street is moving along and we anticipate welcoming new residents to that location in the first half of 2026.

This new housing complex brings with it a much-needed Community Center accessible to all residents of Hillsdale. We are working with Westwood, Rivervale and The Township of Washington exploring Federal Mandate options to address the flooding in our region. We will take the work done in 24 and build on it in 2025 despite the most careful planning unanticipated issues always arise I am confident that the people on this day and the people working for the Borough of Hillsdale both directly and through external agreements and contracts are ready to meet whatever might come our way.

I look forward to the new year and I know, speaking for the council when I say thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve this great community.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

I now ask for a nomination put forward to be elected as Council president for the year 2025.

Nomination(s) has/have been made for: Clemente Osso

Motion: Colletti Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

Mayor Sheinfield administered the Oath for Council President to Clemente Osso.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY: *(Mayor appointment with advice and consent of Council)*

Mayor Sheinfield presents the name of Mark D. Madaio, Esq., 29 Legion Drive, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 as Borough Attorney for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2025.

[25000](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Borough Attorney

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Mark D. Madaio, Esq. 29 Legion Drive, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract for services to be awarded to with Mark D. Madaio at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes and directs the Borough Administrator to enter into a contract/retainer agreement with Mark D. Madaio through December 31, 2025 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

Motion: Trochimiuk Second: Colletti

Ayes: Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

BY~LAWS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Council Members propose changes to the By-Laws for the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2025.

2024 BY-LAWS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE

BERGEN COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Adopted: January 7, 2025

ARTICLE 1- THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Section 1. The mayor and six Council members shall constitute the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale, which Governing Body shall be known as "The Mayor and Council".

ARTICLE 2 - THE MAYOR

Section 1. The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the Borough.

Section 2. The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Body.

Section 3. The mayor shall not vote except in the case of a tie among those Council Members voting.

Section 4. The mayor shall see that the laws of the State of New Jersey and the ordinances of the Borough are faithfully executed and shall recommend to the Governing Body such measures, as the Mayor may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Borough.

Section 5. The mayor shall use his or her authority to maintain peace and good order in the Borough and has the power to suppress all riots and tumultuous illegal assemblies in the Borough.

Section 6. The mayor shall on all occasions preserve the order and decorum at the deliberations of the Governing Body. The mayor shall cause the removal of any persons who interrupt the proceedings of the Governing Body.

Section 7. When two or more Council members arise or attempt to speak at the same time, the Mayor shall determine the order of speaking.

Section 8. The mayor shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Council.

Section 9. In the absence of the Mayor, the President of the Council shall preside.

- Section 10. In the absence of both the Mayor and the President of the Council, the Council member who is senior in length of service on the Council shall preside.
- Section 11. The mayor shall have the authority to execute contracts in behalf of the Borough, approved by the Governing Body 1, and to sign checks and warrants or payments approved by the Governing Body.

ARTICLE 3 - THE BOROUGH CLERK

- Section 1. The Borough Clerk shall perform all the duties required of him or her by law and by these rules.
- Section 2. The Borough Clerk shall keep the minutes, recordings, and ordinance books properly and fully indexed, and shall perform all the duties usually devolving upon such officer and such special services as the Mayor or Governing Body may require.
- Section 3. The Borough Clerk shall be the Borough employee responsible for responding to all lawful requests under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act.
- Section 4. The Borough Clerk shall be responsible for distributing all proposed ordinances to the Mayor and Council.

ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS

- Section 1. The Mayor and Council shall hold an annual meeting in accordance with the applicable state statute. The Mayor and Council shall hold such other meetings, or adjourned meetings, at such time and place as they may by resolution determine, but all regular meetings shall be held within the Borough.
- Section 2. The mayor shall, when necessary, call special meetings of the Mayor and Council. In case of the mayor's neglect or refusal to do so, any four members of the Governing Body may call such meeting at such time and place in the Borough as they may designate.
- Section 3. At the annual meeting of the Mayor and Council, the Council members shall, by a vote of the majority of its members present and voting, elect a President of the Council and fix the time and place for holding regular meetings during the ensuing year, which time and place shall not be changed except by the action of the Mayor and Council taken at a regular meeting.
- Section 4. If the Mayor and Council at its annual meeting fails to elect a President of the Council, the Mayor shall appoint the President from the Council members, and in that case no confirmation by the Governing Body shall be necessary.
- Section 5. The only business which can be transacted at a special meeting is that for which the special meeting is called.
- Section 6. The Clerk shall notify the Mayor and Council, in writing or by email through the Borough email system, of each special meeting, stating the subject, at least one day before the time fixed for holding same.
- Section 7. The public shall be permitted to address the Mayor and Council at each of its meetings during that portion of the meeting designated for public comment or at such other time as a majority of the Mayor and Council may so designate. A time limit of three (3) minutes on all opportunities for each person to speak will be enforced by the Borough Attorney.

- Section 8. All mail received by 2 P.M. on the Tuesday prior to any meeting shall be noted, received, and filed at the next meeting of the Mayor and Council. It will accept and act upon at any time correspondence, which legally requires the Governing Body's immediate consideration or which if not acted upon may have a negative fiscal impact to the Borough.
- Section 9. No ordinance may be offered for introduction or discussion, unless it requires the Mayor and Council's immediate consideration, (i.e., if not acted upon may have a negative fiscal impact to the Borough) by any Council Member at any meeting unless it is provided to the Borough Clerk and distributed by the Borough Clerk to the Mayor and Council no later than five calendar days prior to any meeting at which it is introduced or offered for discussion.
- Section 10. No resolution may be offered for introduction within 6 days of a meeting unless it requires the immediate consideration of Mayor and council to prevent a negative impact on the Borough.
- Section 11. At any given meeting, members of the Mayor and Council shall only speak on the pending subject matter or question, excepting the "final go-around" (i.e., Council Commentary) at which time any member of the Governing Body may speak on any topic. The Mayor shall speak first during last go-around after which each member of Council will have the opportunity to speak one time.
- Section 12. The Clerk shall count all yeas and nays and the order of calling a Council Member's vote shall rotate, alphabetically.
- Section 13. Members of the Governing Body should not use electronic devices to communicate privately with other members of the Governing Body during a Mayor and Council meeting, either in open or closed session, since such communication may be subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act
- Section 14. Councilmembers are expected to attend Council meetings in person, but should notify the Mayor and Clerk in advance by email if they cannot, explaining the reason why they must participate remotely. No Council member shall attend more than three (3) consecutive council meetings remotely.
- Section 15. The Business Administrator will provide the Mayor and Council with oral or written reports from the Department Heads at the public meetings as needed. When necessary, department heads will be called to the podium to provide greater detail. It is at the discretion of the Business Administrator as to whether specific department heads need to attend a particular public meeting.
- Section 16. The Mayor and Council reserves the right to conduct any meeting electronically, remotely, virtually, or in hybrid form as public conditions might require, all in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA).

ARTICLE 5 - QUORUM

A quorum of the Mayor and Council shall be as provided by Statute, to wit: three Council Members and the Mayor, and, in the absence of the mayor, four Council members. However, a smaller number of the Governing Body may meet, discuss and adjourn from time to time, but in no event may they take any official action as a Governing Body in the absence of a quorum.

ARTICLE 6 - RULES OF ORDER

- Section 1. The deliberations of the Mayor and Council shall be governed by the rules as set forth in Appendix 1, and in the event that there is a dispute or difference of opinion, Robert's Rules of Order should be relied upon.
- Section 2. Yeas and nays when required by law or upon the demand of one member of the Council or when ordered by the mayor shall be called and entered into the minutes. Council members shall have the right to abstain from voting and in such case such action shall be counted neither for nor against the proposal.

ARTICLE 7 - THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1.

A. The following order of business shall normally be observed:

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Salute to the flag.
3. Reading of Open Public Meeting Act statement.
4. Roll Call.
5. Consideration of minutes.
6. Initial Public Hearing of Citizens for three (3) minutes per person limited to agenda items.
7. Presentation of communications.
8. Matters for Discussion.
9. Committee Reports shall be delivered by each Committee chairperson or his/her designee; otherwise, the report will be held over to the next meeting where the chairperson is prepared to make such report.
10. Introduction and/or discussion of Ordinances (with public comment where required by law).
11. Introduction and/or discussion of Resolutions.
12. Public Hearing of citizens on any matter for three (3) minutes per person
13. Miscellaneous business including Council Commentary.
14. Closed Session where appropriate
15. Adjournment

- B. The aforesaid order of business at any meeting may be changed by a majority vote of the members of the Council present at such meeting or at the discretion of the Mayor.

ARTICLE 8 - COMMITTEES

- Section 1. The mayor shall appoint all standing (i.e., ongoing) committees that are listed below in Section 3, or other standing committees that he wishes to create, only with the advice and consent of the Mayor & Council.
- Section 2. The mayor may appoint any special committees (i.e., committees that are ad hoc and temporary,) without Council consent. However, this does not abrogate the statutory authority of the Council to “establish for its members such committees of the council as will assist it for the ensuing year” nor the statutory authority for it to “create such advisory councils to the municipality as it may choose”.
- Section 3. The following committees, each consisting of three Council Members, shall be appointed by the mayor at the annual meeting of the Mayor and Council with the advice and consent of the Governing Body:

1. Ambulance
2. Economic Growth & Development
3. Finance
4. Fire Department
5. Police Department/OEM
6. Public Works

Section 4. The mayor is an ex-officio member of any and all committees and shall be notified in advance of their meetings and provided with material in similar fashion as any other member. Should a Council member be unable to attend a scheduled committee meeting, this shall be communicated by the Committee chairperson to the Mayor who, if available, can attend in the member’s place. Otherwise, the committee can convene with two members, along with the Borough Administrator who usually attends all committee meetings.

Section 5. Each Council member shall be expected to chair one of the six standing committees unless the number of standing committees exceeds six, in which case a Council member can chair a second standing committee.

ARTICLE 9 - COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The Mayor shall appoint the following Council Representatives/Liaisons with the advice and consent of the Governing Body:

1. Board of Education-Regional and Local
2. Board of Health
3. Environmental Commission
4. Library
5. Local Assistance Board
6. Planning Board, Building & Zoning
7. Parks & Recreation
8. Senior Citizens

9. Swimming Pool Commission

ARTICLE 10 - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Governing Body may create special committees as needed, comprised of Council members or the Mayor, observing the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. The Mayor may also create special committees consisting of Council members as well as himself, always observing the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. Special committees include the following that have existed but may, from time to time, be abolished or replaced with other committees as deemed appropriate by the Mayor or the Council:

1. Public Relations & Communication
2. Flood and Disaster (OEM)
3. Our Town Naming & Recognition
4. Insurance Fund Commissioner/Liaison
5. Negotiations Committee
6. Fields & Parks Committee
7. Shared Services Review
8. Sustainability & Resiliency
9. Community Development
10. Agenda Committee – consisting of the Mayor, Council President, the Borough Administrator, the Borough Clerk and the Finance Chair

ARTICLE 11- DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1. Council members shall examine, audit and report in writing upon all bills and demands referred to them. The Finance Committee shall render a report when requested by the Mayor and Council on the financial condition of the Borough. The Mayor and Council, pursuant to a resolution offered by the Chief Financial Officer and duly adopted, shall pay all bills submitted.
- Section 2. The form of resolutions for payment of all bills shall be prepared by the Chief Financial Officer or the Borough Clerk.
- Section 3. All committees shall consider and promptly act upon all matters specifically referred to them by the Mayor or the Governing Body

ARTICLE 12 — ORDINANCES

- Section 1. The format of all proposed ordinances, amendments or supplements to ordinances shall be prepared or approved by the Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer or Borough Clerk.
- Section 2. The Clerk shall endorse on all ordinances, amendments or supplements thereto, the date and by whom introduced.

- Section 3. The yeas and nays shall be called on the introduction and adoption of every ordinance and entered into the minutes.
- Section 4. All ordinances, supplements and amendments thereto shall be enacted according to law.
- Section 5. If an ordinance contains more than one distinct section, clause or item, the mayor may approve one or more thereof and veto the rest.
- Section 6. If two-thirds of all the Council Members (i.e., four) shall, at the next meeting as aforesaid, or at any subsequent meeting to which they shall postpone such reconsideration, vote to pass the ordinance or the vetoed part thereof over the veto of the mayor, said ordinance shall take effect.
- Section 7. If any ordinance shall not be returned signed by the Mayor to the Clerk, within the legally prescribed time, it shall take effect in like manner as if the mayor had signed it.
- Section 8. If and when finally approved, the Clerk shall enter in said book at the end of each ordinance the following: Passed on the 7th day of January, 2018
- Section 9. The ordinance so recorded shall then be compared with the original as passed at a regular or special meeting of the Mayor and Council, thereupon the mayor shall subscribe, the Clerk attest and affix the corporate seal to the following certificate at the end thereof: "The foregoing ordinance No. compared with original as passed and found correct this day of, 2018"
- Section 10. The original ordinances shall be filed and preserved by the Clerk.

ARTICLE 13 - RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO FINANCES

Every resolution appropriating money or in any way tending to obligate the Borough peculiarly and all resolutions auditing or directing the payment of bills or demands, together with such bills, shall be presented to the Mayor and acted upon by the Mayor in accordance with state statute.

ARTICLE 14 - BILLS, CLAIM OR VOUCHERS

- Section 1. All bills, claims or vouchers against the Borough shall be in writing, fully itemized, on such form, as the Borough shall provide for that purpose and signed by the claimant in accordance with statute prior to submission for approval and payment. All bills in proper form must be received in the Finance Office prior to the 25th day of the month for payment by the Department Head against whose department the submission is to be charged, unless it legally requires immediate attention or, unless delay may have a negative fiscal impact upon the Borough.
- Section 2. All bills prior to payment must be approved in writing by a member of the Council committee against whose department it shall be charged.
- Section 3. The date of audit and the amount of which warrant is ordered shall be endorsed upon the face of the audited bill and signed by Department Head against whose department the item shall be charged.
- Section 4. Upon the issuing of the warrant the bill shall be receipted and delivered to the Clerk, who shall consecutively number each bill or voucher.

ARTICLE 15 – ADOPTION, TERM, AND AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

These By-Laws shall be adopted by a resolution of the Governing Body approved by a majority of the members at the annual reorganization meeting. These By-Laws shall become effective immediately after adoption and shall remain in effect for not longer than the reorganization meeting for the year next following the year in which the By-Laws were adopted. They shall not be altered or amended except at a regular meeting of the Governing Body by a two-third vote of the entire Council (i.e., 4 Council members.)

ARTICLE 16 - SEAL

- Section 1. The seal of the Borough shall be circular in form and shall, at least, contain the following: "The Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey, incorporated April 24, 1923."
- Section 2. The seal shall be in the custody of the Clerk and shall be affixed by the Clerk when ordered by The Borough Council or when required by law.

APPENDIX I (Supplemented with Robert's Rules of Order as needed)

- Rule 1. The vote on every motion or resolution, unless otherwise provided by law, may be by the Council as a whole calling for "yeas" and "nays" unless a roll call is called for by the presiding officer or called for upon a motion supported by a majority vote of council members present and participating in the vote.
- Rule 2. A member who recuses oneself from a vote shall not be counted as part of the quorum and shall not participate in any manner in the issue from which he or she is recusing.
- Rule 3. No ordinance may be introduced unless it has been presented to the Borough Clerk and distributed by the Borough Clerk to all members of the Mayor and Council at least five (5) calendar days prior to introduction.
- Rule 4. When a motion has been moved and seconded, it is then under consideration and no motion shall be received thereafter, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone or to amend until the question is decided.
- Rule 5. When a matter is under consideration, any discussion or comment other than related to the matter under consideration shall be out of order until the matter is decided.
- Rule 6. Once a member is recognized he or she shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it is to be called to order. If a member is called to order, he or she shall cease speaking until the question of order is determined by the presiding officer, and if determined to be in order, he or she shall be permitted to proceed.
- Rule 7. The Mayor and Council may adopt at any meeting a time limitation of public comment in terms of a time limit for each member of the public and an hour at which public comment will be terminated.
- Rule 8. Any member of the public wishing to speak a second time or more will only be recognized after all members of the public wishing to be heard for a first time have been recognized.
- Rule 9. A person addressing the Mayor and Council shall step up to the microphone, face the dais, give his or her name and town of residence and address the Governing Body. No remarks may be addressed

directly to any member of Council or the Mayor but only to the Governing Body as a whole. Members of the Council or the Mayor may, if they wish, respond to any member of the public. If present and called upon by the mayor or other presiding officer, a Borough employee may provide information in response to any inquiry from the public.

Rule 10. No matter for discussion or action by the Mayor and Council may be introduced by any Council member during Council Commentary (the "last go around") during which each Council Member and the Mayor have an opportunity to speak. The mayor shall speak first during the last go around after which each member of Council will have the opportunity to speak one time.

End of by laws.

Motion: Ruocco Second: Osso

Councilman Ruocco thanked the members of the council for letting him redraft those bylaws and produce what we have before us and hopefully the council will approve. It restores the role of the mayor as an ex officio member to all Council committees and it also makes some other minor adjustments to improve the working of the council. It will also clarify certain matters of the restoration of the mayor's role and the rights of the mayor.

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Nays: none

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Sheinfield announces the proposed **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES** for the year 2025.

(With advice and consent of Council)

	Chairperson		
Ambulance	Melissa Mazza Chiong	Janetta Trochimiuk	Justin Fox
Economic Growth & Development	Janetta Trochimiuk	Melissa Mazza Chiong	Clemente Osso
Finance	John Ruocco	Clemente Osso	Robert Colletti
Fire Department	Robert Colletti	John Ruocco	Justin Fox
Police Department/OEM	Clemente Osso	Janetta Trochimiuk	Melissa Mazza Chiong
Public Works	Justin Fox	John Ruocco	Robert Colletti

Motion: Ruocco Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

Nays: none

Mayor Sheinfield announces the proposed **COUNCIL LIAISONS** for the year 2025.

(with advice and consent of Council)

Access to All	John Ruocco
Board of Education: <i>Regional</i>	Robert Colletti
<i>Local</i>	Melissa Mazza Chiong
Board of Health	John Ruocco
Environmental Commission	Robert Colletti
Library	Janetta Trochimiuk
Planning Board, Building & Zoning	Janetta Trochimiuk

Parks & Recreation Commission	Clemente Osso
Senior Citizens	John Ruocco
Swimming Pool Commission	Justin Fox

Motion: Ruocco Second: Colletti

Ayes: Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

Nays: none

Mayor Sheinfield announces the proposed **SPECIAL COMMITTEES** for the year 2025.

Public Relations & Communication	Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk
Flood and Disaster Committee	Borough Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Ambulance Captain, OEM Director
Negotiation Committee	Fox, Trochimiuk, Ruocco, Borough Administrator, Labor Attorney
Fields & Parks Committee	Colletti, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Borough Administrator, Recreation Director
Affordable Housing & Redevelopment	Municipal Housing Liaison, Darlene Green, Planning Board Chair, Borough Administrator, Osso, Mayor

Motion to record Ruocco Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso

Nays: none

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Sheinfield presents the names of the following 2025 Officers of the Hillsdale Fire Department:

2025 BOARD OF FIRE OFFICERS	
Chief	William Farrell
Deputy Chief	Christopher Kelley
Senior Captain	Joseph Solda III
Junior Captain	Joseph Solda II
1 st Lieutenant	Raymond DeGroat
2 nd Lieutenant	Chris D'Angelo
3 rd Lieutenant	James Voorhis
4 th Lieutenant	Timothy Dinnell
2025 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS	
President	Paul Muller
Vice President	Keith Capogna
Secretary	Keith I. Durie
Treasurer	Patrick Doody
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	William Becker

Motion to approve, receive and file Colletti Second: Ruocco

Ayes: Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco

Nays: none

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Sheinfield presents for Council confirmation, the following appointments to the Police Department Special Officers, Auxiliary Officers and Police Matrons for the year 2025 as recommended by the Officer in Charge:

2025

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

- #75 Lt. Mike Camporeale
- #77 Lt. Travis Woods
- #62 Sgt. Chris Donaldson
- #73 Sgt. Alex Kaplan
- #66 Sgt. Dave Sayers
- #76 Sgt. Matt Buesser
- #79 Det/Sgt Brian Considine
- #80 Det. Corey Rooney
- #82 Det/Sgt Matt Soltes
- #84 PTL. Joe Messner
- #85 PTL. Amanda Turrin
- #88 PTL. Joe Roma
- #89 PTL. Sean Marro
- #91 PTL. Kevin Gadowski
- #92 PTL. Jordan Bruce
- #93 PTL. Dominick Speciale
- #94 PTL. Ryan Heiser
- #95 PTL. Martin Kim
- #96 PTL. Brianna Alfieri
- #97 PTL. Mario Vdovjak
- #98 PTL. Christopher Miller
- #99 PTL. Gianellys Mena

Police Clerk Lourdes Spagnoli

Motion to approve, receive and file: Trochimiuk Second: Fox

Ayes: Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:

Tracy Hanson
Fred Rubel
Rick Savino

Term Expiring 12/31/27
Term Expiring 12/31/27
Term Expiring 12/31/27

Motion to Record: Colletti Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Nays: none

ACCESS FOR ALL COMMITTEE:

Grace Sala
Mustafa Erol

Term Expiring 12/31/27
Term Expiring 12/31/27

Motion to Record: Ruocco Second: Mazza

Ayes: Councilmember Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Collett, Fox

Nays: none

PLANNING BOARD:

Daniel Freidman – Class IV
Arthur Weinberg – Class IV
Starke Hipp – Alt #1

Term Expiring 12/31/28
Term Expiring 12/31/28
Term Expiring 12/31/26

Motion to Record: Trochimiuk Second: Osso

Ayes: Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

Nays: none

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Jon Najarian, OEM Coordinator
Matt Buesser, OEM Deputy Coordinator

Term Expiring 12/31/27
Term Expiring 12/31/25

Motion to Record: Ruocco Second: Colletti

Ayes: Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso

Nays: none

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

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Chris Looes
Diane Ohme
Louisa Toledo

Term Expiring 12/31/27
Term Expiring 12/31/27
Term Expiring 12/31/27

Motion: Ruocco Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco

Nays: none

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER-CLASS III:

The Council under the law is permitted to nominate the Class III Member of the Planning Board as its representative of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2025.

I now ask for a nomination to be put forward to be elected as the Class III Member of the Planning Board:

Nomination(s) has/have been made for: Janetta Trochimiuk

Motion: Ruocco Second: Osso

Ayes: Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Liz Leonard

Term Expiring 12/31/29

Jonna Davis – Mayor’s Alternate

Term Expiring 12/31/25

Motion: Trochimiuk Second: Osso

Ayes: Councilmember Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Nays: none

PARKS & RECREATION

Ann Cron

Term Expiring 12/31/29

Motion: Colletti Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

Nays: none

SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION:

Amelia Bowers

Term Expiring 12/31/27

Christopher Camp

Term Expiring 12/31/27

Linda Parisi

Term Expiring 12/31/27

Motion: Mazza-Chiong Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

Nays: none

All appointees are required to subscribe to their Oath of Office before entering upon their duties, and they are therefore asked to present themselves at the office of the Borough Clerk for this purpose on or before Friday, January 13, 2025 or prior to their first meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (time limited, items on the agenda only, one topic per speaker)

RESOLUTIONS (Consent Agenda) R25001 through R25038:

25001 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Auditor

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, 17-17 NJ-208, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract for services to be awarded to with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes and directs the Borough Administrator to enter into a contract/retainer agreement with Lerch, Vinci & Bliss through December 31, 2025 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[25002](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Appraiser

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Borough Appraiser services for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that McNerney & Associates, Inc., 266 Harristown Road, P.O. Box 67, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0067 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$6,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

WHEREAS, the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and

Ordinance No. 11-19 “Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that McNerney & Associates, Inc., 266 Harristown Road, P.O. Box 67, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0067 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Appraiser for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25003](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Attorney for Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Tax Appeal Services for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that Harwood Lloyd, 130 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$35,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that Harwood Lloyd, 130 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Tax Appeal Services for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25004](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Bond Counsel

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Municipal Bond Counsel for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$15,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Municipal Bond Council for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25005](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Planner

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for a Borough Planner for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that Colliers Engineering & Design located at 400 Valley Road, Ste 304 Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$30,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale Colliers Engineering & Design located at 400 Valley Road, Ste 304 Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Planner for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25006](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Labor Counsel

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for a Labor Attorney for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. 345 Kinderkamack Road. Suite E., Westwood, NJ 07675 continues to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$20,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. 345 Kinderkamack Road. Suite E., Westwood, NJ 07675 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Labor Attorney for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25007](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Engineer

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for a Borough Engineer for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that Colliers Engineering & Design located at 400 Valley Road, Ste 304 Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$90,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale Colliers Engineering & Design located at 400 Valley Road, Ste 304 Mt. Arlington, New Jersey 07856 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Borough Engineer for a one (1) year period

retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$90,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25008](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Special Counsel for Redevelopment

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for a Special Counsel for Redevelopment for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann 75 Livingston Avenue #201, Roseland, NJ 07068 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$35,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that McManimon, Scotland, and Baumann 75 Livingston Avenue #201, Roseland, NJ 07068 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Special Counsel for Redevelopment for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

CERTIFICATE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

25009 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for a Financial Advisor

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for a Financial Advisor for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that Acacia Financial Group, Inc. located at 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$10,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that Acacia Financial Group, Inc. located at 6000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 410 North Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Financial Advisor for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

25010 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for an Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for Housing Rehabilitation Program Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for an Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for Housing Rehabilitation Program Services for the calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that Community Grants Planning & Housing, whose address is 1249 South River Road, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512 (hereinafter referred to as “CGP&H”), a New Jersey Department of Community Affairs approved Affordable Housing Administrative Agent that specializes in all aspects of affordable housing, planning, affordable housing compliance, and the procurement of grants and loans, continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$15,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that CGP&H 1249 South River Road, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for an Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for Housing Rehabilitation Program Services for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25011](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for an Affordable Housing Compliance Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Affordable Housing Administrative Compliance Services for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that the firm of Piazza & Associates, Inc., of 216 Rockingham Row, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$2,500.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that Piazza & Associates, Inc., of 216 Rockingham Row, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for an Affordable Housing Compliance Services for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25012](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Professional Planning Services for Rehabilitation/Revitalization in the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Planning Services in connection with Rehabilitation & Revitalization in the Borough of Hillsdale for the calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that the firm DMR Architects located at 777 Terrace Avenue, Suite 607 Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$15,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

WHEREAS, the firm DMR Architects has completed and submitted a “Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity” as required by Hillsdale Borough Ordinance No. 04-14, entitled, “An Ordinance Establishing a Borough Policy for the Awarding of Public Professional Service Contracts”; and Ordinance No. 11-19

“Amending Chapter 12, Contracts, Public Professional Service and Chapter 305, Contribution Disclosure Statements”

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that DMR Architects located at 777 Terrace Avenue, Suite 607 Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Planning Services in connection with Rehabilitation & Revitalization for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25013](#) Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2025

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.5 a Public Agency must annually designate an officer to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Public Agency Compliance Officer is responsible for assuring that no public contract may be awarded nor any monies paid until the contractor has agreed to contract performance which complies with the approved Affirmative Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary that the Public Agency (the Borough of Hillsdale) shall designate an officer or employee to serve as Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.), whose name title, business address, telephone number and fax number shall be forwarded to the State Affirmative Action Office by January 10, of every year; and

WHEREAS, the P.A.C.O. is the liaison official for matters concerning P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and should have the authority to make the appropriate correction(s) to the Borough of Hillsdale’s contracting procedures if required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale hereby appoint the Borough Administrator as Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2025, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Department of the Treasury, Affirmative Action Office, CN-209, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0209.

[25014](#) Designate Official Newspapers

BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council desire to designate the following listed newspapers as official news media for the Borough of Hillsdale for 2025:

The Ridgewood News
The Record
Star Ledger**

** (After February 2025, The Star Ledger will no longer offer print editions and therefore can no longer be used under the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act-N.J.S.A. and under 10:4-6 as well as N.J.S.A. 40:49-2).

[25015](#) Authorize the Chief Municipal Officer the Authority to Pay Certain Obligations as Needed

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the Borough of Hillsdale to grant authority to the Chief Municipal Financial Officer to pay certain obligations when due and owing prior to the regular payment of bills; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Chief Municipal Financial Officer be designated to pay the following as needed and is necessary for the orderly operation of the Borough of Hillsdale:

- Association Meetings/Educational Sessions/Conference Costs
- Bergen County Taxes – Regular & Open Space
- Borough Payrolls including Social Security/Medicare
- Debt Payments – Bonds, Notes & Loans, Principal & Interest
- Gasoline/Diesel Vendors
- Boards of Education
- Postmaster
- Healthcare Reimbursements
- Health & Dental Insurance Premiums
- Lease Payments (previously authorized)
- Life Insurance Premiums
- Petty Cash
- Purchases Associated with Borough Events (including Recreation)
- Sewer Disposal – BCUA
- State or County Permit Applications/Fees
- Utilities
- Employee Reimbursements

All payment of bills will be formally signed and approved at the next scheduled Council meeting.

[25016](#) Resolution to Affirm the Borough of Hillsdale’s Civil Rights Policy with Respect to All Officials, Appointees, Employees, Prospective Employees, Volunteers, Independent Contractors, and Members of the Public that come into contact with Municipal Employees, Officials and Volunteers

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Hillsdale (hereinafter called the “Borough”) to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Hillsdale has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Hillsdale by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer organization or inter-local organization, whether structured as a governmental entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Administrator shall establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Administrator shall establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Administrator shall establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the governing body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Administrator shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough's web site.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

[25017](#) Approve Organizations to be included in the Quasi Entities

BE IT RESOLVED that the following list, by class be included in the insurance program for the Borough of Hillsdale as Quasi Entities:

QUASII: Hillsdale Public Safety Associations and Auxiliaries

QUASI II: Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Fire Department

QUASI IV: Hillsdale Baseball & Softball Association
Hillsdale Football Association
Hillsdale Soccer Association
Hillsdale Hoops Association
Pascack Lacrosse

[25018](#) Appointing the Borough Administrator as Representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale must appoint an individual as the representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, that the Borough Administrator is hereby appointed as the representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund and that the Borough Clerk is hereby appointed as the alternate to Borough Administrator as representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund.

[25019](#) 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 Chief of Police and the Borough of Hillsdale has recommended the appointment of Detective Corey Rooney to take the roll 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 Detective Corey Rooney is hereby appointed as the Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator for the Borough of Hillsdale commencing on January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

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

[25020](#) Establishment of Interest Rate on Delinquent Taxes

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the rate of interest on delinquent taxes and Borough charges shall not exceed 8% per annum on the first \$1,500 of the delinquency, and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 remaining unpaid, until the entire delinquency is satisfied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a six (6) percent penalty shall be levied on all delinquencies, including interest thereon, in excess of \$10,000 after December 31, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Office of the Collector of Taxes is closed on the tenth day of the month in which taxes are due, the interest grace period shall be extended to include the first business day thereafter. Any tax payments received after the close of business on the last day of the grace period shall be considered delinquent, and interest will be due and payable calculated from the date the tax was payable (prior to the application of the grace period) until the date of actual payment.

[25021](#) Designated Drivers of Borough Vehicles

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, said appointments to be for the period commencing as of the date hereof and terminating on December 31, 2025, and thereafter until their successors shall be appointed and qualify.

[25022](#) Designating Tax Search Officer for 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that Kelly Lombardi, Tax Collector, being a duly bonded Official of the Municipality, be and he is hereby designated as Official Tax Search Officer (N.J.S.A. 54:5-11) of the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2025.

[25023](#) Resolution Approving Interlocal Services Agreement – Mutual Aid Plan & Rapid Deployment Force

WHEREAS, the Police Departments in Bergen County have a day-to-day responsibility to provide for the security of lives and property, for the maintenance and preservation of the public peace and order, and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officials also have a responsibility to provide for preparedness against natural emergencies, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, major storms, etc., man-made causes, civil unrest, and civil disobedience such as riot, strikes, jail or prison riots, train wrecks, aircraft crashes, major fires, ethnic disorders, riots, terrorist incidents and bombings, state and national emergencies, and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association has proposed a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force to deal with these emergencies, and

WHEREAS, this Plan is adopted in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.1, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-156.4 and N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.6, and

WHEREAS, this Plan will provide a uniform procedure for the coordination of the requesting, dispatching, and utilization of law enforcement personnel and equipment whenever a local law enforcement agency requires mutual aid assistance from any other jurisdiction, both contiguous and non-contiguous, in the event of an emergency, riot or disorder, in order to protect life and property, and

WHEREAS, it is also recognized that the Hillsdale Chief of Police, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and under the authority of the Bergen County Prosecutor, has the authority to assign officers to a Task Force, Rapid Deployment Team, or Regional SWAT Team operated in conjunction with the Bergen County Prosecutor’s Office, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale to participate in a Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force in accordance with the Plan as submitted by the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the police Department of the Borough of Hillsdale, under the direction of the Chief of Police, cooperate with the Bergen County Police Chief’s Association to create an Interlocal Services Agreement with all municipalities in the County of Bergen in order to put into place the Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the County Prosecutor, and all municipalities in the County of Bergen.

[25024](#) 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.

[25025](#) Resolution Authorizing Continuation with the County of Bergen in the Cooperative Purchasing

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 80-24 entitled, "An Ordinance authorizing the Borough of Hillsdale to enter into a corporate pricing agreement with the County of Bergen hereinafter referred to as 'Lead Agency' for the conduct of certain functions relating to the purchase of work, materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions" was enacted on August 12, 1980; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to continue to participate in this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes continuation with the County of Bergen in the Cooperative Purchasing Program.

[25026](#) Resolution Adopting a Cash Management Plan for 2025
[Cash Management Plan](#)

WHEREAS, P.L. 1983, Chapter 8, Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 requires that each municipality designate a Cash Management Plan for the deposit of local unit's monies; and

WHEREAS, the Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Hillsdale is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that they hereby adopt the attached Cash Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of the Mayor, Certified Municipal Finance Officer and, Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized as Official Signatories

[25027](#) Resolution Authorizing Tax Sale

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale finds and declares that N.J.S.A. 54:5-19 requires that the Borough of Hillsdale conduct a public tax sale to enforce delinquent municipal liens by selling said liens in accordance with the Tax Sale Law; and

WHEREAS, “delinquency” means the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters or years per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council further finds and declares that the Municipal Tax Collector is qualified to hold said Tax Sale in the calendar year 2025 for municipal delinquent charges; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council further finds and declares that the annual Tax Sale may be at the discretion of the Municipal Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Municipal Tax Collector, is hereby authorized to conduct the Annual Tax Sale during the calendar year 2025 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Tax Collector for his/her records.

[25028](#) Authorizing Assessor to File Tax Appeals

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Tax Board requires a resolution from municipalities within Bergen County authorizing the Tax Assessor and Borough Attorney to file municipal appeals on behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale, and to file corrections and/or stipulations regarding errors in tax assessments with the Bergen County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the filing of these corrections and/or the signing of these stipulations by the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Hillsdale will relieve the taxpayer from appearing before the Bergen County Board of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor should be authorized to file appeals when under certain circumstances the taxpayer fails to provide information to allow a proper assessment to be done;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Tax Assessor and/or Borough Attorney for Tax Appeals be and are hereby authorized to sign stipulations with the Bergen County Board of Taxation concerning those properties wherein errors are made and to file appeals when appropriate and in the best interest of the Borough of Hillsdale;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Assessor and the Borough Attorney for Tax Appeals for the Borough of Hillsdale are hereby authorized to file municipal appeals for both procedural and substantive reasons.

[25029](#) Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to disburse Funds in Case of an Emergency

WHEREAS, during each fiscal year emergency situations arise which necessitates the immediate disbursement of funds; and

WHEREAS, there is no procedure by which the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make disbursements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, that the Chief Financial Officer be, and hereby is, authorized to make said disbursements and to report the circumstances to the said Governing Body at the next regular meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body shall ratify, at that said meeting, the amounts so disbursed.

[25030](#) Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Special Counsel – Pascack Valley Regional High School Withdrawal

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need for Special Counsel for the Pascack Valley Regional High School Withdrawal for the calendar year 2025; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) provides that the award of a contract for professional services is an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has recommended that the Law Offices of Victoria Flynn LLC located at 15 Grandview Drive, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733 continue to provide these services based upon previous satisfactory performance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$1,500.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

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

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Law Offices of Victoria Flynn LLC located at 15 Grandview Drive, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Professional Services Agreement for Special Counsel – Pascack Valley Regional High School Withdrawal for a one (1) year period retroactive to January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 in the as required, no minimum purchase amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Professional Services Agreement, a copy of the same being on file in the office of the Borough Clerk and hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is being awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 (1) (a) (i) of the Local Publics Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

[25031](#) Authorizing the Execution of a Fair and Open Contract for Risk Management Insurance Consultant

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined that Acrisure located at 1460 Route 9 North, Suite 310, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Acrisure at the rate of 6% of the Borough’s JIF/MEL assessment, rate set by JIF; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes and directs the Borough Administrator to enter into a contract agreement with Acrisure through December 31, 2025 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

[25032](#) Resolution Designating Time and Place of 2025 Council Meetings

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council that the first and second Tuesday of each month, except for conflicts like holidays/elections or as noted on the schedule below when there will be one meeting per month, in the Municipal Building Council Chambers, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ, at the hour of 7:00 P.M. (unless otherwise noted) be designated as the time and place of Council meetings for the year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Reorganization Meeting has been set for January 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.; and

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 Et Seq.) that:

Section 1. Except as provided by Chapter 4, Section 10:4-12B, all meetings of the Council shall be open to the public at all times.

Section 2. At every meeting, the public may actively participate during the time designated for that purpose in the order of business and the Council may take formal action.

Section 3. The meetings of the Council shall be held on the dates and times set forth in the scheduled annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 4. Within seven (7) days following the adoption of this resolution, a copy shall be posted on a bulletin board accessible to the public at all business hours at or near the entrance to the Council’s meeting room and shall remain so posted until replaced with a duly adopted resolution setting forth any revision thereof. A copy shall be mailed or sent by electronic means to two (2) official newspapers.

Section 5. Upon receipt by the Borough Clerk of a written request setting forth the name and address of the person making the request, the Clerk shall send to such person by regular mail, or by electronic means, between the date of such request and December 31st next ensuing, a copy of the meeting schedule referred to in section 3.

2025 COUNCIL MEETINGS

January	7 th Reorganization 6:00 pm
	14 th
February	4 th
	11 th
March	4 th
	11 th
April	1 st
	15 th
May	6 th
	13 th
June	17 th
July	8 th
August	12 th
September	9 th
	16 th

October	7 th
	14 th
November	12 th (Wednesday)
December	2 nd
	9 th

[25033](#) Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Small Tax Balances

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17.01 provides that a municipality may authorize the processing of tax refunds of less than ten (\$10.00) dollars and the cancellation of tax delinquencies of less than ten (\$10.00) dollars, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process, without any further action on the part of the Governing Body, any property tax refund of less than (\$10.00) dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to process without further action on the part of the Governing Body, the cancellation of any property tax delinquency of less than (\$10.00) dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certified Copy of this Resolution be provided to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

[25034](#) Resolution Establishing New Petty Cash Funds

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen to establish such a fund as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ASSIGNEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Borough Clerk	Denise Kohan	\$ 500.00
Hillsdale Police Dept.	Travis Woods	\$ 300.00
Detective Bureau	Corey Rooney	\$ 300.00

WHEREAS, the custodian for these funds is the Borough Clerk who is bonded for the amount of \$1,000,000; such custodian shall maintain records for their respective fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize such action and that two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

[25035](#) Resolution Establishing Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2025

WHEREAS, NJSA40A:4-20 of the Local Budget Law provides that in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2024 Budget, less appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance are as follows:

Current Fund	\$16,398,225.75
Swim Utility Operating Fund	\$1,124,408.86

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2024 budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance are as follows:

Current Fund	\$4,304,534.26
Swim Utility Operating Fund	\$295,157.33

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following temporary 2025 appropriations, which do not exceed 26.25% of the appropriations in the 2024 budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance, be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Division of local Government Services.

CURRENT FUND

Account Number	Account Description	Temp Budget	
5-01-20-100-011	ADMIN S&W - Regular	\$	74,285
5-01-20-100-026	ADMIN OE - Computer Maintenance	\$	7,875
5-01-20-100-028	ADMIN OE - Contractual Services	\$	3,413
5-01-20-100-036	ADMIN OE - Office Supplies	\$	1,313
5-01-20-100-042	ADMIN OE - Education & Training	\$	263
5-01-20-100-043	ADMIN OE - Administrator Miscellaneous	\$	1,050
5-01-20-100-044	ADMIN OE - Memberships / Subscriptions	\$	263
5-01-20-100-045	ADMIN OE - Travel	\$	197
5-01-20-100-136	ADMIN OE - Other Supplies	\$	131
5-01-20-100-207	ADMIN OE - New Equipment	\$	1,444

5-01-20-103-022	PUBLIC INFO OE - Postage	\$	53
5-01-20-103-028	PUBLIC INFO OE - Contractual Services	\$	866
5-01-20-110-030	MAYOR & COUNCIL S&W - Regular	\$	15,000
5-01-20-110-030	MAYOR & COUNCIL OE - Recognition/Awards	\$	1,313
5-01-20-110-036	MAYOR & COUNCIL OE - Office Supplies	\$	131
5-01-20-110-042	MAYOR & COUNCIL OE - Education/Training	\$	184
5-01-20-110-044	MAYOR & COUNCIL OE - Membrshp/Subscriptn	\$	656
5-01-20-110-045	MAYOR & COUNCIL OE - Travel	\$	735
5-01-20-120-011	Salary and Wages - Regular	\$	25,281
5-01-20-120-021	Legal Advertising	\$	1,181
5-01-20-120-022	Postage	\$	1,313
5-01-20-120-028	Contractual Services	\$	2,625
5-01-20-120-036	Office Supplies	\$	525
5-01-20-120-042	Education & Training	\$	1,181
5-01-20-120-044	Memberships & Subscriptions	\$	131
5-01-20-120-058	New Equipment	\$	263
5-01-20-120-100	Election Expense	\$	3,675
5-01-20-120-101	Ordinance Codification	\$	1,838
5-01-20-130-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	35,949
5-01-20-130-026	Computer Maintenance	\$	1,208
5-01-20-130-028	Financial Management	\$	9,450
5-01-20-130-029	Payroll Services	\$	4,988
5-01-20-130-036	Office Supplies	\$	420
5-01-20-130-041	CONFERENCES & TRAINING	\$	263
5-01-20-130-058	New Equipment	\$	210
5-01-20-130-100	Fixed Asset Inventory	\$	735
5-01-20-130-102	Banking/CCard Charges	\$	158
5-01-20-135-028	Audit Services O/E	\$	13,125
5-01-20-145-021	Legal Advertising	\$	105
5-01-20-145-022	Postage	\$	1,313
5-01-20-145-023	Tax Bills	\$	1,181
5-01-20-145-026	Computer Maintenance	\$	525
5-01-20-145-027	New Equipment	\$	263
5-01-20-145-036	Office Supplies	\$	184
5-01-20-150-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	6,891
5-01-20-150-022	Postage	\$	105
5-01-20-150-026	Computer Maintenance	\$	197
5-01-20-150-028	APPRAISAL / PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$	1,575
5-01-20-150-044	Memberships / Subscriptions	\$	39
5-01-20-150-046	Assessment Notices	\$	630
5-01-20-155-112	Borough Attorney	\$	11,813
5-01-20-155-113	Special Counsel - PVRHS	\$	525
5-01-20-155-114	Special Counsel - Bond Counsel	\$	919
5-01-20-155-115	Special Counsel - Labor Attorney	\$	5,250
5-01-20-155-116	Special Counsel - Tax Appeal Attorney	\$	3,938
5-01-20-155-117	Special Counsel - Transfer Station	\$	788

5-01-20-155-118	Special Counsel - Redevelopment Counsel	\$	3,938
5-01-20-155-121	Planning Board Attorney	\$	6,563
5-01-20-165-101	Borough Engineer	\$	32,813
5-01-20-165-121	Planning Board Engineer	\$	6,563
5-01-20-166-036	Office Supplies	\$	144
5-01-20-166-042	Education & Training	\$	66
5-01-20-166-044	Memberships & Subscriptions	\$	171
5-01-21-180-011	Planning Board - S&W Regular	\$	4,692
5-01-21-180-021	Legal Advertising	\$	394
5-01-21-180-036	Office Supplies	\$	263
5-01-21-180-044	Memberships / Subscriptions	\$	105
5-01-21-180-100	PLANNING BOARD PLANNER	\$	2,625
5-01-21-180-200	Borough Planner	\$	3,938
5-01-21-180-201	Borough Redevelopment Planner	\$	5,250
5-01-21-185-012	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	8,998
5-01-22-195-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	49,950
5-01-22-195-026	Computer Maintenance	\$	1,247
5-01-22-195-029	Contractual Services	\$	328
5-01-22-195-036	Office Supplies	\$	197
5-01-22-195-042	Education & Training	\$	66
5-01-22-195-044	Memberships / Subscriptions	\$	33
5-01-22-195-074	UCC Gasoline	\$	591
5-01-23-210-103	Insurance - Liability/Auto	\$	30,913
5-01-23-210-104	Insurance - Property	\$	28,985
5-01-23-210-105	Insurance - Environmental Liability	\$	823
5-01-23-210-106	Insurance - Public Officials / EPL	\$	15,686
5-01-23-210-107	Insurance - JIF Sewer Back Up Claim	\$	4,921
5-01-23-215-100	WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$	66,765
5-01-23-220-100	Insurance - Life	\$	600
5-01-23-220-101	Insurance - Disability	\$	1,500
5-01-23-220-102	Insurance - Medical	\$	406,742
5-01-23-220-103	Insurance - Dental	\$	13,800
5-01-23-220-104	Fire - Life	\$	2,250
5-01-23-220-106	Insurance - NJ SHBP Waiver	\$	5,250
5-01-23-225-100	Unemployment O/E	\$	473
5-01-25-240-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	624,887
5-01-25-240-014	Salary & Wages - Overtime	\$	24,938
5-01-25-240-016	Salary & Wages - Senior Bonus	\$	15,570
5-01-25-240-017	Salary & Wages - Holiday	\$	8,663
5-01-25-240-018	Salary & Wages - Crossing Guard	\$	50,400
5-01-25-240-019	Salary & Wages - Clerical	\$	12,029
5-01-25-240-021	Accreditation	\$	3,413
5-01-25-240-022	Postage	\$	53
5-01-25-240-026	Computer Maintenance	\$	919
5-01-25-240-027	Maintenance of Other Equipment	\$	788
5-01-25-240-029	Contractual Services	\$	31,285

5-01-25-240-032	Clothing & Uniforms	\$	4,253
5-01-25-240-036	Office Supplies	\$	788
5-01-25-240-037	E-TICKETS	\$	394
5-01-25-240-040	AMMUNITION AND RANGE FEES	\$	4,988
5-01-25-240-041	CHIEF EXPENSES	\$	315
5-01-25-240-042	Education & Training	\$	2,888
5-01-25-240-044	Memberships / Subscriptions	\$	656
5-01-25-240-045	Travel	\$	788
5-01-25-240-058	New Equipment	\$	2,494
5-01-25-240-092	Medical Expense	\$	2,625
5-01-25-240-100	Miscellaneous	\$	459
5-01-25-240-103	R&M - Radio Maintenance	\$	197
5-01-25-252-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	3,150
5-01-25-252-036	Office Supplies	\$	26
5-01-25-252-041	Chief/Director Expense	\$	92
5-01-25-252-060	New Equipment	\$	656
5-01-25-260-100	CONTRACTED SERVICES - PER DIEM	\$	57,750
5-01-25-265-027	EQUIPMENT MAINT & CONTRACTS	\$	919
5-01-25-265-032	Clothing & Uniforms	\$	5,775
5-01-25-265-036	Office Supplies	\$	131
5-01-25-265-042	Education & Training	\$	1,313
5-01-25-265-044	MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS/MUTUAL AID	\$	263
5-01-25-265-054	Radio Renovation	\$	656
5-01-25-265-056	NEW EQUIPMENT/REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT	\$	3,150
5-01-25-265-093	Medical Expenses	\$	131
5-01-25-265-102	Equipment Testing	\$	1,444
5-01-25-265-105	Turnout Gear	\$	788
5-01-25-266-011	Salary and Wages - Regular	\$	11,544
5-01-25-266-022	Postage	\$	131
5-01-25-266-026	Computer Maintenance	\$	499
5-01-25-266-027	Maintenance of Other Equipment	\$	79
5-01-25-266-036	Office Supplies	\$	79
5-01-25-266-042	Education & Training	\$	79
5-01-25-266-044	Membership / Subscriptions	\$	20
5-01-25-266-058	New Equipment	\$	131
5-01-25-266-100	Miscellaneous	\$	656
5-01-26-290-011	ROADS & MAINT S&W - Regular	\$	206,596
5-01-26-290-013	ROADS & MAINT S&W - Seasonal	\$	22,575
5-01-26-290-014	ROADS & MAINT S&W - Overtime	\$	20,000
5-01-26-290-015	ROADS & MAINT S&W - Standby	\$	4,331
5-01-26-290-016	ROADS & MAINT S&W - SNOW REMOVAL	\$	20,000
5-01-26-290-026	ROADS & MAINT OE - Maintenance of Equip	\$	1,444
5-01-26-290-029	ROADS & MAINT OE - Contractual Services	\$	2,625
5-01-26-290-030	ROADS & MAINT OE - CONST MATERIAL ASPHAL	\$	3,938
5-01-26-290-032	ROADS & MAINT OE - Clothing & Uniforms	\$	2,756
5-01-26-290-036	ROADS & MAINT OE - Office Supplies	\$	735

5-01-26-290-042	ROADS & MAINT OE - Education & Training	\$	3,150
5-01-26-290-044	ROADS & MAINT OE - Memberships/Subscript	\$	79
5-01-26-290-050	ROADS & MAINT OE - New Equipment	\$	7,875
5-01-26-290-099	ROADS & MAINT OE - Traffic Light Repair	\$	2,625
5-01-26-290-100	ROADS & MAINT OE - FOOD & MEALS	\$	525
5-01-26-290-101	ROADS & MAINT OE - Equipment Rental	\$	394
5-01-26-290-102	ROADS & MAINT OE - DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	\$	656
5-01-26-290-103	ROADS & MAINT OE - Prune & Removal Trees	\$	19,688
5-01-26-290-104	ROADS & MAINT OE - Street/Traffic Signs	\$	1,575
5-01-26-290-105	ROADS & MAINT OE - SEWER MAINTENANCE	\$	656
5-01-26-290-106	ROADS & MAINT OE - Radio Maintenance	\$	656
5-01-26-290-108	ROADS & MAINT OE - SNOW REMOVAL AND SALT	\$	50,000
5-01-26-290-109	ROADS & MAINT OE - STREET SWEEPING	\$	8,400
5-01-26-290-110	ROADS & MAINT OE - Reimbursements	\$	131
5-01-26-290-111	ROADS & MAINT OE - Garbage Truck Rental	\$	51,000
5-01-26-305-029	GARBAGE & TRASH OE - Disposal Contract	\$	290,160
5-01-26-305-031	GARBAGE & TRASH OE - Tipping Fees	\$	108,600
5-01-26-305-101	GARBAGE & TRASH OE - Licenses & Permits	\$	2,625
5-01-26-306-100	RECYCLING OE - Vegetative Waste Disposal	\$	25,200
5-01-26-306-102	RECYCLING OE - Recycle Material Disposal	\$	25,410
5-01-26-306-103	RECYCLING OE - Leaf Disposal	\$	27,563
5-01-26-310-021	B&G OE - Bldg Maint Borough Hall & PD	\$	8,663
5-01-26-310-022	B&G OE - Building Maintenance DPW	\$	3,150
5-01-26-310-023	B&G OE - Building Maintenance FD	\$	7,088
5-01-26-310-024	B&G OE - Building Maintenance Other	\$	3,938
5-01-26-310-026	B&G OE - Maintenance of Other Equipment	\$	1,050
5-01-26-310-029	B&G OE - Contractual Services	\$	9,056
5-01-26-310-058	B&G OE - Other Equipment & Supplies	\$	3,229
5-01-26-310-101	B&G OE - Licenses & Permits	\$	1,076
5-01-26-310-102	B&G OE - Building Improvements	\$	210
5-01-26-310-221	TRAIN OE - Train Station	\$	1,772
5-01-26-310-224	TRAIN OE - Building Maintenance	\$	1,313
5-01-26-310-226	TRAIN OE - Maint of Other Equipment	\$	263
5-01-26-310-229	TRAIN OE - Contractual Services	\$	1,575
5-01-26-310-230	TRAIN OE - Materials	\$	1,313
5-01-26-315-101	VEHICLE MAINT OE - Police Dept	\$	10,500
5-01-26-315-111	VEHICLE MAINT OE - Parts & Accessories	\$	1,313
5-01-26-315-301	VEHICLE MAINT OE - Road-Veh Parts & Acc	\$	10,500
5-01-26-315-302	VEHICLE MAINT OE - Roads	\$	18,375
5-01-26-315-401	VEHICLE MAINT OE - Leaf Equipment	\$	4,279
5-01-26-315-504	VEHICLE MAINT OE - EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$	1,103
5-01-26-315-601	VEHICLE MAINT OE - Fire Prevention	\$	525
5-01-26-490-021	NJDEP Stormwater Permit O/E	\$	2,625
5-01-27-330-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	22,194
5-01-27-330-021	Advertising	\$	26
5-01-27-330-029	Contractual Services	\$	17,483

5-01-27-330-036	Office Supplies	\$	158
5-01-27-330-042	CONFERENCES & TRAINING	\$	53
5-01-27-330-044	Memberships / Subscriptions	\$	26
5-01-27-330-060	New Equipment	\$	394
5-01-27-330-101	LEAD TESTING	\$	53
5-01-27-330-102	Medical Supplies	\$	263
5-01-27-330-103	Public Health Programs	\$	131
5-01-27-330-329	ACCESS FOR ALL EXPENSES	\$	525
5-01-27-345-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	4,463
5-01-28-370-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	31,500
5-01-28-370-021	ADVERTISING AND POSTAGE	\$	197
5-01-28-370-029	Contractual Services	\$	1,050
5-01-28-370-036	Office Supplies	\$	656
5-01-28-370-042	Education & Training	\$	79
5-01-28-370-066	Recreation Supplies	\$	4,594
5-01-28-370-102	Fish	\$	315
5-01-28-370-411	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	10,736
5-01-28-370-425	Senior Citizen Activities	\$	3,150
5-01-28-370-426	Trips	\$	1,050
5-01-28-370-428	COMMUNITY TRANSP - FUEL	\$	919
5-01-28-375-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	21,860
5-01-28-375-013	Salary & Wages - Seasonal	\$	5,906
5-01-28-375-026	Materials & Equipment	\$	1,313
5-01-28-375-029	Contractual Services	\$	20,396
5-01-28-375-031	Fertilizer, Stone,Clay Etc.	\$	4,988
5-01-28-375-038	New Equipment	\$	2,625
5-01-28-375-101	Grounds Improvements	\$	3,938
5-01-28-375-102	Equipment Maintenance	\$	919
5-01-28-375-103	Seasonal Decorations	\$	1,313
5-01-28-375-104	FIELD PAINT	\$	2,100
5-01-29-390-011	Salary & Wages - Regular	\$	103,294
5-01-29-390-024	Building Maintenance	\$	8,400
5-01-29-390-029	Disposal Services	\$	788
5-01-29-390-030	Materials	\$	131
5-01-29-390-132	Payroll Services	\$	394
5-01-29-390-140	Social Security	\$	7,901
5-01-29-390-190	Insurance - Life	\$	53
5-01-29-390-191	Insurance - NJ SHBP Waiver	\$	1,313
5-01-29-390-192	Insurance - Workers' Compensation	\$	433
5-01-29-390-193	Insurance - Medical	\$	10,030
5-01-29-390-195	Insurance - Dental	\$	1,050
5-01-29-390-197	Insurance - Liability	\$	3,806
5-01-29-390-200	Unemployment Insurance	\$	473
5-01-29-390-281	Cash Support of Public Library	\$	53,934
5-01-29-390-300	PERS	\$	4,204
5-01-29-390-310	DCRP	\$	735

5-01-30-415-021	Accumulated Absences	\$	3,281
5-01-30-420-021	Memorial Day Parade	\$	1,313
5-01-30-420-022	FALL FESTIVAL	\$	1,838
5-01-31-430-020	Gas & Electric - Police	\$	7,875
5-01-31-430-021	Gas & Electric - Fire	\$	263
5-01-31-430-022	Gas & Electric - Centennial	\$	525
5-01-31-430-023	Gas & Electric - Buildings & Grounds	\$	60,638
5-01-31-430-024	Gas & Electric - Train Station	\$	525
5-01-31-430-025	Gas & Electric - Condos	\$	656
5-01-31-440-020	Telephone - A&E	\$	6,563
5-01-31-440-021	Telephone - Police	\$	3,938
5-01-31-440-023	Telephone - Fire	\$	788
5-01-31-440-024	Telephone - Ambulance	\$	236
5-01-31-440-025	Telephone - Road Dept.	\$	788
5-01-31-445-021	Water - Fire	\$	1,050
5-01-31-445-023	Water - B&G	\$	3,150
5-01-31-445-024	Water - Train Station	\$	1,575
5-01-31-445-025	Water - Beechwood Park	\$	12,075
5-01-31-445-026	Water - Centennial Field	\$	1,575
5-01-31-445-027	Water - Fire Hydrants	\$	46,463
5-01-31-455-021	Operating	\$	255,938
5-01-31-455-022	Debt Service	\$	63,000
5-01-31-460-021	Gas & Diesel - Police	\$	10,500
5-01-31-460-023	Gas & Diesel - Fire	\$	1,050
5-01-31-460-024	Gas & Diesel - Ambulance	\$	1,050
5-01-31-460-025	Gas & Diesel - Street & Road	\$	8,610
5-01-31-460-026	Gas & Diesel - Garbage & Trash	\$	5,250
5-01-31-460-027	Gas & Diesel - Fire Prevention	\$	131
5-01-32-465-021	Recycling Tax Other Expenses	\$	3,938
5-01-35-470-020	CONTINGENT	\$	34,126
5-01-36-471-000	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$	255,000
5-01-36-472-000	SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES	\$	56,917
5-01-36-474-000	DCRP	\$	3,859
5-01-36-475-000	POLICE & FIREMAN'S RETIREMENT	\$	102,871
5-01-42-103-011	SHARED SVC TAX - S&W - Regular	\$	6,964
5-01-42-104-011	SHARED SVC CFO - S&W - Regular	\$	18,834
5-01-42-104-021	SHARED SVC CFO - O/E - Miscellaneous	\$	7,543
5-01-42-200-011	Salary and Wages - Regular	\$	30,133
5-01-42-200-014	Salary and Wages - Overtime	\$	1,313
5-01-42-200-027	Maintenance of Other Equipment	\$	3,938
5-01-42-250-011	Salary and Wages - Regular	\$	13,869
5-01-42-250-014	Salary and Wages - Overtime	\$	1,313
5-01-42-250-027	Maintenance of Other Equipment	\$	4,161
5-01-42-300-001	9-1-1 PSAP - BERGEN COUNTY DISPATCH	\$	22,500
5-01-43-490-029	Contractual Services	\$	23,625
		\$	4,299,534

SWIM UTILITY

5-05-55-502-503	STONYBROOK S&W - Regular	\$	48,300
5-05-55-502-504	STONYBROOK S&W - Rec. Salary	\$	1,500
5-05-55-502-505	STONYBROOK S&W - Season & Temp	\$	25,000
5-05-55-502-506	STONYBROOK S&W - Coaches Salary	\$	3,600
5-05-55-502-507	STONYBROOK S&W - Gate	\$	21,000
5-05-55-502-509	STONYBROOK S&W - Maintenance	\$	6,000
5-05-55-502-511	STONYBROOK S&W - Preseason	\$	2,400
5-05-55-502-513	STONYBROOK S&W - Secr/Book	\$	2,850
5-05-55-502-515	STONYBROOK S&W - DPW Assist	\$	600
5-05-55-502-522	STONYBROOK - Advertising	\$	1,050
5-05-55-502-524	STONYBROOK - Office Supplies	\$	1,050
5-05-55-502-525	STONYBROOK - Cleaning Supplies	\$	900
5-05-55-502-526	STONYBROOK - Postage	\$	15
5-05-55-502-528	STONYBROOK - Maint/Repairs to Equipment	\$	3,000
5-05-55-502-530	STONYBROOK - Education/Dues	\$	300
5-05-55-502-532	STONYBROOK - Telephone/WiFi	\$	1,500
5-05-55-502-534	STONYBROOK - Miscellaneous	\$	3,000
5-05-55-502-536	STONYBROOK - New Equipment	\$	900
5-05-55-502-537	STONYBROOK - Social media / Web site	\$	300
5-05-55-502-540	STONYBROOK - Software Maintenance	\$	2,400
5-05-55-502-542	STONYBROOK - Public Relations	\$	3,000
5-05-55-502-544	STONYBROOK - Auditor	\$	2,700
5-05-55-502-548	STONYBROOK - Utilities	\$	21,000
5-05-55-502-550	STONYBROOK - Contractual Services	\$	30,318
5-05-55-502-551	STONYBROOK - Sewer Repair	\$	600
5-05-55-502-552	STONYBROOK - Contractual Svc Pool Maint	\$	37,567
5-05-55-502-553	STONYBROOK - Contract Svc Bldg Open/Clos	\$	6,985
5-05-55-502-554	STONYBROOK - Payroll Charges	\$	1,200
5-05-55-502-556	STONYBROOK - Uniforms	\$	2,100
5-05-55-502-557	STONYBROOK - BCUA Sewage Fees	\$	2,400
5-05-55-502-558	STONYBROOK - Disposal	\$	1,800
5-05-55-502-559	STONYBROOK - Vegetative Waste Disposal	\$	1,230
5-05-55-502-560	STONYBROOK - Pool Chemicals	\$	18,500
5-05-55-502-562	STONYBROOK - Insurance / Liability	\$	5,413
5-05-55-502-564	STONYBROOK - Pool New Equip/Repair/Rplc	\$	1,950
5-05-55-502-565	STONYBROOK - Emergency Pump Repair	\$	3,000
5-05-55-502-566	STONYBROOK - REC New Equip/Repair/Repl	\$	900
5-05-55-502-568	STONYBROOK - Bldg&Grnds Equip/Repair/Re	\$	1,500
5-05-55-502-570	STONYBROOK - Bldg & Grnds Supplies	\$	750
5-05-55-502-572	STONYBROOK - Swim Team	\$	750
5-05-55-502-574	STONYBROOK - Engineering	\$	600
5-05-55-502-575	STONYBROOK - Legal	\$	900
5-05-55-502-576	STONYBROOK - Workers' Compensation	\$	6,600
5-05-55-502-588	STONYBROOK - Social Security	\$	10,500
5-05-55-502-700	STONYBROOK - PERS	\$	4,600

5-05-55-502-701	STONYBROOK - DCRP	\$	60
5-05-55-502-990	STONYBROOK - Insurance / Life	\$	18
5-05-55-502-993	STONYBROOK - Insurance / Medical	\$	2,100
5-05-55-502-995	STONYBROOK - Insurance / Dental	\$	120
		\$	294,826

[25036](#) A Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale Adopting a Form Required to be Used for the Filing of Notices of Tort Claims Against the Borough in Accordance of the Provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6, provides that a public entity may adopt a form to be completed by claimants seeking to file a Notice of Tort Claim against the public entity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a public entity covered by the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough deems it advisable, necessary, and in the public interests to adopt a Notice of Tort Claim form in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale assembled in public session the 7th day of January, 2025, that the attached Notice of Tort Claim form be and hereby is adopted as the official Notice of Tort Claim form for the Borough of Hillsdale; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all persons making claims against the Borough of Hillsdale, pursuant to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:8-1, et. seq., be required to complete the form herein adopted as a condition of compliance with the notice requirement of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act.

Resolution 25037 was pulled by Councilman Fox to be voted on separately.

[25038](#) Resolution Awarding a Non-Fair & Open Agreement to General Code, LLC for the Codification of Municipal Ordinances and other Software Maintenance Services

WHEREAS, the Borough has a need for services related to the codification of municipal ordinances, as well as its Laserfiche software; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(x) provides that the award of a contract for the printing of municipal ordinances or other services necessarily incurred in connection with the revision and codification of municipal ordinances may be negotiated and awarded by resolution of the governing body without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) provides that the award of a contract for the provision or performance of goods or services for the support or maintenance of proprietary computer hardware and software is also an exception to the bidding requirements of the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has recommended that General Code, LLC, 781 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14624 be awarded this contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk has determined and certified in writing that the value of these services will exceed \$17,500.00; and

WHEREAS, General Code, LLC has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions during the term of the contract in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded as an open-ended contract in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.10 for a one (1) year period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the maximum dollar value of this contract, based upon a reasonable cost estimate of the goods or services required over the contract term, shall not exceed \$43,000.00 with no obligation on the part of the Borough to spend the maximum amount; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that General Code, LLC, 781 Elmgrove Road, Rochester, NY 14624 is hereby awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract to provide services related to the printing of or other services necessarily incurred in connection with the revision and codification of municipal ordinances as well as Laserfiche for a one (1) year period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, in the as required, not to exceed contract amount of \$43,000.00 without further authorization by the governing body; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(x) and (dd) of the Local Public Contracts Law and has met the requirements as a Non-Fair and Open Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.

Motion: Ruocco Second: Osso

Ayes: Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso

Nays: none

OFF-CONSENT

[25037](#) Approval of JIF/MEL Risk Management Agreement

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the Funds require that each municipality appoint a Risk Management Consultant to perform various professional services detailed in the bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the bylaws for the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund and Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund indicate a minimum fee equal to six percent (6%) of the municipal assessment which expenditure represents reasonable compensation for the services required and is included in the assessment for this Fund; and

WHEREAS, the judgmental nature of the Risk Management Consultant's duties renders comparative bidding impractical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Hillsdale does hereby appoint Acrisure located at 1460 Route 9 North, Suite 310, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 in accordance with the Fund's bylaws for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 or until a successor is qualified or appointed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the consultant's agreement annexed hereto, subject to approval of the Borough Attorney as to form and substance, and to cause notice of the decision to be published according to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(I).

Motion: Osso Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco

Nays: none

Abstain: Fox

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Ruocco

Congratulated both Melissa and Bob on their November election victories and on being officially sworn tonight. I believe from my discussions with them and everything I know about them they'll be fair and open-minded and in making decisions that might prove to be unpopular to some residents but beneficial to the town as a whole.

I stand ready to help both Melissa and Bob in any way I can and I look forward to working with them.

I wish to congratulate the new leadership of both the Hillsdale Fire Department and the Ambulance Corps. The hybrid model of the Volunteer Ambulance Corp that has been adopted has resulted in fantastic response times and improved coverage for our citizens. I compliment incoming Chief John Beatty and outgoing Chief Justin Eliopoulos for working hard last year to advocate for this arrangement and to adopt a new model.

I want to congratulate Bill Farrell and Chris Kelly on their being chosen as Chief and Deputy Chief for our Volunteer Fire Dept. A fast comment on the field committee that we approved: I hope that perpetuating the existence of this committee consisting of three Council people, the BA, and the Rec Director on top of the already existing Parks and Recreation committee will serve the borough well.

The renovating of Centennial Field which as we know has cost the borough close to a million dollars. What needs to be done to improve our fields can be addressed by The Parks and Recreation committee whose members are appointed by the mayor with the council's consent and include the BA and Rec Director. It conducts open public meetings unlike the Field Committee whose deliberations are behind closed doors.

Councilmember Trochimiuk

Agrees with the majority of what Councilman Ruocco said, but I would like to specifically congratulate Councilwoman Mazza Chiong for her election and for joining us on this Council as well Councilman Colletti. This is going to be a great team and I look forward to a very productive year. I do want to say Happy New Year to everyone and I wish everyone much health and happiness in in this coming 2025.

Councilmember Mazza Chiong

Congratulate Councilman Colletti. I am really looking forward to working alongside the mayor and great team. I do think that all of us together with that shared commitment to this town we're going to really going to bring it this year so I'm very excited to work with all of you. Just so everyone knows my goal to moving forward is really to ensure that there's transparency along the way. I promise to be that someone that listens. Your input is vital to making sure that everything and all the decisions that we make here, they're all for you.

Councilmember Colletti

The Environmental Commission's annual 2024 annual report has been distributed to the mayor and Council for review. They are also conducting their two-hour Styrofoam recycling drop off on Saturday January 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the West Lot with the assistance of the Boy Scout Troop 108 and the DPW.

There are two immediate commission member vacancies that need to be filled to replace Dr Scott Beckman and Steve Goodman. I would also like to thank Scott and Steve for their community service.

The fire department on January 4th had their swearing in of the 2025 officers I would like to congratulate Chief Farrell and the 2025 Board of fire officers. I will meet with Chief Farrell to develop the 2025 Council Standing Committee and I'll share it with the entire Council once that's completed.

The Local Board of Ed approved Epic as the Construction Management Firm for the George White Project.

At the high school level, they held a reorganization meeting on January 6th where they had their newly elected and reelected members take their oath of office. They nominated and appointed the 2025 President Gini Varghese from Hillsdale and Vice President Deborah Stephans from Montvale.

Councilmember Fox

Congratulated Councilmember Mazza Chiong and Councilmember Colletti and also Council President Osso on your appointment.

Council President Osso

I wanted to welcome Bob and Melissa and I'm looking forward to what you're going to accomplish in your roles here in Council.

I wanted to thank my fellow members of council for the vote of confidence and I'm looking forward to working with each and every one of you and looking forward to working with our mayor, our Borough Clerk and our BA and all the employees of the borough. I feel confident we will have a productive and eventful year where we further enhance the quality of life for our residents and continue to build our infrastructure to better our future. I think there's a lot that we have to finish and a lot work ahead of us so I'm looking forward to it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ruocco Second: Osso

Councilmember Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Osso, Ruocco

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

Approved as Presented