BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE RESOLUTION 24050

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE'S LOCAL WELFARE BOARD TO THE COUNTY OF BERGEN BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey funds a General Assistance Program which is administered at the local level in the Borough of Hillsdale (hereinafter the "Borough") by the Local Welfare Board and the Director of Welfare pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Welfare Board has served as the Director of Welfare and administrative officer of the Local Welfare Board, through which she has administered; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Local Welfare Board has recently resigned from her position, also leaving a vacancy in the statutory position of Director of Welfare; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this vacancy, the Borough investigated the feasibility of transferring the Local Welfare Board to the Bergen County Board of Social Services for administration; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44:8-145.1, the Borough may, by mutual agreement with Bergen County, transfer to the Bergen County Board of Social Services the financial and operational responsibility for the administration of the Local Welfare Board under N.J.S.A. 44:8-107 et seq. to the Borough's residents; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a transfer, also pursuant to said statute the municipal welfare agency is to be abolished and its functions, powers, and duties transfers to the Bergen County Board of Social Services no later than the 60th date after the effective date of the transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that it is in the best interest of the municipality and its residents to transfer the Local Welfare Board in the Borough to the Bergen County Board of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no cost to the Borough, and the effective date of the transfer shall be retroactive to January 1, 2024, to ensure there is no disruption in services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor, Clerk, Administrator, and such other officials and employees as may be appropriate are hereby authorized and directed to transfer the Borough of Hillsdale's Local Welfare Board to the Bergen County Board of Social Services in accordance with the applicable statues and regulations and this Resolution, the transfer taking effect retroactively on January 1, 2024, including but not limited to the following:

- a. The Borough shall send all open cases a letter informing residents that their Welfare cases will be administered by the Bergen County Board of Social Services.
- b. The Borough shall make appropriate arrangements to transfer the physical files of the open and any pending cases in the Borough to the Bergen County Board of Social Services.
- 2. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute any agreement as may be required by law with the Bergen County Board of Social Services necessary to effectuate the transfer as described in this Resolution.

Council member	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain	Recuse
Escobar, John			X				
Fox, Justin			X				
Lundy, Abby			X				
Osso, Clemente			X				
Ruocco, John	*		X				
Trochimiuk, Janetta		X	X				
Sheinfield, Michael			2 2 25	4.01			

Adopted: January 9, 2024

Attest: Denise Kohan

Municipal Clerk

Michael Sheinfield

Mayor