

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 7, 2017, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, New Jersey.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Brian Neville said let us pray: God it has been quite a year in our national and state politics, but they say all politics is local. As we begin a new year, our hope and our aim is that we in this town would be people of grace. Too often we focus on money and power and influence, instead lead us into a community that shows love and concern for one another. Bless us in our differences; make us courageous in sharing and lenient when it comes to our differences. Remove our sense of entitlement and replace it with grace for others, let our goal be to transform this community so that we may do as much good as we can here and everywhere. Help us to help others, those that are in need, those less fortunate, those who suffer. Bless our leaders today as they begin a new term in office and all of us here who stand ready to support them. Let today be a new day for the Borough of Hillsdale. Amen.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This meeting is for the purpose of conducting the Annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 7th day of January, 2017. Public Notice of this meeting was given to The Ridgewood News, The Record, Pascack Press and Community Life newspapers; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room, a copy was filed in the office of the Acting Borough Clerk and a copy was posted on the Borough web site.

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RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES:

Mayor Douglas Frank

Mayor Frank said present today with us is the Honorable Bonnie Mizdol who is the Assignment Judge in Hackensack. Welcome. We also have our Chief of Police Robert Francaviglia and Captain Sean Smith. We have three members of our Planning Board here: Zoltan Horvath, Meredith Kates and Ed Alter. A fourth member of our Planning Board, Joanne Miano just walked in. We have our Risk Manager, Deb Ginetto of the Burton Agency.

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Frank said the first order of business is to administer Oath of Office to the recently re-elected and elected members of council.

Mayor Frank administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Frank Pizzella.

Mayor Frank presented two certificates to Councilmember Pizzella; the first is a Certificate of Commendation honoring Honorable Frank Pizzella in honor of recognition of your successful election to serve the residents of the Borough of Hillsdale; signed by James J. Tedesco, III, Bergen County Executive. Likewise, a Certificate from the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders in recognition of your Swearing In to serve the residents of the Borough of Hillsdale.

Mayor Frank asked Judge Mizdol to administer the Oath of Office to Steven Segalas.

Mayor Frank has a Certificate in honor of recognition of your successful election to serve the residents of the Borough of Hillsdale signed by County Executive James J. Tedesco, III.

Frank Pizzella – Councilmember	Term ending 12/31/19	Mayor Douglas Frank
Steven Segalas – Councilmember	Term ending 12/31/19	Honorable Bonnie J. Mizdol, A.J.S.C.

ROLL CALL OF 2017 HILLSDALE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

Mayor Douglas Frank
Councilmember Anthony DeRosa
Councilmember Scott Karcich
Councilmember Abby Lundy
Councilmember Frank Pizzella

STATE OF THE BOROUGH ADDRESS:

Mayor Doug Frank

Mayor Frank said the state of Hillsdale is very good and getting better. We live in one of the safest towns in the state and enjoy a great quality of life due to the dedicated employees and engaged volunteers who work so hard to provide many of our services. I want to thank them all for what they do for us. My first year as Mayor has been very, very challenging. It has also been an interesting year. Right before taking office we had our combined Borough Administrator and Clerk resign, shortly thereafter our CMFO, who had only been with us a few months, also resigned. This was just a continuation of the tumultuous past few years. Fortunately we did have a very capable Deputy Clerk and we had an interim DPW Superintendent who was able to step in despite only a few months experience. As with any organization, having the right people is critical to success. After I worked full-time at borough hall for the first two months, we started to get our bearings and started what has been an extremely productive year. I was lucky to have Denise Kohan to help me through those first two months; we both had a learning curve with no local support. Denise and I worked together to get through the 2016 Reorg and to get all of our professionals appointed. We also had only a short time to put together a budget. It was the third time in the last few years where the Borough had to do its budget without an appointed CMFO. In those years, outside help had to be hired. This time we did it without having to hire an outside firm. Councilman John Ruocco and I picked up the pieces of what was started and with considerable help from our Department Heads and the rest of Council; we were able to put together a 2016 Budget. Most important accomplishment we made at that time was to recruit Jon DeJoseph to come back as our Borough Administrator and CMFO. Jon joined us just in time to help us finalize the budget. By March, we had updated the project management list that Jon and I created a few years back and started to complete major projects and add new ones. I won't bore you with a list of all the things that we accomplished during the year but I think there's a few that I think are worth noting.

First, we created a 2016 budget without new borrowing and limited the budget to an average of \$24.00 tax increase for the average home. We continue to address debt accumulated in the first decade of the 2000's by paying down over \$400,000 in principal during the year. We reviewed the previous DPW capital plan and did a needs analysis; we then made changes to acquire some new needed equipment. We used over budgeted road resurfacing funds to repair the culverts that were deemed dangerous when we inspected them earlier in the year. After reviewing our annual Financial Statement I requested a review of previous capital projects that had been funded; these things that normally would be on a balance sheet in a public company. We found hundreds of thousands of dollars in unused capital from several years back. Councilman Ruocco and I contacted our Bond Counsel and our Auditor and we worked through it and we were able to repurpose the funds to buy new equipment and to complete a second road resurfacing program. Our 2016 Road Program was the strongest in over six years with about ½ million dollars of road repaving done.

After several years we had some projects that were growing whiskers. They were getting old and we had to get to work on them. We finally passed the Sign Ordinance and started implementation. We got the Sports Agreements finalized and signed to be in compliance with our own town ordinance and after several years of delay, we issued an updated employee handbook to bring us into compliance with current employment law. We repurposed grant money and used it to have all new lightning detectors installed on our fields. We even added a new one in Veterans Park. We fixed the audio system and the camera in Chambers and if you are at home watching this I imagine you can hear us now which was not the case in the past.

It also became apparent early in the year that our vendor who picked up our garbage and recycling in town was in trouble. Their service was becoming unbearably bad. The team of Jon DeJoseph, Scott Karcich and I were able to get a new vendor to come in and accept the existing contract with no new cost increase to the Borough. I am still amazed by this and Jon, thank you, you were the head of this. There were many smaller projects and upgrades that we were able to support during the year; one of the most important things we accomplished was to address our staffing. We had retirements and openings to address. We were able to promote our Assistant Finance Officer, we added a new Tax Collector and front desk staff, we also replaced our Zoning Official. I feel now that we have a very competent staff at Borough Hall who serve our residents very well.

One of the surprises I found on my desk last January was a notice that the permit for Waste Management's transfer station was up for renewal. Even though they have not operated in the last two years, we decided that this was an opportunity to keep them from returning to our town with the associated traffic, noise and smells that you get from an operating transfer station. We hired special Counsel for this purpose and although we knew and still know the chances are not great, it is something we had to attempt. It is still an ongoing project that we hope will come to some conclusion in the next

few months. In many ways this project is complementary to our efforts to redevelop the area known as our industrial zone. Councilman Pizzella is coordinating these efforts. This is a complex long term project that could take years, but we have to start it sometime and now is the time to start it.

The challenges we will face in the next few years continue to be financial; we have an aging infrastructure and the cost of dated government operations continues to rise. We need roofs on our buildings; the main building in particular DPW, Fire Department and Borough Hall. We need to continue to resurface our roads; these are all big ticket items. We also have a request for funding for additional staff, new equipment and new technology to keep our operations efficient and effective. All of this costs money and the primary source of our revenue is the taxes we all pay. I will continue to challenge our government to find efficiencies and to use technology to help us get the job done quickly and at less cost. I never forget the tax burdens borne by our residents when we evaluate these needs. If it makes us feel any better, we are not alone. We face the same challenges in developing new sources of revenue that all our neighboring towns are addressing and that is to keep our town moving forward without making it too expensive to live here. As everyone up here knows, I don't believe in borrowing to pay for current projects without a good plan for repayment. Sometimes we have to borrow for large projects. I do believe that one of the ways to fund a needed project is to add tax retables; with little open space in town, we have to look to redevelopment to accomplish this. It will require balance to insure that we do not change the basic nature of our town. There will always be opposition to development and redevelopment that is not bad, because every good project that has ever been done has had to overcome opposition. Opposition makes you do your homework better and it gets the job done better. I believe we will be able to move forward without compromising the basic character of Hillsdale. We entrusted much of this decision making to our resident volunteers on our Planning Board who have consistently shown good judgment. Along with the Planning Board, we are reviewing our codes for some needed changes which will make it easier for residents to improve their homes without an expensive and lengthy process for approval.

After the initial public portion of the meeting today, we will hold a Closed Session to update the Council on our negotiations with regards to COAH which is the Council on Affordable Housing. As you may know, the New Jersey Courts have taken control of the implementation of the Fair Housing Act; it was a mess. An advocacy group known as Fair Share Housing is taking legal actions against towns that do not have in their opinion enough low income housing. We have been in the negotiations with them for months and it is not easy. They do not care about Hillsdale but are driven by their own agenda. We are working diligently to come to a reasonable resolution. If we don't, the consequences could be that we lose control over who develops what and where in our town. We don't want that. We will keep you updated as we go forward.

I will continue to be a hawk on controlling spending and tax increases while keeping in mind important priorities for the town that must go forward such as infrastructure maintenance and improvements. Failure to do so is failure to address the real reasons for local government. We will be creative where we can and we will always challenge requests and priorities to flush out the real needs and to keep costs reasonable, but I will always put the best interest of the town ahead to everything else. I appreciate the support we have gotten from our residents, I also appreciate the feedback that we have gotten from them and always taken it into consideration as we move forward. I expect 2017 to be even a better year than 2016 for Hillsdale and you can count on the fact that you have a Mayor and Council who will be working hard to make it so. Thank you.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Mayor Frank asked the recently elected Councilmembers if they have any comments.

Councilmember Pizzella thanked everyone in Hillsdale who went out and voted and also thanked Chris Looes for her being on Council and he wished her well. He is every honored to have been voted in for more time. Hillsdale means a lot to me, I live here and I try to do my best as a Council Person. I take my job extremely seriously. I enjoy working with everyone here and look forward to 2017, it will be better than 2016. We have a lot of projects we are working on and we have a Mayor who is in charge. I appreciate it, again thank you everyone.

Councilmember Segalas said he sits here today humbled, blest, excited and immeasurably grateful to be allowed the opportunity and the honor to begin what I hope will be a long phase of elected service to the people of our town. I vow to remember and discharge my responsibilities not only with a forward looking and optimistic view towards our town's future but also not forgetting where I come from and my humble beginnings not only as a father but as a husband but also as the son of a hard working paint salesman from the Bronx. I am convinced that the value of our smart work, leadership and decision making here will not only be measured exclusively on ledger sheet but rather on whether we have strived to balance equitably all considerations especially those which impact on the people of this town;

not just our citizens but the people who also make their livings here. I like to see that as a balance between the hawks and doves of our town.

I vow to discharge my duties professionally, responsibly and ethically at all times intending to move Hillsdale forward with purpose, conviction and fortitude. I would like to thank Mayor Frank, Council President Pizzella and the balance of the Council for welcoming me on board for assisting me, for challenging me because we have already begun challenging each other and that is what good decision making and government starting at its grass roots doing a good job is all about. I would like to personally thank her Honor, the Honorable Bonnie Mizdol for coming here, also making a sacrifice on a Saturday in the name of public service and to my mother, my sister, my daughter, my son who I left at a robotics competition on south Jersey because we have to remember other people’s time comes before our own and to my wife especially, not only for her love and support but for a remarkable sense of humor for what has occurred so far and what is about to come ahead of us. Thank you.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Councilman Pizzella would like to nominate someone but would also like to say something about this person. This person is always prepared, always questions and challenges, makes sure he is informed at every meeting; you have to see the sheets of typed up paper that this man brings, he reads everything, he doesn’t let one thing get by. He takes his job very seriously, he takes advocating for Hillsdale residents very seriously, he is also a friend. I would like to nominate John Ruocco.

I now ask for a nomination put forward to be elected as Council president for the year 2017.

Nomination has been made for: John Ruocco.

Motion: by Councilman Pizzella, Second: by Councilman DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

Mayor Douglas Frank administers the Oath of Office to the Council President.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY: *(Mayor appointment with advice and consent) (R17011)*

Mayor Frank 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, 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Councilmember Lundy and unanimously carried..

Oath of Office administered to the Borough Attorney

BY~LAWS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL:

Mayor Frank proposes the adoption of By-Laws for the Hillsdale Borough Council for the year 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Council President Ruocco and unanimously carried.

PROCLAMATIONS:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Mayor Frank announces the proposed **COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES** for the year 2017.

(With advice and consent of Council)

	Chairperson		
Ambulance	Anthony DeRosa	Steven Segalas	John Ruocco
Building/Zoning	Steven Segalas	Frank Pizzella	Scott Karcich
Economic Growth & Business Development	Frank Pizzella	Steven Segalas	John Ruocco
Finance	John Ruocco	Abby Lundy	Frank Pizzella
Fire Department	Scott Karcich	Anthony DeRosa	John Ruocco
Police Department/OEM	John Ruocco	Scott Karcich	Steven Segalas
Public Works	Scott Karcich	Steven Segalas	Abby Lundy
Real Estate/Open Space	Frank Pizzella	Steven Segalas	Abby Lundy
Shared Services	Steven Segalas	John Ruocco	Anthony DeRosa

Motion by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

Mayor Frank announces the proposed **SPECIAL COMMITTEES** for the year 2017.

Public Relations & Social Media	Abby Lundy, Anthony DeRosa
Flood and Disaster Committee ~ (OEM)	Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Ambulance Captain, OEM Director, Board of Health President, Environmental Chair, Red Cross
Historic Preservation	Frank Pizzella
Insurance Fund Commissioner	Chris Looes
	Alternate: Borough Administrator
Insurance Liaison	Administrator/Steven Segalas
Liaison to Government Agencies	Mayor
Negotiation Committee	Mayor, John Ruocco, Scott Karcich, Administrator
Power and Energy	Administrator, Scott Karcich
Ordinance Review	Mayor, Steven Segalas

Motion to record by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried..

Mayor Frank announces the proposed **COUNCIL LIAISONS** for the year 2017.
(with advice and consent of Council)

Board of Education: <i>Regional</i>	Anthony DeRosa
<i>Local</i>	Frank Pizzella
Board of Health	Steven Segalas
Environmental Commission	Frank Pizzella
Library	Abby Lundy
Planning Board	Frank Pizzella
Recreation	Anthony DeRosa
Senior Citizens	John Ruocco
Swimming Pool Commission	Abby Lundy
Local Assistance Board	Steven Segalas

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilman DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Mayor Frank presents the names of the following 2017 Officers of the Hillsdale Fire Department:

2017 BOARD OF FIRE OFFICERS	
Chief	Patrick Doody
Deputy Chief	Thomas Kelley
Senior Captain	Matthew Buesser
Junior Captain	Joseph Solda, Jr.
1 st Lieutenant	Anthony Maalouf
2 nd Lieutenant	Mark Savino
3 rd Lieutenant	Vacant at this time
4 th Lieutenant	Vacant at this time
2017 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS	
President	Peter Hard
Vice President	Paul Muller
Secretary	Keith I. Durie
Treasurer	Patrick Doody

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Frank presents for Council confirmation, the following appointments to the Police Department Special Officers, Auxiliary Officers and Police Matrons for the year 2017 as recommended by Police Chief Francaviglia:

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POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF ROBERT FRANCAVIGLIA	DISP./MAT KIMBERLY HAFFLER
CAPT. SEAN SMITH	DISP./MAT ALEXANDRA VERGNES
SGT. JOSEPH MAZZEO	DISP. STEPHEN COOKE
SGT. CHRIS DONALDSON	P/D DISP. AARON ATTONG
SGT. DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN	P/D DISP. MICHAEL BERGMAN
DET/SGT. ADAM HAMPTON	P/D DISP. MATTHEW CIUPPA
PTL. THOMAS SMITH	P/D DISP. KELLY CONWAY
PTL. LIZ ZIMMERMAN	P/D DISP. JASON DURIE
DET. WILLIAM DIEDTRICH	P/D DISP. BRANDON FLYNN
PTL. DAVID SAYERS	P/D DISP. RICHARD GODDIN
PTL. RYAN NORTON	P/D DISP. KELLIE GOODELL
PTL. ALEX KAPLAN	P/D DISP. TYLER KADEMIAN
PTL. MICHAEL CAMPOREALE	P/D DISP. JUSTIN SCHWARZ
PTL. MATTHEW BUESSER	P/D DISP. PIETRO MAIO
PTL. TRAVIS WOODS	
PTL. GERMAN DECENA	CLERK LOURDES SPAGNOLI
PTL. BRIAN CONSIDINE	
PTL. COREY ROONEY	

Motion to approve, receive and file by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Karcich.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ~ AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS

Andres Perez	Captain
Donald Carty	Captain
Richard Hirsch	Lieutenant
Gary Fichtenbaum	Sergeant
Alexandria Vergnes	Sergeant
Mike Atheneos	Patrol Officer
Mitchell Raver	Patrol Officer
Christopher Karcich	Patrol Officer
Kevin Garcia	Patrol Officer
Tim Frantin	Patrol Officer
Michael Bergman	Patrol Officer
Andrew Jannicelli	Patrol Officer
Kimberly Haffler	Police Matron
Alexandria Vergnes	Police Matron

Motion to approve, receive and file by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried..

APPOINTMENT OF 2017 BOROUGH PROFESSIONALS:

BOROUGH AUDITOR: (R17012)

Mayor Frank presents the firm of Garbarini & Co. P.C. 285 Division Avenue and Route 17 South, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 as Borough Auditor for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Borough Auditor.

BOROUGH APPRAISER: (R17013)

Mayor Frank presents the firm of McNerney & Associate, Inc., 266 Harristown Road, P.O. Box 67, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0067 as Borough Appraiser for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Tax Appraiser.

RISK MANAGEMENT: (R17014)

Mayor Frank presents the name of Debra Ginetto, Burton Agency Inc. 44 Bergen Street, P.O. Box 270, Westwood, NJ 07675 for Risk Management for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Risk Management.

TAX APPEAL COUNSEL: (R17015)

Mayor Frank presents the name of Chris Martin, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Waterview Plaza, 2001 US Highway 46, Suite 200, Parsippany, NJ 07054 as Tax Appeal Counsel for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Tax Appeal Counsel.

PUBLIC DEFENDER: (R17016)

Mayor Frank presents the name of Ryan L. Franco, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Waterview Plaza, 2001 US Highway 46, Suite 200, Parsippany, NJ 07054 as Public Defender for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Lundy, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Borough Public Defender.

BOND COUNSEL: (R17017)

Mayor Frank presents the firm of Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 as Bond Counsel for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Bond Counsel.

PROSECUTOR: (R17018)

Mayor Frank presents the name of Dennis G. Harraka, Esq. Winnie Banta Hetherington Basralian & Kahn, P.C. Court Plaza South-East Wing, 21 Main Street, Suite 101, P.O. Box 647 Hackensack, NJ 07601 as Borough Prosecutor for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Borough Prosecutor.

BOROUGH ENGINEER: (Mayor appointment with advice and consent) (R17019)

Mayor Frank presents the name of Christopher Statile 3 Fir Court, Oakland, NJ 07436 as Borough Engineer for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Borough Engineer.

BOROUGH PLANNER: (R17020)

Mayor Frank presents the name of Darlene Green, PP, AICP, Maser Consulting P.A., 200 Valley Road, Suite 400, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856, as Borough Planner for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Borough Planner.

LABOR COUNSEL: (R17021)

Mayor Frank presents the name of Ray Wiss, of Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. 345 Kinderkamack Road. Suite E., Westwood, NJ 07675 as Borough Labor Counsel for the term expiring December 31, 2017.

Motion by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

Oath of Office administered to Labor Counsel

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS TO VARIOUS MUNICIPAL OFFICES:

Mayor Frank presents the names of the following individuals for appointment to the positions indicated for the year 2017:

Assessment Search Officer	Patrick Wilkins
Zoning/Code Official	Anthony Merlino
Police and Fire Chaplains	Brian Neville, Father Tom Norton
Acting Recycling Coordinator	Daniel O'Rourke

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:

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

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Mayor Appointment

Scott Raymond	Term Expiring 12/31/19
Ed Alter	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Adam Tate – Alt #1	Term Expiring 12/31/17

Motion to Record Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Frank administered the Oath of Office to Ed Alter and Adam Tate.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: Mayor Appointment

Marie Hanlon	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Jeanne Frantin	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Beverly Rosenstein	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Willie Dunn	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Peter Hard	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Sean Smith	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Gary Kuhl	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Frank Parisi	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Bob Cinek	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Jerry Miano	Term Expiring 12/31/17

Joseph Zanini Term Expiring 12/31/17
Motion to Record by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS: Mayor Appointment

Dr. Carol D'Aquino Term Expiring 12/31/17
Dr. David Stewart Term Expiring 12/31/17
Dr. Michael Rutigliano Term Expiring 12/31/17

Motion by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mayor Appointment

Jon Najarian, OEM Deputy Coordinator Term Expiring 12/31/17

Motion by Council President Ruocco, Second Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

OUR TOWN COMMITTEE: Mayor Appointment

Patty Hughes, Chairperson Term Expiring 12/31/17
Georgeann Wheeler Term Expiring 12/31/17
Pat Morrissey Term Expiring 12/31/17

Motion to Record by Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COORDINATOR: Mayor Appointment (R17023)

Chrisoula Looes Term Expiring 12/31/17

Motion to Record Councilmember Pizzella, Second by Councilmember Lundy, and unanimously carried.

PLANNING BOARD: Mayor Appointment

Michael Giancarlo Term Expiring 12/31/20
Grace Biener – Alt #2 Term Expiring 12/31/18

Motion to Record by Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Frank 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.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: Mayor Appointment with Advice and Consent

Marie Hanlon, Mayor's Alternate Term Expiring 12/31/17
Joanne Miano Term Expiring 12/31/20
Warren Harris Term Expiring 12/31/20

Motion by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas
Nays: None

RECREATION COMMITTEE: Mayor Appointment with Advice and Consent

John Corring Term Expiring 12/31/21
Teen Members:
Jenna Szabo Term Expiring 12/31/17
David Dembowski Term Expiring 12/31/17

Motion by Councilmember DeRosa, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL COMMISSION: Mayor Appointment with Advice and Consent

Shawn Buchanan Term Ending 12/31/19

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

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

Mayor Frank said this is a Council appointment.

BOARD OF HEALTH: Council Appointment

James Stephens	Term Expiring 12/31/19
Elaine Meyerson	Term Expiring 12/31/19

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Council President Ruocco.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

ACCESS TO ALL COMMITTEE: Council Appointment

Ruta Furino	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Visnu Gonzalez	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Tammy Rossomando	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Peter Hard	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Patricia Hughes	Term Expiring 12/31/17
Matt Buesser	Term Expiring 12/31/17
P.O. German Decena	Term Expiring 12/31/17

Motion to Record by Councilmember Karcich, Second by Councilmember Lundy, and unanimously carried.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER-CLASS III: Council Appointment

Mayor Frank requests the Council to nominate a member of the Council to be appointed to the Planning Board as their representative as the Class III Member of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2017.

Council appointment to Planning Board Councilmember Pizzella.

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Council President Ruocco.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: Councilmember Karcich

Mayor Frank states that no further Oaths of Office will be administered at this meeting. However, 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 Acting Borough Clerk for this purpose on or before Friday, January 13, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

CORRESPONDENCE:

DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Frank opens the meeting to the public. Anyone wishing to address the Council please come to the podium, state your name and address. Seeing no one, Mayor Frank closed the meeting to the public.

RESOLUTIONS (Consent Agenda) R17001 through R17028:

17001 Temporary Budget 2017

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to final adoption of the 2017 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty (30) days of January, 2017, and

WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2016 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund and public assistance in the said 2016 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that the following temporary appropriations be made and certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Treasurer for his records.

TEMPORARY BUDGET - MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

2017	SALARIES	OTHER	
APPROPRIATIONS	AND WAGES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
<u>CURRENT FUND</u>			
Administrative and Executive	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
Public Information	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Mayor and Council	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Clerks Office	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Administration of Finance	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Audit Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Collection of Taxes	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
Legal	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Engineering Services	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Environmental Commission	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Planning Board	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Zoning	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Uniform Construction Code	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
Insurance			
Health	\$ -	\$ 337,000.00	\$ 337,000.00
Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Unemployment Compensation	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Liability	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Police Department	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 750,000.00
OEM	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Aid to Ambulance Squad	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Fire Department	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Fire Prevention	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
Prosecutor	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Road Repair & Maintenance	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 195,000.00
Sanitation	\$ -	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 155,000.00
Recycling	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Train Station	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Board of Health	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 37,000.00
Administration of Public Assistance	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Recreation	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Senior Citizens	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 40,000.00

Maintenance of Free Public Library	\$ -	\$ 165,500.00	\$ 165,500.00
Celebration of Public Events	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Utilities – Gas & Electric	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Telephone	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Water	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Bergen County Utilities Authority	\$ -	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
Gasoline	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Recycling Tax	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
PERS	\$ -	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 186,000.00
Social Security	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
DCRP	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Pistol Range	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Municipal Court	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Public Defender	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,055,500.00	\$ 1,786,900.00	\$ 2,842,400.00
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>			
<u>Current Fund</u>			
Principal	\$ -	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 430,000.00
Interest	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Current Fund Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 465,000.00	\$ 465,000.00
<u>Dedicated Swim Pool Utility</u>	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00
Interest	\$ -	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
Swim Club Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 70,100.00	\$ 70,100.00

17002 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, 2017

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.

17003 Designating Borough Depositories

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the following banks be and they are hereby designated as the official depositories of the Borough of Hillsdale for the fiscal year of 2017: Bank of America, Capital One Bank, Chase Manhattan, Citi Bank, TD Bank, Oritani Bank, Lakeland Bank, Valley National Bank, and NVE Bank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of the Mayor, Borough Treasurer and, Borough Clerk are hereby authorized as Official Signatories

17004 Re-establishing Annual Petty Cash Funds for Borough Clerk's Office, Police Department and General Public Assistance

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>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Borough Clerk	Denise Kohan	\$ 200.00	Supplies, postage.
Hillsdale Police Dept.	Robert Francaviglia	\$ 200.00	Supplies, hardware, etc.
Detective Bureau	Adam Hampton	\$ 200.00	Investigative Expenses
General Public Assistance	Katherine E. Elgert	\$ 100.00	Emergency Lodging/Maint

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 for approval.

17005 Designating Tax Search Officer for 2017

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, that Dawn Wheeler, Tax Collector, being a duly bonded Official of the Municipality, be and she is hereby designated as Official Tax Search Officer (N.J.S.A. 54:5-11) of the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2017.

17006 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 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 of the Borough of Hillsdale are hereby authorized to file municipal appeals for both procedural and substantive reasons.

17007 Public Agency Compliance Officer for 2017

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 Jonathan DeJoseph, CMFO, CCFO, QPA as Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2017, and that the 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

17008 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:

The Ridgewood News
The Record
Star Ledger
Community Life
Pascack Press

17009 Authorize Chief Financial Officer 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
Utilities

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

17010 Establish Change Funds

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, to establish a change fund for the following offices as listed:

DEPARTMENT	DESIGNEE	AMOUNT
Stonybrook Swim Pool Commission	Patricia Hughes	\$100.00
Finance	Joann Beutel	\$100.00
Municipal Court	Susan Keenan	\$100.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and governing body hereby authorizes such action.

17011 Authorizing the Award of a 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, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Attorney; 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 with Mark D. Madaio at the rate of \$115.00 per hour as per the proposal dated November 14, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Mark D. Madaio as Borough Attorney through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17012 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, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Auditor; 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 the firm of Garbarini & Co. P.C. 285 Division Avenue and Route 17 South, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Garbarini & Co. 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”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Garbarini & Co. P.C. at an estimated fee of \$56,000.00. for audit services for the Borough and Swimming Pool Utility; plus fees for additional engagements if needed as set forth in the engagement letter dated November 10, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Garbarini & Co. P.C. through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17013 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Appraiser

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Appraiser; 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 the firm of McNerney & Associate, Inc., 266 Harristown Road, P.O. Box 67, Glen Rock, NJ 07452-0067 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; 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”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with McNerney & Associates, Inc., rates per their proposal of November 21, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of McNerney & Associates, Inc. through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17014 Authorizing the Award 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, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said consultant; 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 the firm of Debra Ginetto, Burton Agency Inc. 44 Bergen Street, P.O. Box 270, Westwood, NJ 07675 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Burton Agency 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”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Burton Agency Inc., at the rate of 6% of the Borough’s JIF/MEL assessment, rate set by JIF per the proposal of November 28, 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Burton Agency Inc. through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17015 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Attorney for Tax Appeals

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Attorney; 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 the firm of Chris Martin, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Waterview Plaza, 2001 US Highway 46, Suite 200, Parsippany, NJ 07054 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Morrison Mahoney LLP 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 Morrison Mahoney LLP at the rate of \$115.00 per hour and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to the firm of Morrison Mahoney LLP through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17016 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Public Defender

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Public Defender; 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 Ryan L. Franco, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Waterview Plaza, 2001 US Highway 46, Suite 200, Parsippany, NJ 07054 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Ryan L. Franco, Morrison Mahoney LLP 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 Ryan L. Franco, Morrison Mahoney LLP and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Ryan L. Franco, Morrison Mahoney LLP through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17017 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Bond Counsel

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Counsel; 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 Rogut McCarthy LLC, 37 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ 07016 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, 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”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Rogut McCarthy LLC as per the proposal of November 11, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Rogut McCarthy LLC as Municipal Bond Counsel through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17018 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Prosecutor

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; 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 Dennis G. Harraka, Esq. Winnie Banta Hetherington Basralian & Kahn, P.C. Court Plaza South-East Wing, 21 Main Street, Suite 101, P.O. Box 647 Hackensack, NJ 07601 as be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the firm Winne Banta 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 Dennis Harraka, Esq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Dennis Harraka as Borough Prosecutor through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17019 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Engineer

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; 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 Chris Statile, 3 Fir court, Oakland, NJ 07436 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Statile 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 Christopher Statile as per the proposal of November 28, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Christopher Statile as Borough Engineer, for a one year term ending December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17020 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Planner

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Engineer; 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 Darlene Green, PP, AICP, Maser Consulting P.A., 200 Valley Road, Suite 400, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856. will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, P.A. 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 Maser Consulting, P.A. at the rate of per their proposal of November 29, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Maser Consulting, P.A. as Borough Planner through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17021 Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for Borough Labor Counsel

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

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget and bond ordinances to compensate said Attorney; 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 Ray Wiss, Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. 345 Kinderkamack Road. Suite E., Westwood, NJ 07675 will be the most advantageous to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, 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”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such contract with Wiss & Bouregy, P.C at the rate of \$115.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hillsdale Borough Council hereby award a contract to Wiss & Bouregy, P.C as Borough Labor Attorney through December 31, 2017 or until a successor is qualified or appointed.

17022 Authorize 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 Burton Agency Inc. 44 Bergen Street, P.O. Box 270, Westwood, NJ 07675 in accordance with the Fund’s bylaws for the period of January 1, 2017 through January 1, 2018; 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).

17023 Appointment of Municipal Alliance Coordinator

WHEREAS, Legislation created P.L. 1989 establishing the Governor’s Council on alcoholism and Drug Abuse and the creating of a network of volunteers throughout New Jersey’s communities called the Municipal Alliance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Alliance Program was created to allow change to be developed from the ground up, allowing communities to make local decisions and empower them to make changes from within the community; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to appoint a Municipal Alliance Coordinator to help administer the needs of the Program; and

WHEREAS, Chrisoula Looes has the skills, experience and is qualified to fulfill the requirements of the position of Municipal Alliance Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are desirous in appointing Chrisoula Looes to fill the position; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey on this 7th day of January, 2017 that Chrisoula Looes is hereby appointed Municipal Alliance Coordinator of the Borough of Hillsdale .

17024 Authorize execution of contract for CDL Random drug and alcohol testing services

WHEREAS, CDL random drug and alcohol testing of all license holders is required as per N.J.A.C. 17:27; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale desires to enter into a contract for Professional Services with Valley Health System, 15 Essex Road, Suite 504, Paramus, NJ 07652; and

WHEREAS, the term of aforesaid contract shall be from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Valley Health System for the 2017 CDL Random Drug and Alcohol Program.

17025 Award and Execution of Contract for Animal Control Services

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale received two (2) quotes for animal services for the year 2017: and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator reviewed and evaluated both said quotes; and recommends an award of contract to:

Tyco Animal Control Service
1 Stout Lane
Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey 07423

In the amount of \$12,780.00 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to execute said contract between the Borough of Hillsdale and Tyco Animal Control Services.

17026 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:

QUASI I: 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

17027 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Engineering Services with Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has a need to acquire Bowman Consulting Ltd. as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hillsdale has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will not exceed \$10,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is 1 year and may be extended as approved by this governing body; and

WHEREAS, Bowman Consulting, Ltd. has submitted a proposal on November 28, 2016 indicating they will provide the Professional Engineering Services with respect to construction related services associated with the Stormwater Management System in regards to the Caliber Building Construction Services for the hourly rates of the following:

Board Engineer \$170.00/hr.
Chief Engineer \$170.00/hr.
Project Engineer \$170.00/hr.
Senior Construction Observer \$120.00/hr.
Construction Observer \$105.00/hr.

WHEREAS, the Bowman Consulting, Ltd. has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Bowman Consulting Ltd. has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Hillsdale in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Bowman Consulting Ltd. from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale authorizes the Borough of Hillsdale to enter into a contract with Bowman Consulting as described herein; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value will be placed on file with this resolution.

17028 Resolution Appointing Zoltan Horvath as the Official Voluntary Photographer for the Borough of Hillsdale

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to retain the Voluntary Professional Services of an Official Photographer for the Borough of Hillsdale to capture events and moments during town events; and

WHEREAS, Zoltan Horvath has used his personality and professional photographic skill to capture unforgettable moments throughout the Borough at past events; and

WHEREAS, Zoltan Horvath wishes to serve in the position of Voluntary Official Photographer for the Borough of Hillsdale; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Hillsdale that Zoltan Horvath is hereby appointed as the Official Photographer for the Borough of Hillsdale effective January 1, 2017.

17030 Resolution Authorizing Mayor to sign an Agreement between Woodcliff Lake, Park Ridge and Hillsdale for support of the Suez Proposed Nature and Walkway Trail.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Boroughs of Hillsdale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake wish to pursue the creation of the continuous walkway extending into the Borough of Hillsdale, the Borough of Park Ridge and the Borough of Woodcliff Lake for the use and enjoyment of the residents of the Boroughs; and

WHEREAS, SUEZ WATER OF NEW JERSEY, INC., (SUEZ) requires the Boroughs of Hillsdale, Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake to enter into a License Agreement granting the Borough access to the property owned by SUEZ in order to construct and maintain said nature trail; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale have determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough to enter into the licensed agreement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale that the Mayor is authorized and the Borough Clerk shall attest to the execution of the Licensed Agreement with Suez Water of New Jersey, Inc.

Councilmember Pizzella said this is the three town trail that is starting in Hillsdale by the Dam and going all the way to Park Ridge and hopefully later on to Montvale.

Councilmember Karcich asked that R17024 be pulled.

Councilmember Karcich said that R17024 be pulled for the purpose of carrying it to perhaps our next meeting to permit some additional reviews so it won't be voted separately and will just be carried.

Mayor Frank asked for a motion and second on everything from R17001 through R17029 with the exception of R17024.

Motion by Councilmember Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Lundy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa, Karcich, Lundy, Pizzella, Ruocco, Segalas

Nays: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Frank invites comments from Council members.

Councilmember Lundy wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She thanked the Mayor and Council, Borough employees, professionals, commissions, committees and volunteers for their guidance during her first year and for all the work they do on behalf of the residents of Hillsdale. She welcomed Councilman Segalas and congratulates Councilman Pizzella. There is a lot to be done this year and she is looking forward to a productive 2017 and continue to work with all of you. The Library survey is on the website; the Library is looking to revise their strategic plan so take a minute and partake of the survey.

Councilmember Pizzella wished everyone a Happy New Year; he welcomed Steve to the Board. He thanked everyone up here and also the public and looks forward to a productive New Year.

Council President Ruocco thanked the Council for electing him as President and is humbled by that decision. He will try to serve to the best of his ability. He is looking forward to helping the governing body address the considerable challenges that we face here in town to keep Hillsdale an attractive yet affordable town in which to live and raise a family. He thanked the Borough staff with whom he has the pleasure of interacting this past year, the clerical staff, the police, OEM, DPW and our Fire Department and Ambulance volunteers. They do make this town run, we don't, they do, they are the core of the town and they make us Council people more effective. He looks forward to continuing to work and have a productive relationship with all of them, particularly with the new leadership of the Fire Department as he is a member of the Fire Committee. As Council Liaison to seniors in the town, he also thanked them for their support, their ideas and suggestions and looks forward to continuing to serve them. He welcomed Steven to the Council and anticipates working well with him on the Police Committee, Ambulance Committee and Shared Services Committee. He said Steven has a wealth of knowledge that will benefit this governing body and anticipates learning a great deal from him. He also thanked Councilmember Pizzella and welcomed him back to the Council.

Councilmember Karcich wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked all of our Borough employees, department heads; he welcomed Steve to the Council. As his first year as a Councilmember it certainly has been a challenge and the Mayor's comments that we had earlier seemed like every day there was another shoe dropping. We couldn't get through it all without a great team; we challenge one another but we respect one another with the best interest of Hillsdale. There are a few highlights he would like to bring to your attention. We finally got Hillsdale Avenue paved; he was running and knocking on doors up and down Hillsdale Avenue and that is all he kept hearing was we need the road paved. I am very proud that we were finally able to get that done. We also got a new Police contract done this year which he believed was a fair contract that was done in a very methodical but timely manner. Surrounding towns let these things drag and it hurts employees, hurts the morale of the town and together with Councilmember Ruocco, the Mayor, me and Jon DeJoseph, the outcome was good. He is also proud how we were able to pivot on our trash contract so fast this past year; he was really impressed with Jon DeJoseph and how he was able to make this happen in really three days; we got that done. That is a great achievement that he is proud of. Our leaf program this year, by using good, strong business practices and getting the right resources and the right plan we were able to get the leaves off our streets in a timely manner and he was really impressed with how our teams got all the material off and very minimal issues. We also got our labor contracts done with the DPW; these were things that were left over when we first came on Council, it should have been done before we got up here but we were able to get them done and proud we got them done. It is great to work with a proactive Mayor and Council and I look forward to a productive 2017; I also like to thank our Police Chief Francaviglia for his counsel and leadership on some challenging issues this year. He looks forward to working with our

new Fire Chief, Patrick Doody. I think he will be a great Chief to serve the community, I like his style of leadership and is looking forward to 2017.

Councilmember Segalas said he sits here an acorn among oaks. He thanked the Chief and Captain Smith who took him around and showed him things that he did not know existed in this town. After over two decades we have a nurse's office and he has to figure how to get from work to the nurse's office to get my day off. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Councilmember DeRosa said the Regional Board of Education met on Monday for their Reorganization Meeting. The Board recognizes outgoing members Al Murphy, former Mayor of Hillsdale, and also Bart Ellis for their many years of service. The Board welcomed returning member Timmy Molinelli from Woodcliff Lake and newly elected member Jim Stankus from River Vale. The Board also unanimously re-elected Jeffrey Steinfield as President and Jenna Messenger as Vice President and at the high school, the State Commissioner of Education actually visited Pascack Valley on the last day before the Teacher of the Year before she embarks on trips to Washington and then speaking engagements across the country speaking on best practices for teachers

The Ambulance Service voted on their officers for 2017 and he thanked John Beatty the outgoing Captain; he did a great job managing that group and also bringing in a lot of new members which is essential to a vibrant organization. He wished the new incoming Captain the best of luck, President and Vice President and Treasurer. He reminded everyone that our Ambulance Service is completely comprised of volunteers; they do not charge for their service and with the exception of a small donation from the Borough, the service exists merely on the tax donation from residents. He encouraged support for them. The Rec Commission has their Reorg on Thursday.

He welcomed Steven Segalas and Frank Pizzella and looks forward to working with both of them. His impression of Steven is that he is an intelligent, level headed person, two qualities that will serve us here and the Borough well. The new Council makeup is that we are all affiliated with the same political party, we share many of the same core beliefs but similarities stop there. We have healthy debates on subjects and that is good for everyone and there will be no rubber stamping on this Council. The Mayor covered most of our accomplishments in 2016. We would like in 2017 to acquire equipment so that we can broadcast our meetings on a regular basis to the cable channels. Right now you just see it live, other municipalities have it so that you can catch the meetings regularly as well as having postings about events for the Borough, Library events also. He looks forward to working with the Recreation Commission and the sports associations; now that we have a signed agreement we can all work better together examining our recreation facilities and pooling our efforts to improve one or more that will benefit the greater good of the residents. He would like to establish some sort of social media presence for the Borough so that we can notify residents of upcoming events and emergencies promptly. That doesn't exclude the alert systems we have already. He would like to acquire a monitor so that we can broadcast images, presentations from the Council, Planning Board so residents have a better idea visually what we are talking about. He wished everyone a Happy New Year, we have made good progress in 2016 and looks forward to the better things we can do in 2017.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph congratulated Councilman Steven Segalas and Councilman Fran Pizzella on his re-election. He said 2016 was a difficult year but we got a lot accomplished with our great department heads, great employees, wonderful Mayor and Council; he works well with Denise and Mark and appreciates everyone's time and support.

Borough Attorney Madaio wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Clerk Kohan thanked everyone for their support and faith in her. It was tough 2016 but she enjoyed every minute of it. She learned a lot, has a lot to go and is excited to do that. Pancakes for Parkinsons will be held on January 21 at Hillsdale United Methodist Church, 9 to 12.

Mayor Frank thanked the entire Council for the accomplishments we got done in 2016. Even though we appear to be a tranquil group, any project that runs into opposition and we have a lot of opposition here, but fortunately we are able to get past it and come to consensus and get things moving forward for the town. That is important; there is no shrinking violence up here, but we have a good balance of people here and if you look at the project list we accomplished and there is a lot more than he read out today. It happened because everyone worked together. He looks forward to working with everyone and he welcomed Steven Segalas and Frank Pizzella.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Brian Neville

Pastor Brian Neville said as we go from this place prepare us for a new day, a day where we put aside our agendas for the benefit of the greater good. May we serve our community in a meaningful way, may ego fade to the background as our leaders take on the awesome responsibility of leading this Borough. Make them wise, make them faithful to the task as they work to transform our community into a place that blesses all of our citizens. Amen.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:

R17029 To provide for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 – COAH, WASTE MANAGEMENT & REDEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) and designated below:

- __ (1) Matters required by law to be confidential.
- __ (2) Matters where the release of information would impair the right to receive funds.
- __ (3) Matters involving individual privacy.
- __ (4) Matters relating to collective bargaining
- __ (5) Matters relating to the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property or the investment of public funds.
- __ (6) Matters relating to public safety and property.
- X (7) Matters relating to litigation, negotiations and the attorney-client privilege – COAH, WASTE MANAGEMENT & REDEVELOPMENT
- __ (8) Matters relating to the employment relationship
- __ (9) Matters relating to the potential imposition of a penalty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Hillsdale assembled in public session this date that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above. It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion to go to Closed Session was made by Councilmember Pizzella, second by Council President Ruocco, and unanimously carried.

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RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Motion to reconvene Council President Ruocco, Second by Councilmember Pizzella, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Lundy, Second by Councilmember Karcich, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017 BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Denise Kohan, Acting Municipal Clerk