

Mayor Sheinfield called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meeting Statement:

This is a Special Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 22nd day of January, 2024. 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 the 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.

Borough Clerk Kohan took the Roll Call -

Council President Escobar, Councilmembers Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio) all were in attendance.

Mayor Sheinfield opened the Public Comment Period of the meeting. Seeing no one wishing to address the Mayor and Council, Mayor Sheinfield closed the Public Comment Period.

RESOLUTIONS (Consent Agenda) R24057 through R24058:

[24057](#) Resolution Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for the Borough Hall Improvements

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2024, the Borough of Hillsdale received five (5) sealed bids for the Borough Hall Improvements; and

WHEREAS, TNS Construction, LLC of 1294 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, New Jersey 07874 was the lowest responsible bidder in the base bid amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid package and found it to be in order and recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey that the bid submitted by TNS Construction, LLC of 1294 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, New Jersey 07874 for the Borough Hall Improvements be accepted and it be awarded the contract, in a total contract amount not to exceed of \$80,000.00.

[24058](#) Resolution Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for the Police Station Improvements

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2024, the Borough of Hillsdale received twelve (12) sealed bids for the Police Station Improvements; and

WHEREAS, TNS Construction, LLC of 1294 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, New Jersey 07874 was the lowest responsible bidder in the base bid amount of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00); and

WHEREAS, Borough Attorney has reviewed the bid package and found it to be in order and recommends that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey that the bid submitted by TNS Construction, LLC of 1294 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, New Jersey 07874 for the Police Station Improvements be accepted and it be awarded the contract, in a total contract amount not to exceed of \$85,000.00.

Mayor Sheinfeld asked the Borough Administrator to sum up the reason for the Police Department Renovation to clear up any questions that may have come up regarding this project. The Administrator explained that due to flooding from heavy rains the Police Department has been relocated to the upper part of the Borough Hall. A claim was submitted to the insurance company. Bid specs were then prepared with one of the Engineers with the assistance of the Police Chief and himself to repair the damage. In addition, quotes are being obtained for the sewer issues surrounding the building that contributed to the flooding and this work will be completed as soon as possible.

Councilman Ruocco wanted to confirm that the insurance money that was received will be enough to cover all the renovation and if there will be left over money to address the drainage issue. The Administrator stated that the cost of the engineering specs, renovation and furniture will be covered by insurance fully and there will be left over funds to go towards the cost of the drainage issues.

Motion: Ruocco Second: Trochimiuk

Ayes: Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

Nays: none

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Ruocco Second: Trochimiuk

All in favor: Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED