

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

Mayor Ruocco asked that all remain standing for a moment of silence for all those Ukrainians that have lost their lives defending their homeland as well as all the refugees and that had to leave their homes and to the World Leaders that they negotiate an end of this war.

Mayor Ruocco began the meeting with the Open Public Meeting Statement:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 5h day of April 2022. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News and The Bergen Record; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Members DeRosa, Escobar, (attending the meeting online) Horvath, Lundy, Pizzella (absent), Council President Trochimiuk, Mayor Ruocco, (Borough Attorney Mark Madaio, Borough Administrator David Troast, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan)

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS -**

Mayor Ruocco read the proclamation to recognize that April is Parkinson's Awareness Month.

**PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**

**April 1, 2022 – April 30, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is estimated to affect approximately one million people in the United States and the prevalence will rise to 1.2 million by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is the 14th leading cause of death in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is at least \$52 billion annually, including direct and indirect costs, including treatment, social security payments and lost income, to patients and family members;

**WHEREAS**, research suggests the cause of Parkinson’s disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, but the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown;

**WHEREAS**, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson’s disease, and there is no cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease;

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of Parkinson’s disease vary from person to person and can include tremors; slowness of movement and rigidity; difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking; cognitive impairment and dementia; mood disorders; and a variety of other non-motor symptoms;

**WHEREAS**, volunteers, researchers, caregivers, and medical professionals are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson’s disease and their families;

**WHEREAS**, increased research, education, and community support services such as those provided by the Parkinson’s Foundation and other organizations are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, do hereby proclaim the month of April in twenty twenty-two as PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

*In witness thereof, I, John Ruocco, Mayor of the Borough of Hillsdale, have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of April, 2022.*

Mayor said that this has great relevance to both the Mayor and the Borough Clerk, as this disease has affected both their families,

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

[Council Meeting Minutes March 1, 2022](#)

Closed Session Meeting Minutes March 1, 2022

[Council Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022](#) (Councilman DeRosa absent)

Closed Session Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022 (Councilman DeRosa absent)

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember Horvath

Ayes: Councilmember DeRosa (except March 8, 2022 he abstains), Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Council President Trochimiuk

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman DeRosa (March 8<sup>th</sup> minutes only)

Absent: Councilman Pizzella

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

Jonathan DeJoseph – Hillsdale

Mr. DeJoseph had questions regarding the budget and how the Borough is going to use the funds that were received under the American Rescue Plan. CMFO Sheri Luna was recognized by the mayor and she responded to Mr. DeJoseph that this is just the introduction of the Budget and she would be more than happy to answer those questions if still needed at the Public Hearing for the budget adoption at the first meeting in May. Mayor Ruocco added that as for the American Rescue Funds, the Borough has received only half of the 1.1 million dollars thus far. There are very specific ways that this money can be used, but he believes that the borough will be using them for infrastructure. The CMFO added that this money will be brought in as unanticipated grant funds, which will offset some of our revenue.

Not seeing any further questions, the mayor closed the first public comment period.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. [Letter received by the Sun Dial Club requesting the use of the Hillsdale Train Station for its Annual Plant Sale on May 7, 2022 from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm](#)

Motion to approve, receipt and file Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

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

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

**PROFESSIONALS REPORT/MONTHLY DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

*(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)*

[Hillsdale Police Department – March 2022](#)

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia

Police Chief Robert Francaviglia summed up his monthly report. After 9/11 the Borough did implement the National Fire Code. This means that with all new builds, they have to make sure that public communications are up to standard. For those buildings that were built prior to this do not fall under this code, like the new portion of the high school. He will be working with the vendor as to how this will be handled to rectify this as well as working with the high school as to how it will be handled financially.

[Department of Public Works – March 2022](#)

Interim DPW Superintendent Barry Peterson

Acting DPW Superintendent Barry Peterson summed up his monthly report.

All fields have been worked on except for the 2 fields at Centennial to allow the grass to germinate before they allow kids on it to play.

With the assistance of the Borough Administrator, they were able to secure a vendor to come in and clean up the remaining environmental issue at the garage.

He had some dangerous trees removed along the nature trail in Beechwood Park.

Mayor Ruocco asked if the fields at Centennial have been remediated? Mr. Peterson stated that Knickerbocker and Corra Fields have been completely remediated. The DPW will remediate one of the soccer fields. Soccer does not need the fields until May, but he felt that they would at least get one of the soccer fields done just in case it is needed. The Borough Administrator added that the other fields were done with grant funds, but this field is being done by our own DPW, with topsoil and seed. Mr. Troast added that Mr. Peterson has done a great job as Interim. An offer will be made shortly to a new incoming Superintendent, but he wanted to thank him publicly for his efforts.

Mr. Peterson added that the stone that they have taken out of the fields they have been adding along the side of the baseball fields where it is needed.

Mr. DeRosa thank Mr. Peterson for getting the fields ready for opening day and for coming up with a solution for the soccer fields. Mayor Ruocco added his thanks as well.

Mayor Ruocco added a mayor's report at this time. In regards to the moving of the DPW to the Suez Property on Church Road, in formal discussion with Suez, it does not seem that there is the support for this from the utility or the Watershed Commission. He and the Borough Administrator will be reassessing options, which include moving the DPW to the Industrial Zone, where redevelopment is taking place or an engineered solution at the present site. . This is a priority to him over the idea of a community center and the turfing of the fields.

The second item he wanted to share is that Shop Rite has give the Borough a generous sponsorship donation of \$15,000 towards our summer concerts. There will be 4 higher quality concerts this year. He will work with those involved to get the advertisement of this sponsorship and concert information out to the residents.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Councilman - Anthony DeRosa

He reported on the Regional High School that they have hired a new Superintendent as she officially starts in July. A new climate survey will be distributed shortly so he urges parents and student to look for that. They also have introduced there 65.3-million-dollar budget at their last meeting.

The Local School Districted held their meeting which he was unable to attend, but exploratory work has begun regarding moving George White School.

The Police Chief was recently made aware of long response times for ambulance calls. This is not a reflection on the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance, this is an issue in the Pascack Valley Area. There are just not enough EMT's on town. The Ambulance Service has tried to merge with other towns, but there is just not enough interest. There is an idea to hire per diem EMT's to cover shifts at a cost to the borough. This and other possibilities will need to be discussed.

Talks have begun in regards to the turfing of Centennial Fields with the sports associations and what they would like to see. The engineering firm will be back with a proposal that will take into account these considerations at the next meeting.

Councilman - John Escobar – he will defer his report at this time

Councilman – Zoltan Horvath - he will defer his report at this time

Councilwoman - Abby Lundy - she will defer her report at this time; however, she would like to remind everyone that registration for Stonybrook Swim Club opened March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Council President – Janetta Trochimiuk

The DPW Committee met and discussed the DPW facility and the options to resolve the issues. The BA will be consulting with the engineers about a new location or have it remain where it is. This is a priority for the committee.

The Library Board of Trustees met and she would like to remind everyone that today is also National Library Day. There are several events being held at the library and she encourages everyone to check out the website for more information.

In regards to Access for All, they will be holding their annual Art Show again. Applications are online to register for this. A banner that was displayed last year with the art work will once again be hung at the library this year.

Mayor Ruocco recognized the Borough Administrator. The Borough Administrator added that he met with the Borough Engineer today and they recommended that the current site of the DPW is the best option. They will look at what is needed as far as permits and what we will need to do with the DEP in regards to keeping the facility at this location. They will be reporting on this at a meeting in May.

The DEP will also be attending the second meeting in May regarding the Alexander Cleaners site, which the Borough Clerk is aware of. They wanted to attend via Zoom and it seems that that will be able to happen since our new system is up and working and he thanked the clerk for making this happen.

Council President Trochimiuk reported that tomorrow night there will be a Town Hall Meeting at the Borough Hall with the Developer that is looking to build on Patterson Street at 7:00 pm and you will see some renderings

of what they are looking to build. Both Mayor Ruocco and Councilman Horvath asked that this meeting be on Zoom as well.

## **BUDGET ORDINANCES**

### **22-06 (Introduction)**

#### **An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) for Calendar Year 2022 in the Borough of Hillsdale**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale (the "Borough") in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2022 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$107,024 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2022 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$374,586, and that the CY 2022 municipal budget for the Borough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 22-06 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on May 3, 2022 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilman DeRosa

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

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

**PRESENTATIONS:**

[2022 Budget Presentation](#)

Finance Chairperson Abby Lundy

Councilmember Lundy would like to thank the Finance Committee, the CMFO and the Borough Administrator as this was a really difficult budget season. She also gave thanks to the Mayor and our Auditing Firm Garbarini & Co.

Councilmember Lundy shared her 2022 Budget Presentation



# Finance Committee

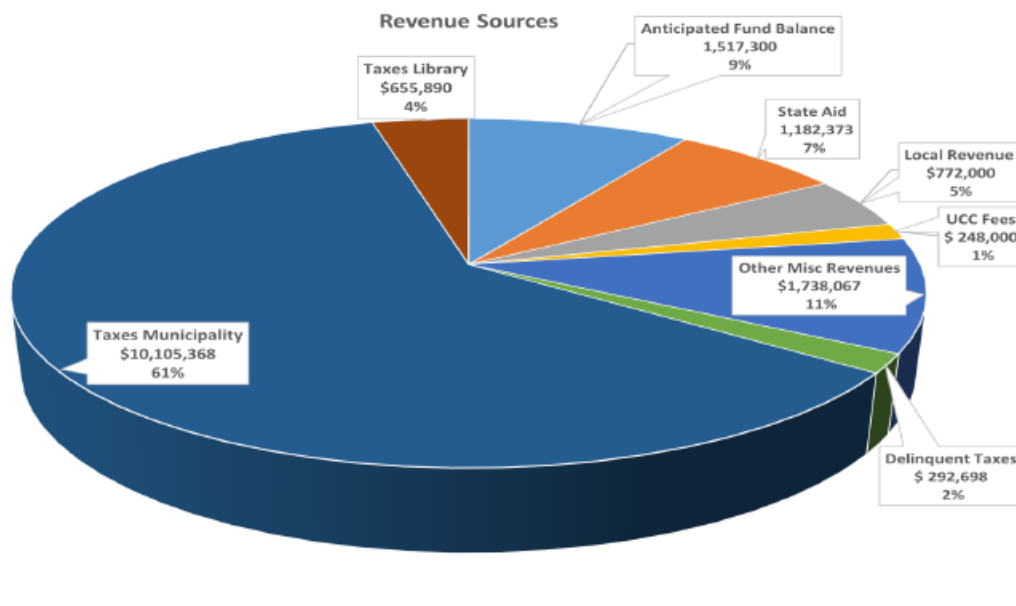
- Members:

- Finance Committee Chair: Abby Lundy
- Permanent Member Council President Janetta Trochimiuk and Rotating Member Councilman John Escobar
- Borough Administrator David Troast
- CMFO Sheryl Luna

- Additional thanks to Mayor Ruocco, all Dept Heads & Auditor Paul Garbarini and Staff

## General Revenue = \$16.5MM

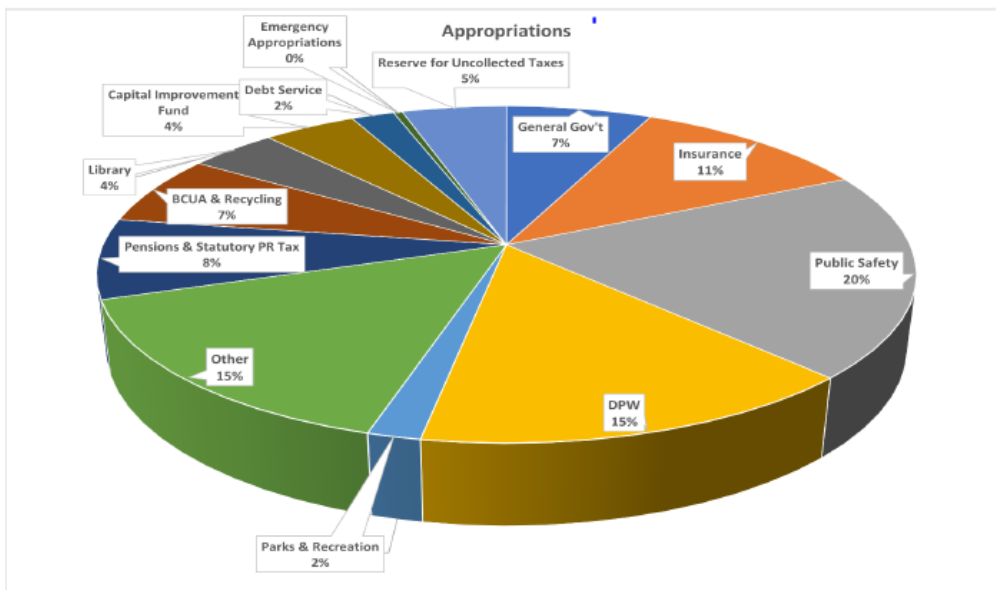
Amount from taxation = \$10.0MM municipal taxes  
= \$0.65MM library taxes



# Revenue Factors

- Stagnant State Aid for eleven consecutive years
- Pandemic related increases in revenues are \$1.1MM. These revenues include the American Rescue Plan Grant and FEMA Pandemic funds received.
- Other increases include FEMA funds for Hurricane Ida, Recycling and Clean Communities grants.
- Effective use of fund balances generated from prior years operations

## Appropriations= \$16.5MM





## What's in "Other"??

- Reserve for Uncollected Taxes
- Construction Code Enforcement
- Public Health, Local Assistance, Environment
- Contingencies
- Accumulated Absences
- LOSAP for volunteers
- Planning Board
- Shared Services including those offset by revenue

## Significant Factors Affecting Appropriations

- Overall increase in the amount to be raised by taxes of \$96,876
- Increase in Federal & State Grants which are offset by revenues which includes the American Rescue Fund grant.
- Increase in Garbage & Trash Removal includes annualization of twice a week garbage pick up.
- Increase in Gas & Diesel Fuel of \$62k due to rising fuel prices.
- There was a reallocation of statutory appropriations such as social security tax, DCRP and PERS

## Capital Budget

- The Capital Program will be a thoughtful mix of pay as we go and debt authorizations through bonds and notes.
- Some projects and purchases included in Capital Budget :
- Beechwood Park matching grant funds for park improvements
- Purchase of a pickup truck for DPW.
- OEM radio and technology upgrades.
- Fire Department Air filling cascade system used to fill the SCOTT Packs
- Purchase of additional flashing pedestrian crossing and stop signs.
- Purchase of a new police vehicle.
- A significant Municipal Road Resurfacing Improvement Program.

## Debt

- The borough has very little debt because we have historically utilized a cash capital improvement program
- The borough paid down its previously issued debt in 2021 by making a \$485k bond principal payment
- A \$300k BAN payment will also made in this budget cycle
- While interest rates remain low, the finance committee recommends going to bond for some capital improvements which include; replacing the Maple Avenue Park retaining wall. A rescue boat for the FD and significant improvements/turfing at Centennial Field Complex

# What Does All Of This Mean for the Hillsdale Taxpayer?

## To be raised for Municipality

- \$10.1MM(2022)
- \$10MM (2021)

## Municipal Tax Rate

- 59.1 cents per \$100 assessed valuation (2022)
- 58.7 cents per \$100 assessed valuation (2021)
- .004 cent increase per \$100 assessed (<1%)

## Tax on Avg. Assessed Home

- \$468,049 = \$2,765 (2022)
- \$466,629 = \$2,738 (2021)
- Increase \$27.00 .99%

The increase this year is less than 1% or \$27.00 without the library or \$28.00 including the library that is statutory. Our auditor agrees that this is a great budget. We have very little debt and a very minimal increase and we are not reducing any services and we are looking to do capital improvements.

## [2022 Introduced Budget](#)

### **BUDGET INTRODUCTION RESOLUTIONS**

#### [R22078](#) Introduction of 2022 Budget

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Hillsdale, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the said budget be published in the Ridgewood News in the issue of April 15, 2022 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on May 3, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET 2022**

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the approved Municipal Budget for the year 2022;

**General Appropriations**

Appropriations within "CAPS" - Municipal Purposes	\$11,146,928.00
Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" - Municipal Purposes	4,589,768.62
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	775,000.00
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>16,511,696.62</b>
<b>Less: Anticipated Revenues</b>	<b>5,750,438.09</b>

**Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget**

Local Tax Municipal Purposes	\$10,105,368.42
Minimum Library Tax	<u>\$655,890.11</u>
<b>Total to be Raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 10,761,258.53</b>

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

Mayor Ruocco would like to thank the Finance Committee. He is relieved that we are not increasing the tax rate as much as last year. The 1.2% increase (incl. Library tax) to him is unnecessary due to the increase in our surplus account. If we draw down our surplus by another \$97,000, we could eliminate the full tax increase. tax increase. The mayor spoke against a philosophy of having a tax increase every year even if it is not needed. It is not being fiscally conservative. With the schools we are looking at a \$309 increase (2.2%) per the average assessed household. The mayor is not comfortable with the budget for the pool. He has been seeking a p&l from them for 2021 and what is projected for this year. He wants to make sure that the residents are not subsidizing the pool's operations. Councilmember Lundy wanted to remind residents that the municipality is only responsible for 20% of your overall tax bill. The other 10 % is county and 70% is the schools. We have statutory obligations that increase every year and they are beyond our control.

CMFO, Sheri Luna added that this is her first year in Hillsdale. We have a good surplus and you are financially stable. You do have statutory obligations and salaries that are contractual. Mayor Ruocco asked that if we

don't increase the taxes that 1.2% would we still be able to meet those obligations. Ms. Luna stated yes but if there is an unforeseen expense you would have to draw against your surplus. She is not a fan against a zero-tax increase. A stagnant budget will eventually catch up to you.

Councilmember DeRosa recalled that in the interview process for the Borough Administrator, each prospected person mentioned that they all believed in not keeping taxes flat, as did our auditor. It's odd that that many people disagree with you.

Borough Administrator Troast added that this budget is fiscally conservative. He wants to make sure that there is a surplus because if a catastrophe hits, you have the money to cover it.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

**ORDINANCES:**

**22-01 – Adoption**

**An Ordinance Establishing Recreation Department Program and Summer Camp Fees in the Borough of Hillsdale**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Hillsdale Summer Camp season for children of Hillsdale and River Vale residents and for children attending Hillsdale schools (St. John's included) shall operate camp for a maximum of 5 weeks.

**SECTION 2.** The **Summer Camp Fees** per registrant are as follows:

	Hillsdale/ River Vale	St. John's Student/
	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Camp Little Hawk (kindergarten)	\$850	\$900
Camp Pascack, Grades 1 – 4	\$1,000	\$1,000
Camp Adventure, Grades 5 – 6	\$1,100	\$1,200
Field Trip Camp, Grades 7 – 9	\$1,200	\$1,300
Late registration fee after May 27, 2022	\$50	\$50
Before Camp Program (8:00 – 9:00 am)		
Pre-Registered (all weeks)	\$250	\$250
Pre-Registered (per week)	\$60	\$60
Pre-Registered (per day)	\$20	\$20

No pre-registration (per day)	\$25	\$25
After Camp Program (3:00 – 6:00 pm)		
Pre-Registered (all weeks)	\$400	\$400
Pre-Registered (per week)	\$100	\$100
Pre-Registered (per day)	\$25	\$25
No pre-registration (per day)	\$30	\$30
Late pick-up (after 6:00 pm,	\$15	\$15
Per 15-minute increment.)		

**NO REFUNDS**

**SECTION 3.** The **Recreation Program Fees** per registrant are as follows:

	<u>Hillsdale Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Men’s Basketball	\$75	\$75
Duplicate Bridge	\$25	\$25
Indoor Soccer	\$55	\$60
Youth basketball (kindergarten clinic)	\$70	\$70
Youth Basketball (1,2, Grade Clinic)	\$80	\$80
Youth Basketball (3 <sup>rd</sup> to 8th Grade,	\$100, per child	\$100
Youth Basketball (9th to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, *RV)	\$100 each child	\$100
Women’s Volleyball	\$50	\$50
Girls Instructional Volleyball	\$65	\$75
Men’s 18 & over Softball	\$500/per team	N/A
Men’s 35 & over Softball	\$60	\$60
Women’s 18 & over Softball	\$60	\$60
Wrestling	\$145	\$145
Rutgers Coaches Class	\$45	\$45
Art Program, per class or (session)	\$25 - \$250	N/A
Cooking per class or (session)	\$15-100	N/A

PGA Golf Program	\$100-500	N/A
Tennis Program	\$100	N/A
Women's Basketball 18+	\$60	\$60
Kickball Adults	\$55	\$55
Kickball kids	\$40	\$40
Tennis Program/Pickleball	\$30-200	\$30-\$200
Ski Program	\$50-\$100	\$50-\$100
First Friends (per child)	\$5-10	\$5-\$10
Ice Skating	\$125-130	\$125-\$130
Returned Check Fee	\$20	\$20
Car show participant's	\$25-35	\$25-\$35
Vendors	\$30-\$50	\$30-\$50
5k run	\$5-\$75	\$5-\$75
Music Program	\$100-300	\$100-300
Late Fee	\$25	\$25
Credit Card Convenience Fee	3%	3%
Use of Beechwood Park – Field Use	\$40	\$60
Various Misc. Recreation Programs	\$5-\$100	\$5-\$100

BEECHWOOD PARK RENTAL

*Beechwood Park rental w/band shell  
and Picnic area (resident use only)*

*\$50 under 50 people*

*\$100 51-100 people*

*\$150 101-200 people*

*\$200 201-300 people*

*\$TBD 301-500 people*

*Beechwood Park rental w/band shell  
and picnic area (Hillsdale only commercial business)*

*\$100 under 50 People*

*\$250 51-100 people*

*\$300 101-200 people*

*\$350 201-300 people*

*\$TBD 301-500 people*

*Beechwood Park rental band shell/picnic area    Beechwood Park rental Band Shell/picnic area*

*(Non-resident only)*

*(Non-resident Commercial business)*

\$75 under 50 people

\$150 under 50 People

\$150 51-100 people

\$275 51-100 people

\$200 101-200 people

\$375 101-200 people

\$250 201-300 people

\$3475 201-300 people

\$TBD 301-500 people

\$TBD 301-500 people

Use of Beechwood Park – Field Use additional charge \$50 (3-hour max) Residents,

Nonresidents \$85 (3-hour max)

Field rental\* non-Hillsdale Team

\$85 per practice (max 3 hours)

Field rental \*non-Hillsdale Team

\$85 per game (max 3 hours)

Field rental \*non-Hillsdale Team

\$175 per game with lights max (3 hours)

- Memorial, Stonybrook and Centennial Fields

**All programs and field rentals are NON-REFUNDABLE**

**& Are subject to a Covid-19 Fee of %10 per person**

\*\* No Organized Sport or teams

\*Grades 9-12 includes Pascack Valley High School Students (River Vale) including all girls 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**SECTION 4.** All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication of notice thereof as required by law and shall be retroactive to January 1, 2022.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 22-01, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 22-01 Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella



The Mayor entertained a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-01 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 22-01 Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-01 Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

### 22-02- Adoption

#### **An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Recreation Department**

**WHEREAS:** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The compensation of all personnel whose services are required as general staff for the operation of the Borough of Hillsdale – Summer Day Camp Program is as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Wage Range Maximum</u>
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Hourly Camp Staff	\$20.00 maximum
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Must be going into 10<sup>th</sup> grade or older

#### **Camp Hillsdale Experience Benefit**

A flat rate of \$25.00 will be applied for every paid year of Camp Hillsdale experience that each counselor has with the Borough of Hillsdale. This adjustable experience benefit will be paid at the completion of the summer day camp season in August.

**SECTION 2.** The range salary amount to be paid to a **Specialist** who must have an education degree/certification or an experienced college student is \$1,000 to \$3,500 (based on the applicant’s related camp experience and camp time length). This is an appointed position.

**SECTION 3.** The range salary amount to be paid to a **Camp Director (one)** - \$10,000 to \$21,000 or **Assistant/Administrative Director’s (each)** is \$3,000 to \$10,000 (based on applicant’s related camp experience and camp time length). This is an appointed position.

**SECTION 4.** Additional hourly increments on top of base rate may be earned for the following recognized certifications:

First Aid Certification	\$0.50
CPR: Adult and Child	\$0.75
Lifeguard Certification	\$0.75
Head Counselor	\$0.40

**SECTION 5.** The compensation of all personnel whose services are required as Program Supervisors for the Recreation Commission Programs is as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Men’s Basketball		\$200/season
Duplicate Bridge		\$300/season
Indoor Soccer		\$300/season
Women’s Volleyball		\$200/season
Girls’ Volleyball Instructor		\$600/season
Youth Basketball: Coordinator		\$3,500/season
Youth Basketball: 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> grade clinic	\$1,800/season	
Youth Basketball Assistant Coordinator	\$1,200/season	
Youth Basketball Clinic-kindergarten	\$1,500/season	
Men’s 18+ Softball	\$400/season	
Men’s 35+ Softball	\$500/season	

Kickball Coordinator	\$300/season
Women’s Basketball 18+	\$400/season
Pickleball Coordinator	\$200-500 season
Women’s 18+ Softball	\$400/season
PV Junior Wrestling	\$400/season
Pt Recreation Secretary Hrly	\$22.00 Hrly
Basketball referee high school	\$16 per game
Basketball scorekeeper	\$13 per game
Hall monitors	\$13 per hour
Professional Referee	\$30-\$50 per game

**SECTION 6.** The compensation fixed and determined by this ordinance for the person holding the respective office and position of employment herein named, shall, except as otherwise provided by statute, ordinance or resolution, be in lieu of all other fees, costs and charges received and collected by such office and employee shall be remitted promptly to the Borough Treasurer.

**SECTION 7.** All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 8.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage, approval and publication of notice thereof as required by law.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 22-02, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

Motion to open the public hearing on Ordinance 22-01 Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

The mayor entertained a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-02 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted and published in the Ridgewood News. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public.

Motion to close public hearing on Ordinance 22-02 Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

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

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-02 Council President Trochimiuk Second Council Member DeRosa

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

Nays: none

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance is adopted and the Borough Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law.

### **Ordinance 22-07 – Introduction**

(This ordinance is taking place of Ordinance 22-05 that was introduced on 3/8/2022)

### **An Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale to Permit Temporary Pop-Up Drive-In Theaters by License**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale desires to issue a license to permit temporary pop-up drive-in movie theaters within the R-1 Residential District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council believes this is a family-oriented use that complements the character and scale of the Borough; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey as follows:

#### **Section 1. Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to establish a procedure and authorize rules and regulations thereunder for the licensing of outdoor cafes in the Commercial Zone of the Borough of Hillsdale.

#### **Section 2. “Definitions.”**

For the purpose of this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed in this section.

#### **POP-UP DRIVE-IN THEATER**

A seasonal, temporary outdoor venue consisting of a non-permanent outdoor movie screen, projection or broadcasting booth, and large automobile parking area. The use may include a concession stand and may also be referred to simply as a “Drive-In”.

#### **Section 3. License required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization of any kind (hereinafter collectively referred to as "person") to create, establish, operate, maintain or otherwise operate a Drive-In upon their property or any property in the Borough of Hillsdale without a Hillsdale Borough license.

#### **Section 4. License requirements.**

No license shall be issued hereunder unless the licensee can demonstrate compliance with all of the following:

- (1) The Drive-In shall be located on a parcel containing a minimum of three acres.
- (2) The Drive-In shall be located on a parcel with frontage on two County Roads both located within the Borough of Hillsdale.

- (3) The seasonal, temporary Drive-In may only operate between April 15 and October 31.
- (4) Gates shall open no earlier than 7:30pm and movies shall start no later than 8:30pm. Movies shall end by 10:30pm and all vehicles shall leave the parking lot by 11:00pm.
- (5) A maximum of 100 cars may be permitted within the parking area.
- (6) All ticket sales shall occur prior to an event. No on-site purchasing of tickets shall be permitted to avoid vehicles queuing on public roads.
- (7) There shall be no loudspeaker audio system permitted to be used in connection with the use. All audio that is utilized shall be by radio transmission to the car radios of the vehicles utilizing the facility.
- (8) Sufficient restroom facilities shall be provided, which shall be subject to the review and approval of the Hillsdale Board of Health.
- (9) Vehicles shall not be permitted to idle during the event.
- (10) The Hillsdale Police Department shall be consulted regarding the location of the movie screen, vehicle parking, and traffic flow and routing. No license application for a pop-up drive-in theater shall be approved without the input of the Hillsdale Police Department.
- (11) In the event that the Chief of Police or his designee deems it desirable and in the interest of public safety, a pop-up drive-in theater owner/operator shall pay for any necessary police officers to assure traffic ingress and egress is safe.
- (12) The outdoor movie screen shall be dismantled and removed during non-operating months.
- (13) Due to the temporary nature of the license, the license cannot be grandfathered, and the license may be denied or revoked at any time.

**Section 5. License application.**

Application for the license required hereunder shall be made to the Construction Code Official and shall be signed by the applicant. The application shall contain the following information:

- A. The name, residence address and telephone number of each individual, owner, partner or, if a domestic corporation, the names, residence addresses and telephone numbers of the directors and officers owning a 10% or greater interest in the corporation and chief operating executive of the corporation and, if a nondomestic corporation, the name, residence address and telephone number of the managing officer for service of process within the State of New Jersey and a copy of the qualification of said nondomestic corporation to conduct business in the State of New Jersey.
- B. A copy of the trade, corporate, business or fictitious name upon which the applicant intends to do business pursuant to this chapter.
- C. The address and description of each place where the occupant intends to establish a Drive-In.
- D. The name and address of the person owning the premises, if other than the applicant, and the consent of the owner of the premises to the application.
- E. Three sets of a proposed layout plan demonstrating the activities to be satisfactory to the Construction Code Official as well as the Police Chief or his designee.

**Section 6. Review of application.**

The Construction Code Official will review the application for completeness and compliance with the terms of this chapter. If the application is complete, the Construction Code Official will act upon the same within 10 business days of the submittal of the application or within 10 business days after the application becomes complete. If the application is not complete, the Construction Code Official will so notify the applicant within the 10 business days of the submissions and specifically detail the areas in which the application lacks compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

**Section 7. License issuance.**

If the application complies with this chapter, the Construction Code Official shall issue a license strictly subject to the terms and conditions of this chapter for a single season as set forth in Section 4(3) and Section 12, unless earlier revoked.

**Section 8. License non-transferrable.**

The license is personal to the applicant, and any change or transfer of ownership of the property shall terminate the license and shall require new application and a new license in conformance with all of the requirements of this chapter.

**Section 9. Consent to inspections.**

Acceptance to the license by the applicant shall operate as a consent to the health, fire, police and building officials of the Borough to inspect the Drive-In for continued compliance with the terms and conditions of this chapter and any federal, state, county or local law, ordinance or regulation affecting the same.

**Section 10. Revocation or suspension of license.**

Any license issued hereunder is issued solely as a revocable license, which shall be subject to revocation or suspension by the Borough for failure of any licensees to comply with this chapter or for violation of any other applicable federal, state, county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance. Any license issued hereunder is issued upon the express understanding that the licensees obtain no property right thereunder, nor any interest in the continuation of said license. Upon the first violation, the eating establishment shall receive a written warning. Upon the second violation, the license shall be revoked for the remainder of the license year.

**Section 11. Suspension or termination of license.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a Drive-In after the suspension or termination of the applicable license.

**Section 12. Days of operation.**

Drive-Ins shall be permitted to operate from April 15 or October 31 in the year specified on the license. The license, when issued, shall be valid for one (1) season.

**Section 13. Hours of operation.**

Gates shall open no earlier than 7:30pm and movies shall start no later than 8:30pm. Movies shall end by 10:30pm and all vehicles shall leave the parking lot by 11:00pm.

**Section 14. Violations and penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable as provided in Chapter [226](#), Penalties.

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If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of the ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall render the entire ordinance invalid.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by Law.

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BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 22-07 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Mayor and Council in the Municipal Building, 380 Hillsdale

Avenue, Hillsdale, New Jersey, on May 10, 2022 and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Ridgewood News once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Motion Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember Lundy

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R22079 through R22085:**

[R22079](#) Resolution Appointing Public Agency Compliance Officer

**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 David Troast as Public Agency Compliance Officer in the Borough of Hillsdale for the year 2022, 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.

[R22080](#) Appointing David Troast 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 David Troast 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 Denise Kohan, Borough Clerk is hereby appointed as the alternate to David Troast as representative of the Borough of Hillsdale to the Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund.

R22081 was pulled by Mayor Ruocco to be voted on off-consent

[R22082](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale Recognizing NJ Local Government Week April 3-9, 2022

**WHEREAS**, local government is the government closest to most citizens, and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, local government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their municipality their home; and

**WHEREAS**, local government is administered for and by its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, local government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of public services and their benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, NJ Local Government Week offers an important opportunity for elected officials and local government staff to spread the word to all citizens of New Jersey that they can shape and influence this branch of government; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJ State League of Municipalities and its member municipalities have joined together to teach citizens about municipal government through a variety of activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE:**

**Section 1.** That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale encourages all citizens, local government officials, and employees to participate in events that recognize and celebrate NJ Local Government Week.

**Section 2.** That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale encourages educational partnerships between local government and schools, as well as civic groups and other organizations.

**Section 3.** That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale supports and encourages all New Jersey local governments to actively promote and sponsor NJ Local Government Week.

[R22083](#) Approval to Enter into and Sign a Grant Agreement with the county of Bergen for Senior Wellness, Exercise & Mindfulness (Update resolution 21239)

\*\*this is to allow the Administrator and the Recreation Director the ability to sign off on the contract and vouchers



**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hillsdale wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$6,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Community Block Grant funds for Senior Wellness, Exercise & Mindfulness; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator and/or the Recreation Director to sign all county vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Hillsdale is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

[R22084](#) Resolution Authorizing Redemption & Premium – 31 Homestead Avenue

**WHEREAS**, The Tax Collector held a Tax Sale on October 6, 2021, and at the sale a lien was sold on Block 1805, Lot 11, also known as 31 Homestead Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 for 2020 Delinquent Taxes and,

**WHEREAS**, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #20-00005 was sold to Robert Rothman Pension Plan for 0% redemption fee and a \$88,300.00 premium, and;

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Menechino, 31 Dundee Court, Mahwah, NJ 07430, who has the right to redeem as a holder of a mortgage on the property and has filed an affidavit with the tax collector stating as such, has affected redemption of Certificate No. 20-00005 in the amount of \$ 29,214.38, and;

**WHEREAS**, the lienholder has not paid subsequent taxes for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021, resulting in a prorated share of the 6% YEP of 75% to lienholder, 25% to the borough calculated to \$659.04 and \$219.68, and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue

a check in the amount of \$ 28,994.70, payable to Robert Rothman Pension Plan, 411 Grand Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631 for the redemption of this certificate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$88,300.00 (Premium) to the aforementioned lienholder.

[R22085](#) Retention of Special Counsel – Waste Management Issues

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale awarded a contract to the firm of McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, P.C. on January 4, 2022 as Special Counsel for Waste Management Issues as a Non-Fair and Open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, Reginald Jenkins of the firm of McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, P.C. was the attorney for the Borough of Hillsdale for hearings, meetings, court appearances and all necessary related legal services but he has since left the firm of McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, P.C; and

**WHEREAS**, Reginald Jenkins has moved to the firm, Trenk, Isabel, Siddiqi & Shahdanian located at 290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Suite 2350 Livingston, New Jersey 07039; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Hillsdale would like to retain Reginald Jenkins and his new firm for hearings, meetings, court appearances and all necessary related legal services under his new firm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute such a contract with the firm, Trenk, Isabel, Siddiqi & Shahdanian as well as sign the Client Authorization Form to transfer any records, files and property in the possession of McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli, P.C. to Mr. Jenkins at the rate of \$175.00 per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Trenk, Isabel, Siddiqi & Shahdanian 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, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Reginald Jenkins of the firm Trenk, Isabel, Siddiqi & Shahdanian located at 290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Suite 2350 Livingston, New Jersey 07039 be retained as Special Counsel – Waste Management Issues for the Borough of Hillsdale for the hearings, meetings, court appearances and all necessary related legal services effective March 14, 2022, up through the Borough Reorganization Meeting in 2023.

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

**OFF-CONSENT:**

[R22081](#) Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Keith Durie as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale and Authorizing the Mayor and the Borough Clerk to Execute an Employment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with Keith Durie to Serve as Licensed Sewer Operator

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Keith Durie to serve as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale; and,

**WHEREAS**, Keith Durie wishes to serve in the position of Licensed Sewer Operator and to enter into an Employment Agreement to perform such duties with the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Keith Durie is hereby appointed Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of

Hillsdale at an annual rate of \$5,000.00 (pro-rated) effective April 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough wishes to enter into an Employment Agreement with Keith Durie to serve as Borough Licensed Sewer Operator and authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

Motion Councilmember Lundy Second Councilmember DeRosa

Mayor Ruocco stated that he has no problem with the resolution or the agreement that it refers to but as the Chair and the presider of the meeting he is going to ask the person who motions, Councilmember Lundy to read the agreement or summarize the key terms so that the public knows what the council is going to vote on.

Councilmember Lundy stated that we are appointing Mr. Durie because our current Interim DPW Superintendent does not hold this license which we are required to have. He will respond for any incidents that occurs and will receive a \$5000 stipend for this position and will report to the BA. The mayor added the following specifics of the agreement for the sake of transparency:

Mr. Durie will monitor our sewer system as per NJ law and his term will run from 4/1/22 through the end of 2022. He will report to the Borough Administrator. In addition, he will do the required NJDEP sanitary survey and will tour all facilities when required by NJDEP as well as meet monthly with the DPW Superintendent and he will respond to any incidents 24/7. His salary will be prorated at \$5000.00 for the year but he will not receive benefits or receive vacation, sick time.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Not seeing anyone wishing to speak, Mayor Ruocco closed the second public comment period.

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

Mayor Ruocco would like to thank the Hillsdale Fire Dept for donating turn out gear to the Clifton Fire Dept who in turn will be donating it to needy firefighters in Ukraine. It is also National Library Week and the intent is to motivate people to read and visit libraries. He would like to thank David Franz and his staff at the library for all their hard work.

He would like to thank his wife for running the local book club as well.

Councilman Horvath recognized the boy scouts in the audience, that are here to recognize citizenship in the community.

He also added that he is saddened by the events that are going on in this world.

Councilman DeRosa would like to thank the Fire Dept for donating the turnout gear. He would like to thank your Borough Clerk for working out the details with our new hybrid model. He would like again thank everyone who was a part of this year's budget process with a special thank you to Councilmember Lundy who spearheaded the budget.

Councilmember Lundy would also like to thank our Borough Clerk with getting our hybrid system set up. She also wanted to introduce our new Borough Administrator. With that, Mayor Ruocco introduced our new Borough Administrator, David Troast.

Council President Trochimiuk added that we are working on a big birthday celebration for the town next year. Anyone that would like to join in the process, should come join us on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm here at Borough Hall.

As a final reminder, Mayor Ruocco stated that tomorrow is a Town Hall Meeting where the redevelopers will present their proposal to redevelop the industrial area. This is not a council meeting or a Planning Board Meeting. There will be time to ask questions and for the developers to gain feedback from residents. It starts at 7:00 pm.

The Clerk will be sending out a reminder and how you can access the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn Council President Trochimiuk Second Councilmember DeRosa

Ayes: Council Members Escobar, Horvath, Lundy, Council President Trochimiuk, DeRosa

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Pizzella

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022 7:00 pm.**

Denise Kohan, Municipal Clerk

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APPROVED AS PRESENTED