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**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Regular Meetings of the Borough Council are generally held on the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please refer to our town calendar for dates and times and any special meetings or date changes. Borough Council Meetings begin at 7:00 PM unless otherwise stated. Meetings are **televised on Optimum Channel 77 or on FIOS Channel 32**. You may also participate through the Zoom Platform.

**\*\*DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THIS COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON ONLY. ZOOM AND THE PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNELS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023. 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 President DeRosa, Council Members Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Mayor Ruocco (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

[R23238](#) 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 – *Borough Professional Positions/Personnel, Police, Administration/Shared Service*

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

Motion to reconvene \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

**APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:**

Fire Department Full Member Jack Flanagan

Mayor John Ruocco

Motion\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar  
Mayor Ruocco announces the proposed **COUNCIL LIAISONS** for the remainder of year 2023.  
*(with advice and consent of Council)*

TANS (Taxpayers for Aircraft Noise Solutions)	Justin Fox
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Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

[First Responders Appreciation Month](#)

Mayor John Ruocco

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

September 12, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Hillsdale Education Foundation requesting permission to hold a Color Run on Sunday October 29, 2023 at Beechwood Park from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. (This request came from the Recreation Dept and has been sent to the Police and the DPW)

Motion to approve, receive and file \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

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

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

**\*\*Engineer Report will be submitted for the next meeting**

Hillsdale Police Department – [August 2023](#)

[September 2023](#)

Department of Public Works – [September 2023](#)

Administrator Report – September 2023

Captain Sean Smith  
DPW Superintendent David Hayes  
Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Council President - Anthony DeRosa

Councilman - John Escobar  
Councilman – Justin Fox  
Councilman – Zoltan Horvath  
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy  
Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk

**ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance 23-15 (Adoption)

**An Ordinance Vacating and Extinguishing the Public Rights in a Portion of Brookside Place in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President DeRosa, Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-15, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-15 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 23-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-15 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

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

Ordinance 23-16 (Adoption)

**Capital Ordinance to Appropriate an Additional Sum of \$56,250 for the 2022 Beechwood Park Improvements in, By and For the Borough of Hillsdale, In the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, To Be Raised from a Grant in the Amount of \$56,250 from the Bergen County Open Space Fund**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-16 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-16, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-16 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 23-16 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-16\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

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

**Ordinance 23-17** (Adoption)

**Capital Ordinance to Appropriate an Additional Sum of \$578,818.78 for the 2023 Road, Curb, Sidewalk, Culvert, Sewer and Drainage Improvement Program, In, By and for the Borough of Hillsdale, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to be Raised from a Grant in the Amount of \$578,818.78 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 23-17\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 23-17, please say your name and wait to be recognized, once recognized state your name and address for the record.

I will now entertain a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 23-17 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 23-17\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-17\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar

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

**Ordinance 23-18** (Introduction)

**An Ordinance Amending Chapter 96, Animals, of the Borough Code to Prohibit the Sale of Dogs and Cats in Retail Stores**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-18 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 November 9, 2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox

**Ordinance 23-19** (Introduction)

**Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Hillsdale, in the county of Bergen, New Jersey authorizing the Replacement of the Pump in Engine 33 Operated by the Hillsdale Fire Department, Appropriating Therefor the Sum of \$70,000.00 and Providing that Such Sum So Appropriated Shall be Raised from the Borough's Capital Improvement Fund**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 23-19 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 November 9, 2023 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Lundy, Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): R23239 through R23243:**

[R23239](#) Approval of 2022 LOSAP List

[R23240](#) Resolution Authorizing the Award of Emergency Contract Under New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 For Repair of Royal Park Terrace Sinkhole

[R23241](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Block 2303 Lot 1 (47 Kent Road)

[R23242](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of a Small Wireless and/or Smart Pole Right of Way Use Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale (Hereinafter the “Borough”) and Munisite Holding Group Partners, LLC (Hereinafter “Munisite”)

[R23243](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of a Temporary Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen for Tree Removal Along County Roads

Motion \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Fox, Horvath, Lundy

**OFF-CONSENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council President DeRosa, Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Horvath, Lundy, Trochimiuk

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023**