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**BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**  
**7:00 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. Meetings are **televised on Optimum Channel 77 or on FIOS Channel 32**. You may also participate through the Zoom Platform. [Click here to join via Zoom](#). The meeting id is **894 566 4822** and the passcode is **07642**. You may also dial in by calling **+1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 894 566 4822 Passcode: 07642**. To ask a question if you call into the zoom meeting dial \*9.

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

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 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 Council President Escobar, Council Members Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Mayor Sheinfield (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

**APPOINTMENTS/OATH OF OFFICE:**

**HILLSDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Detective/Police Officer Matt Soltes – Assignment  
Police Officer Martin Kim  
Police Officer Brianna Alfieri  
Police Officer Mario Vdovjak

Mayor Michael Sheinfield  
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**BOARD, COMMISSION, AND TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Dr. Arthur Weinberg – Alternate #2

Non-Expiring Term 12/31/24

Motion to Record: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION:**

Tracy Hanson

Non-Expiring Term 12/31/25

Motion to Record: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES:**

Jonna Davis, Mayor’s Alternate

Term Expiring 12/31/24

Motion to Record: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mayor Sheinfield 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:**

Liz Leonard

Non-Expiring Term 12/31/24

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

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

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting Minutes January 2, 2024

Council Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

Council Meeting Minutes January 22, 2024

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

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

**INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT** (time limited to 3 minutes, items on the agenda only, one topic per speaker -please state your name and town of residence for the record)

**DISCUSSION:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Email received from Linda Giovanni regarding a Hanukkah request
2. Letter received from Bonnie Stevenson requesting a street name in honor of Ida & Bert Garrabrant
3. Email received from Glenn Moton requesting the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Go the Distance pass through Hillsdale

Motion to Receive and File \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

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

4. Letter received from the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department requesting use of the West Parking Lot for their Annual Carnival – May 6, 2024 – May 11, 2024.

Motion to Approve, Receive and File \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_ (police & ambulance – no issues)  
Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

**PROFESSIONALS REPORT:**

[Borough Engineer Report – January 2024](#)

Colliers Engineering

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Council members serve as liaisons to departments and committees in Hillsdale to provide the governing body and the public with an update on arising issues, actions considered, and actions taken within a given organization.

Liaisons are not expected to be intimately familiar with the granular issues being considered by committees and departments. The people responsible for such information are the B.A. and the internal head of the department or committee.

Should anyone have questions requiring an in-depth response, and the council person is not comfortable providing the answer, I will direct the B.A. to provide a response. If an answer cannot be immediately ascertained, it will be the responsibility of the B.A. to speak to relevant parties and provide the person making the inquiry with a timely response. The B.A. will then report back his findings to the mayor, council, and public at the next public meeting.

Council President - John Escobar  
Councilman – Justin Fox  
Councilwoman - Abby Lundy  
Councilman – Clemente Osso  
Councilman – John Ruocco  
Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk  
Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

**ORDINANCES:**

**24-01(Adoption)**

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-01 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-01, 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. 24-01 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 24-01 \_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-01\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy

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

**24-02(Adoption)**

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-02\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-02, 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. 24-02 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 24-02\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilmember Trochimiuk, Council President Escobar, Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-02\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_  
Council President Escobar, Councilmember Fox, Lundy, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

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

**RESOLUTIONS:(Consent Agenda): 24059 through 24074:**

- [24059](#) Resolution Authorizing Refund of Permit Fee – 146 Knickerbocker Avenue
- [24060](#) Resolution to Cancel Capital Balances
- [24061](#) Resolution amending Resolution 23287 Authorizing Transfer Between Budget Appropriations
- [24062](#) Resolution to Cancel Capital Grant Balances
- [24063](#) Dedication by Rider – Fire Prevention Donations
- [24064](#) Dedication by Rider – Park Improvement Donations
- [24065](#) Dedication by Rider – Summer Concert Series Donations
- [24066](#) Resolution Authorizing the Signing of the Contract Amendment Between the Borough and Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc for the Collection and Transportation to a Designated Disposal Facility of Garbage, Recyclables and Refuse

- [24067](#) Resolution Hiring Temporary Snow Plow Operators for the Department of Public Works
- [24068](#) Resolution authorizing the Appointment of Keith Durie as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Borough of Hillsdale and Authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to Execute an Employment Agreement on Behalf of the Borough of Hillsdale with Keith Durie to Serve as Licensed Sewer Operator for the Year 2024
- [24069](#) Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Hillsdale Police Department to Participate in the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office, 1033 Program to Enable the Hillsdale Police Department to Request and Acquire Excess Department of Defense Equipment
- [24070](#) Resolution Authorizing Participation in a Master Contract for Tree Removal, Trimming and Stump Grinding Services through the Riverside Cooperative
- [24071](#) Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Organic Recycling Inc. for the Use of the Leaf Disposal Facility
- [24072](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for 442 Broadway
- [24073](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Bluefield Court & Oak Street
- [24074](#) Resolution Authorizing the Return of Unused Escrow for Bluefield Court & Oak Street – Second Escrow Account

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

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

**OFF-CONSENT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (time limited to 3 minutes any topic-please state your name and town of residence for the record)

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**