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BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Regular Meetings of the Borough Council are generally held on the 1st and 2nd 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 can now also view our meetings LIVE on YouTube. Subscribe to view our meetings on youtube.com: @hillsdalenj5879. Link to our YouTube page: [click here](#). Zoom is no longer available.**

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 1ST day of October, 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.

ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE:

Fire Department Full Members
Carlos Hernandez

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

Motion to approve____ Second_____

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Special Council Meeting Minutes August 29, 2024

Closed Session Minutes August 29, 2024

Council Meeting Minutes September 10, 2024

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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:

Sapienza Gardens

Lauren Mitchell – on Behalf of the Sapienza Gardens Trustees

CORRESPONDENCE:

PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:

[Borough Engineer Report – October 2024](#)

Borough Engineer Nick Chelius

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 – Robert Colletti Jr.
- Councilman – Justin Fox
- Councilman – Clemente Osso
- Councilman – John Ruocco
- Councilwoman – Janetta Trochimiuk
- Borough Administrator – Mike Ghassali

ORDINANCES:

[24-14 \(Adoption\)](#)

An Ordinance Supplementing Provisions of Chapter 63 “Police Department” of Code of the Borough of Hillsdale to Establishing Procedures for the Utilization of Off-Duty Police Officers

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 24-14_____ Second _____
Councilmember Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 24-14, 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. 24-14 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 24-14_____ Second _____
Councilmember Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-14_____ Second _____

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

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): 24258 through 24266:

- [24258](#) Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise Requests for Qualifications for Borough Professionals
- [24259](#) Resolution to Cancel Grant Balances
- [24260](#) Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the Stonybrook Concession Stand
- [24261](#) Resolution Establishing Rate of Compensation for Off Duty Police Officers Pursuant to Ordinance 24-14, Section 63-17 (D)(1)
- [24262](#) Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property
- [24263](#) Resolution to Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for Emergency Repair Work of Traffic Signals
- [24264](#) Resolution Authorizing the Officer in Charge in Charge to Process Firearms Identification Cards in the Absence of the Chief of Police
- [24265](#) Chapter 159 – Spotted Lanternfly Reimbursement Program
- [24266](#) Resolution Approving Shared Services Agreement Between the Borough of Hillsdale and the Township of River Vale for the Position of Tax Collector

Motion _____ Second _____

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

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 Colletti, Council President Escobar, Fox, Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**