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**AGENDA OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 6:00 pm**

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](#).**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:**

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025. 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:**

Mayor Michael Sheinfield, Council President Osso, Councilmembers Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Ruocco, Trochimiuk (Borough Administrator Mike Ghassali, Borough Clerk Denise Kohan, Borough Attorney Mark Madaio)

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

[25058](#) 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 –*PBA Local 207 Contract Negotiation, Police Personnel, Shared Services – Municipal Court*

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

Councilmember Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:**

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

Councilmember Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

**RECOGNITION/OATH OF OFFICE:**

Hillsdale Hawks Pee Wees Football/Cheer Team 2024 Superbowl Champions

Mayor Michael Sheinfield

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council Meeting Minutes January 7, 2025

Council Meeting Minutes January 14, 2025

Council Meeting  
February 4, 2025

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

Councilmembers Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

**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:**

**PROFESSIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS:**

[Borough Engineering Report – January 2025](#)

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

**ORDINANCES:**

[25-01 – Adoption](#)

**An Ordinance to Amend and Supplement Ordinance 09-01 Chapter 138 “Fees” and Chapter 71 Swimming Pool Commission**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 25-01\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Osso, Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 25-01, 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. 25-01 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 25-01\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-01\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco

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

### 25-02 – Adoption

#### **An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for the Staff of the Hillsdale Swimming Pool Commission in the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey**

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 25-02\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 25-02, 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. 25-02 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 25-02\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-02\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

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

### 25-03 – (Adoption)

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 25-03\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Council President Osso, Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 25-03, 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. 25-03 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 25-03\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-03\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco

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

### 25-04 – Adoption

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

Motion to open public hearing on Ordinance 25-04\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk

I will now open the meeting to the public. If anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No 25-04, 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. 25-04 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 25-04\_\_\_\_\_ Second\_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-04\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso, Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox

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): 25059 through 25071:**

25059 Resolution Authorizing the Agreement with Northwest Bergen Regional Health Care Commission – Public Health Nursing Services

25060 Resolution Granting Tax Exempt Status – New Concepts for Living

25061 Amending Resolutions 24009 & 24291 That Awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract to McManimon, Scotland & Bauman for Special Council for Redevelopment

25062 Amending Resolutions 24000 & 24292 That Awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Mark

- [25063](#) Madaio for Borough Attorney for the Borough of Hillsdale  
Amending Resolutions 24011 That Awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract to CGP&H for Affordable Housing Services for the Borough
- [25064](#) Amending Resolutions 24006 That Awarded a Non-Fair and Open Contract to Wiss & Bouregy, P.C. for Borough Labor Attorney for the Borough of Hillsdale
- [25065](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey Supporting RevolutionNJ
- [25066](#) Resolution Hiring Temporary Seasonal Laborer Kenneth Kasper – Department of Public Works
- [25067](#) Resolution Granting Tax Exempt Status Valley Chabad Inc.
- [25068](#) Resolution Appointing Frank Scarpati to the Position of Foreman
- [25069](#) Resolution Hiring Full Time Laborer – Derek Blankenbush to the Department of Public Works
- [25070](#) Resolution of the Borough of Hillsdale Appointing a Municipal Alliance Coordinator
- [25071](#) Authorize Transfer Between Budget Appropriations Reserves

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

Council President Osso, Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong

**OFF-CONSENT:**

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

**COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn\_\_\_\_Second \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers Ruocco, Trochimiuk, Colletti, Fox, Mazza-Chiong, Council President Osso

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL BE ON  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025** BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.