

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough of Hillsdale held at 7:31 P.M. on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, in the Council Chamber, Borough of Hillsdale, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kelley, who also led the Salute to the Flag.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT:

This is a meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 4th day of June 2014. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any interested parties.

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ROLL CALL:

At roll call, those in attendance were: Council Members Frank, Kelley, Looes, Meyerson, and Pizzella. Also in attendance were Borough Attorney Bernstein, and Borough Clerk Witkowski. Mayor Arnowitz and Council member DeGise were absent.

APPOINTMENTS: for June 10, 2014

Hillsdale Municipal Alliance Coordinator: Eileen McLaughlin

Hillsdale Municipal Alliance Chairperson: Susan Witkowski

Director of Welfare: Kathy Elgert (five-year appointment)

OATH OF OFFICE: for June 10, 2014

Volunteer Fire Department: Michael Athineos

PROCLAMATIONS: for June 10, 2014

Council Member Pizzella asked the Mayor and Council to read a proclamation next week, and he introduced James Alba, owner of the BeeHive Salon, and host of Earth Day for the last several years. Mr. Alba has also worked with Councilmember Pizzella to create the Chamber of Commerce. Council member Pizzella explained for the benefit of the public that a Chamber of Commerce, or a Board of Trade, is a private entity that is usually created under the law. Many are not-for-profit, and business owners come together to organize such an entity, becoming members and electing an executive board with a President or CEO. Bylaws or policies of the organization are established by its members. Many Chambers of Commerce sponsor local events in the hope of promoting commerce within the community and spark economic growth and development. Council member Pizzella hopes that the Hillsdale Chamber of Commerce will consider becoming an event sponsor. The Mayor and Council have no authority to create a Chamber of Commerce or a Board of Trade. The governing body cannot tell business owners what to do, or how they should associate. However, the governing body can encourage the creation of a Chamber of Commerce, and can assist in and facilitate its creation, as well as support the efforts of a Chamber of Commerce. Most of the time, this is initiated through some public action, which is why Councilmember Pizzella is asking for the Proclamation.

The Proclamation can accomplish four goals: it gives official recognition by the governing body that a significant asset of the community is a thriving downtown; it acknowledges that an essential step in promoting commerce and economic growth is to have a Chamber of Commerce; it encourages all local businesses to create a Chamber of Commerce; and it allows the governing body to extend its collective hand to local businesses by proclaiming its support, and by demonstrating that support whenever economically possible by supporting local businesses and local business owners, and encouraging residents to do so.

James Alba, 269 Broadway, said that he and Councilmember Pizzella discuss the establishment of the Chamber of Commerce, which they believe would be a great idea, and they believe that local business owners would be able to support it. There are resources available to them from other local chambers of commerce, and Mr. Alba and Council member Pizzella will be looking to them for advice. In addition, they believe it is a great way for local business owners to get together and share ideas. Councilmember Meyerson asked Mr. Alba if there had been any opportunity to speak to other local business owners to see if they are interested in this. Mr. Alba responded that he has been doing business in Hillsdale for

approximately 2 years, and he had heard that some local businesses were interested in getting a Chamber of Commerce started. He did speak to some other business owners, and they seem to be open to the idea, especially the idea of sharing the cost of advertising, which can be expensive in Bergen County. Council member Pizzella added that he believes the first step is for the governing body to say that it will support the formation of a Chamber of Commerce, and see if it can come to fruition.

PRESENTATIONS: There were no presentations.

RECOGNITION: for June 10, 2014
Eagle Scout Award: Eric Hofbauer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: for June 10, 2014
Work Session Meeting of May 6, 2014
Regular Meeting of May 13, 2014
Closed Session Meetings of May 6, 2014, and May 13, 2014

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Borough Engineer – dated May 28, 2014

Greg Polyniak of Neglia Engineering Associates, Borough Engineer, discussed a report issued by his office dated May 28, 2014. The first item related to grant funding, specifically the Safe Routes to School application done in cooperation with the Superintendent of Hillsdale Public Schools, which will be filed by the June 30 deadline. There is also a call for projects relating to New Jersey Green Acres funding for park improvements or land acquisitions that can be utilized to address park improvements. One of them is a 50% matching grant, and the timeframe is to be submitted by the end of June. Mr. Polyniak provided an update on grant submissions for 2013 Open Space applications. An application was submitted for Veterans Park for patio and walkway improvements, and the Bergen County Freeholders will be meeting on June 5 and will take action at that time. It is anticipated that some funding for that project will be received. Regarding the Community Development Block Grant for the ADA lift at Stonybrook, the lift has been installed, and the cover is still to be delivered. There was another Community Development Block Grant for an ADA door opener, which is on the agenda tonight for consideration. Neglia Engineering issued a recommendation letter for automatic door openers, to which six contractors responded with submissions, one of which was in the amount of \$13,627 to complete that improvement. In addition, Neglia Engineering submitted a proposal to the Council for consideration for the three roadways for which the Borough received approximately \$400,000 in grants: Saddlewood Drive, Kent Road, and Baylor Avenue. The final item deals with the sidewalk replacement, which was to occur this week, but due to the weather, the slab will be replaced on June 11.

Council member Frank asked a question about the automatic door opener, stating that he was surprised that out of six contractors, only one bid was submitted. He asked that the contractors were qualified upfront. Mr. Polyniak responded that the contractors are qualified with the understanding that they had the proper equipment, but there are many instances in which contractors decide that, due to their own scheduling conflicts, or due to a problem with the expected profits, or some other issue, Neglia Engineering provides the necessary due diligence in soliciting firms to get the work done. Typically, three firms must be solicited, and Mr. Polyniak said that his office wanted to ensure that they were following through adequately, so they solicited six firms, and received one bid. Council member Frank asked if the existing doors would be used, with the addition of the automated equipment, which Mr. Polyniak confirmed.

Next, Council member Frank asked about the road program. He noted that Mr. Polyniak mentioned that the engineering and surveying services are above the grant amount. There was \$400,000 received in grant money for the roads, and there is approximately \$40,000 in engineering and project management costs on top of that amount. Mr. Polyniak answered that the engineering and project management costs would not be in addition to the \$400,000, but that the \$19,000 would be used for the design and survey of the area, which are required of all NJDOT grants due to the fact that a package must be submitted to the State for pre-bid award approval, so that the State will permit the project to go out for bid. The \$18,000 is a construction management fee, which can be utilized as part of the grant. Council member Frank asked if the State would pay the \$19,000, and Mr. Polyniak responded that the Borough would be responsible for that. Councilmember Frank pointed out that there is currently \$100,000 in the budget for road surfacing, which was to be done for Sherwood Road and Forest Road. Mr. Polyniak responded that he believes that money will be received in June. Council member Frank continued by asking for verification that the grant will not allow all of the necessary work on Kent Road and Baylor Avenue. Mr. Polyniak answered that the majority of the work can be completed, but his firm will design the project so that the all of the roadways can be completed, depending on the contractors and the prices received. Council member Frank asked if a survey was done when the grant proposal was first sent out. Mr. Polyniak responded that such was not the case, but Google Earth images and other aerial images were used to minimize the amount of time that had to be spent in order to produce a package which would be acceptable to the State, and so that the funds could be awarded. Council member Frank asked about the grant

for Saddlewood Drive, in the amount of \$150,000, and how much of Saddlewood Drive could be done with that money. Mr. Polyniak recalled that the amount necessary to completely repair Saddlewood Drive was estimated \$500,000, but only \$149,000 was received. Therefore, his firm will work with the Council and the Department of Public Works (DPW) to determine which sections of the roadway should be given priority. In the future, if the Councilmembers wish to proceed with the acquisition of additional funding, the NJDOT looks favorably on second phases of projects, according to Mr. Polyniak, and will typically make such projects a priority and grant funds accordingly.

Council member Frank asked Mr. Polyniak if it is his intention to combine all three grants to get the best pricing. Mr. Polyniak responded that the \$100,000 is a separate co-operative bid that would be bid separately, because it is handled by the co-op engineer. As far as the \$250,000 grant for Kent Road and Baylor Avenue, and the \$149,000 grant for Saddlewood Drive are concerned, Mr. Polyniak stated that his firm would compose a letter to the NJDOT requesting permission to combine the two grants to make the repairs more cost-effective.

Council member Looes stated that Mr. Polyniak had previously met with Barbara DeCaro and Patty Hughes to discuss an adult playground, which was also discussed at the recent Board of Health meeting. Council member Looes asked the other Councilmembers if the Council could request that Neglia Engineering look into the availability of any Open Space grants that would support such a project. Mr. Polyniak said his firm would be glad to do so, and he agreed that the Bergen County Open Space program would be perfect resource for that.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Resolution Supporting Assembly Bill A2226

Ms. Witkowski mentioned that this was a previous discussion which the Councilmembers wanted to continue. Council member Kelley asked if this was the bill designed to stop flooding from the Greater Hackensack River, which Ms. Witkowski confirmed. Council member Kelley asked if that also includes the Pascack Brook, because he believes that was the issue that was being discussed. He said he would get that information and the discussion could be held next week.

2. Status of Sports Association Agreements and Recreation Ordinance Update

Council member Looes commented that she has a meeting with the Recreation Committee scheduled for tomorrow night, and she is currently working on the agreement. In addition, she has started discussing what might be included in the agreement with Patty Hughes. This discussion will be continued next week.

3. Sign Ordinance – Update from Attorney

Mr. Bernstein notified the Councilmembers that he is looking for guidance on this matter.

RESOLUTIONS:

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION:

BUDGET:

1. Engineer Costs Associated with NJDOT Projects, Saddlewood Drive, Kent Road, and Baylor Avenue; Engineering and Surveying Services of \$19,945 and Construction Management Services as Part of the Grant
2. Award Bus Transportation Contract Summer Camp 2014
3. Execute Interlocal Agreement for Street Sweeping Services with Borough of Paramus, Annual \$6000 for a Period of One Year, June 1, 2014-May 31, 2015
4. Authorize Insertion of an Item of Revenue and Appropriation, ANJEC Grant \$670
5. Authorize Online Auction of DPW Surplus Equipment, Elgin Vacuum Street Sweeper Jointly Owned with Old Tappan
6. Authorize Chapter 159, Distracted Driver Grant, \$5,000
7. Letter Dated May 9, 2014, from DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, Resigning As Tax Appeal

Attorney Effective Immediately

Council member Frank asked if a reason why was given for this resignation. Councilmember Meyerson responded that is strictly about money; the hourly rate is considerably lower than that paid by other towns.

8. Award of Contract Automatic ADA Door Operator Installation (Bergen County – Community Development Block Grant)
9. Authorization a Refund Tax Payment B704 L4, 74 Colonial Boulevard
10. Authorize Redemption and Premium Block 1111, Lot 9, 40 Sycamore Avenue
11. Author's Renewal of 2014-2015 PRC Liquor License, Bensi
12. Authorize Renewal of 2014-2015 PRC Liquor License, Osso Buco, LLC
13. Authorize Renewal of 2014-2015 PRC Liquor License, Golden Dynasty
14. Authorize Renewal of 2014-2015 PRC Liquor License, Lou's Tavern
15. Authorize Renewal of 2014-2015 PRD Liquor License, ShopRite
16. Authorize Renewal of 2014-2015 PRD Liquor License, Bottle King
17. Authorize Renewal of 2014-2015 PRC Liquor License, The Cornerstone
18. Execute Agreement with Bergen County Department of Public Works for Snowplowing Program 2014-2016
19. Mayor and Borough Clerk Authorize and Execute Employment Agreement Licensed Sewer Operator
20. Mayor and Borough Clerk Authorize and Execute Employment Agreement Fire Official
21. Authorize Tax Collector to Issue Estimated Tax Bills

POLICY:

1. Adopt Civil Rights Resolution

Ms. Witkowski pointed out that this is part of the handbook update.

2. Employment Policy Handbook – Sick Leave Policy, 365 Days/Disability Insurance/Department Heads

Councilman Frank requested that the Personnel Committee come back with a recommendation on what should be done as the handbook is updated, because 365 sick days per year is more than the 200 working days that most people get per year, and he believes it must be adjusted to reflect reality. Council member Kelley added that the Council is awaiting language suggestions from the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF), as well.

3. Adopt Resolution to Continue as a Participant in the Urban County Entitlement Program
4. Resolution Sporting Capital A900 Loosening Restrictions on Stream Cleaning

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Letter Dated April 14, 2014, from David J. Romansky, Referencing Bank Erosion along Brook

Council member Kelley stated that he is not sure where the area in question is, and Councilmember Frank explained that it is a small feeder that runs by Oak Street, near Wilkes Deli. It is Borough property, and Council Member Frank asked if the Borough Engineer had assessed the area to see if it requires any work. Mr. Polyniak responded that the Council had asked Neglia Engineering to do some additional research relating to the Borough's liability in that area, and additional research is being done. Council member Frank understood that in the past, the Borough had always made it the property owner's responsibility to take care of a brook that runs through private property. Mr. Polyniak commented that there is some type of drainage easement in the area, and he is not sure how that affects liability with this issue.

2. Letter Dated May 28, 2014, from Bo Petkovich, Requesting Permission for 2014 Pascack Valley Triathlon, Saturday, August 23, 2014

3. Real Estate & Open Space – Land Conservancy

Councilmember Pizzella introduced Steve Buxbaum, 45 Crestwood Place, who has been helping Council member Pizzella with this matter. Councilmember Pizzella wanted to make the Councilmembers and the public aware of this issue, which he has been working on, as the Commissioner of Real Estate Open Space. Councilmember Pizzella has been approached by some residents, as well as the Land Conservancy of New Jersey, about a piece of property that most people know as the remnant Tandy/Allen property on Hillsdale Avenue. What the Land Conservancy of New Jersey is attempting to do is to get enough money to purchase the property from the land owner and have it designated as open space. The Conservancy is willing to donate the property to the Borough, and they want to know if the Borough is willing to accept it if they are successful in purchasing the property. They have not requested that the Borough contribute to the purchase of the property in any way. Council member Pizzella questioned this at first, and he contacted one of the landowners, Shelley Johnson, who lives in California. Ms. Johnson and her brother currently own the property, and she has been in contact with the Conservancy, they have had positive conversations, and she is more than willing to look at all options to maximize the value of the property. Furthermore, Ms. Johnson said if she can come to terms with the Conservancy, she is more than willing to sell them the property and have it designated as open space.

Councilmember Pizzella noted that a portion of the property was going to come to the Borough, but it required a consent order for which the Borough would have had to pay \$36,000, and the consent order was discharged earlier this year because there were no funds for it. That is why the property is now available.

Councilmember Meyerson stated for the record that he has a conflict of interest in this issue, and he will not be part of the discussion. He asked if the other Councilmembers wanted him to leave the chambers at this time. The other Councilmembers agreed that there was no problem if he remained in the room.

Councilmember Pizzella continued by saying that if there is a group of people who are willing to purchase a piece of property that will then be given to the Borough, and it is to be accepted as open space, he believes that is a great thing and he recommends accepting the offer for several reasons. The first reason is because it is a large property that is predominately wetlands, and it is in a flood area. The property does a lot to help alleviate some of the flooding. The second reason is because the habitat on the property is amazing. The third reason is because a very unique point of interest for Hillsdale could be created on the property. Councilmember Pizzella explained that the Councilmembers are not agreeing to take ownership of the property at this time, but they would be agreeing to support the efforts of the people who are trying to obtain the property, and if they are successful in negotiating a deal with the landowners, the Borough would agree to accept ownership of the property.

Steve Buxbaum, 45 Crestwood Place, reiterated that the land in question comprises approximately 12.15 acres, with an incredible diversity of flora and fauna found there. Mr. Buxbaum believes it is rather unique in Hillsdale, and that it is worth it to pursue this proposal.

Council member Frank agreed that it is a great idea, but he believes it is necessary to find out what the impact is to the tax rolls; what might be lost in tax revenue; and what is involved in maintaining the property, if anything. Councilmember Pizzella noted that the current taxes are approximately \$25,000-\$26,000 for the entire parcel.

Mr. Bernstein asked if a Phase 1 Environmental Study had been done on the property, and Councilmember Pizzella said he did not believe it had. Mr. Bernstein recommended that such a study be obtained before any action is taken regarding accepting ownership of the property. Councilmember Pizzella believes that part of the process of negotiation would include some soft costs, such as a survey, and an environmental study, as well as other assessments. Mr. Bernstein asked if there had been any discussions about any deed restrictions, such as requirements being made by the seller to the potential buyer, which the Borough would ultimately be required to comply with as a potential owner of the property, including how the property might be used; what can be done on the property; and other such questions. He also asked if the property would be placed in the Borough's land inventory, and if it would also be required to come under the jurisdiction of the Green Acres regulations, or any State agency. Councilmember Pizzella answered that he is not aware of any deed restrictions imposed by the seller, but he does know that the potential purchasers would be restricting the property to Open Space usage, and the funds to be used for the purchase, which are purportedly readily available, would require it to be designated as Open Space. Councilmember Pizzella commented that the purchasers are pursuing very little Green Acres funding, so he does not believe there will be any impact under Green Acres regulations. Councilmember Pizzella said he intends to get more clarification regarding that issue.

Council member Frank pointed out that consideration was given to building a library on that property some

years ago, and any deed restriction would eliminate the possibility going forward. Council member Pizzella pointed out that the property contains at least one pond, and may have two ponds, and he doubts that it can be used as a potential building site due to the wetness of the property. Council member Kelley stressed the need for due diligence to ensure that it is all the best interests of the Borough. Therefore, councilmember Pizzella will tell the group that the Borough is interested in accepting the property, and that preliminary discussions can continue.

4. Letter to Board of Education Requesting Renaming of Fields

Council member Frank commented that the letter had been mailed to the Board of Education with the Mayor's signature requesting permission to name two of the sports fields at the schools. There are currently two special Board of Education meetings scheduled to discuss the matter.

5. Letter Received May 27, 2014, from George A. Kritzler, Bamboo

This was discussed last month, and the work is continuing. Councilmember Meyerson asked if this was the same letter as the one discussed last month, and Council member Kelley responded that a second letter has been received. Councilmember Meyerson asked what was decided about the first letter. Mr. Bernstein responded that it was decided that an ordinance would be drafted, and Councilman Kelly pointed out that currently, the Borough has no policy on this issue. Councilmember Meyerson noted that Bernstein was asked to draft an ordinance about this issue, and he suggested that Ms. Witkowski be authorized to contact Mr. Kritzler and inform him that an ordinance is in the process of being drafted and the Council will be considering an ordinance to deal with the bamboo issue.

6. Impact of PSE&G Gas Main Work on Bridge and Downtown Traffic

Council member Frank said he spoke to Mayor Arnowitz, who said he contacted everyone he could contact about this matter. It seems to Council Member Frank that progress has slowed significantly on the bridge, and the traffic in downtown Hillsdale has been affected. He is concerned that it will affect the businesses located near the Kings Supermarket, if it has not already done so.

7. Letter Dated April 30, 2014, Requesting Approval of Michael Athineos as Member of Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department

ORDINANCES:

INTRODUCTION:

14-08:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR UPGRADES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER FOR THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, AND APPROPRIATING \$72,500 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

14-09:

AN ORDINANCE BANNING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN HILLSDALE, NEW JERSEY.

14-10: (*introduction June 10, 2014*)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARY ORDINANCE #13-13 TO INCLUDE FIRE OFFICIAL AND LICENSED SEWER OPERATOR.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council member Kelley opened the meeting to the public at this time. Seeing no one, the time for public comment was closed.

Mayor Arnowitz closed the public portion of the meeting at this time.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS: for June 10, 2014

(The following correspondence on file in Borough Clerks Office)

Ambulance Corps –

Construction Department –

DPW –

Fire Department – April 2014

Board of Health – May 2014

Hillsdale Library –

Police Department – Chief Stalter referred to the work being done on the gas main by Kings Supermarket,

noting that it is currently in progress, and his Department has not received any complaints. He and Captain Francaviglia met with representatives from PSE&G, who explained that some deposits have been found in a pipe that was installed some years ago, which has caused the pipe to start to self-destruct. Because the pipe will eventually have to be replaced, they have elected to take care of it now, while the road has been torn up for the new bridge construction. Chief Stalter noted that the entrances to the shopping center will have to be closed at some point, although they will not be closed at the same time, so that traffic flow will not be restricted any more than it currently is. He cautioned that there may be a bit more traffic congestion when the entrance at intersection of Patterson Street and Hillsdale Avenue is closed, because it is not yet known how far out into Hillsdale Avenue they will have to go. Council member Kelley asked if, because there are no residents in that area, it would be possible to close off Hillsdale Avenue at night. Chief Stalter said he could certainly ask that question. He added that the traffic disruption would simply be a matter of narrowing the lanes, but Hillsdale Avenue would not be completely closed off to traffic. Council member Frank asked if it was true that work is stopped on the bridge until the PSE&G work is done, and Chief Stalter responded that that is not the case. He added that based on his most recent meeting, the work is progressing ahead of schedule. There was some discussion about a utility pole that had to be moved, which is a separate matter from the gas main issue.

Regarding the Police Department, Chief Stalter mentioned that they are finishing the “Click It or Ticket” grant, although he does not have the total number of summonses issued. The DARE graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 11, at St. John’s Academy, at 12:45 PM. He invited everyone to attend. Also, on Wednesday, June 11, Officers Norton and Kaplan will be recognized by MADD New Jersey for their DWI enforcement efforts in 2013. On Thursday, June 26, Matthew Buesser will be graduating from the Bergen County Police Academy, and will be put into field training for several months after that. On Thursday, June 19, the Police Department Auxiliary will be at Pascack Valley High School for graduation.

Councilmember Meyerson asked how success can be measured in the “Click It or Ticket” program. Chief Stalter responded that New Jersey has the highest rate of seatbelt use in the United States, which is approximately 92%. Some of the southern states are barely above 50% when it comes to seatbelt use. The focus is on seatbelt usage, but when extra officers are out on such details, other violations are also found.

Captain Francaviglia reported that the recent bike rodeo at George White School was well-attended. It was organized by Officer Norton, and assisted by Sergeant McLaughlin. Children could register their bikes, and Westwood Cycle checked helmets for safety issues. An obstacle course was set up for children to try. This week, the “Coffee with the Cop” event will be held on Sunday from 10:00 AM-12:00 noon, at Starbucks in Hillsdale. Residents can come and state any concerns they have in the community, as well as any questions they might have.

Recreation/Stonybrook –

COUNCIL COMMENTARIES:

Council member Frank thanked everyone involved in the Memorial Day parade in ceremonies. He thanked Council Member DeGise for his help in getting the tractor/trailer to transport those veterans who could not walk the entire parade route. He also commented on the issue of pedestrian safety, because he said he was impressed with the fact that great strides have been made in that area in downtown Hillsdale. Council member Frank thanked the Police Department for making people more aware of pedestrian safety.

Councilmember Pizzella reported on the Local Assistance Board, noting that the Local Assistance Board helps needy people in the area, and their funds are running very low. He asked if anyone could help out, to please make a donation. He also thanked everyone for their involvement in the Memorial Day parade.

Council member Looes pointed out that the kiddie pool at Stonybrook has not been open since opening day, due to construction and construction delays. As of today, all of the new tiles, coping, and caulking have been completed. In addition, the surge tank, which balances the water levels of the pools and was being built on premises, is now 85% complete. On Sunday, they will be plastering the pool, and next week, the surge tank will be connected to the pool. That means that the kiddie pool can be open by next weekend. Council member Looes thanked everyone for their patience on behalf of Stonybrook.

Councilmember Meyerson wished Mayor Arnowitz a safe recovery after his surgery, and urged him to come back next week.

Ms. Witkowski pointed out that 45 people have signed up for the town-wide garage sale. Maps and addresses are available in stores downtown and on the website. All liquor licenses are up for renewal as it’s that time of year again. All Tax Clearance Certificates have come back clean and all inspections have been done and researched by the police and by the Board of Health. One last item was that Ms. Witkowski had

sent Mr. Bernstein a memo in regards to road paving. We spend the money to pave the roads and then the utility companies come in and rip them up for repairs. Perhaps an ordinance can be passed where utilities must pave curb to curb. Mr. Bernstein said he will speak with the Borough Engineer.

Council member Kelley commented that it is been very difficult for Fire Departments throughout New Jersey to get new members, because so many of them are all-volunteer. He was very happy to note that recently, many young people in Hillsdale have come out to volunteer for the Fire Department. Council member Kelley encouraged more young people to join the Fire Department, Ambulance Corps, and Police Department Reserves. He thanked the Police Department for their efforts with the bike rodeo. In addition, Council Member Kelley commented that the Memorial Day parade was excellent, as always. As a Council Member, he has a seat available to watch the services, and he urges everyone to watch the services. Finally, regarding the Youth in Government initiative, Council member Kelley noted that it is available on YouTube for anyone to view.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: @8:25 PM

R 14122 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 – personnel – Police Department, Captain and Chief.

Motion by Council Member Kelley, Second by Council Member Pizzella

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella and Kelley

Nays: None

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING: @9:23 PM

Motion to reconvene regular session by Council Member Frank, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

Motion by Council Member DeGise, Second by Council Member Pizzella.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Looes, Meyerson, Pizzella and Kelley

Nays: None

Attorney Bernstein stated for the record, the record reflect that the police Chief and Captain were at the vast majority of the closed session meeting to discuss the police Department organization, hiring/promotion/retiring, with no formal action to be taken. A discussion was held regarding the compensation of non-union employees. Recommendations to be made, a future meeting to be held, no formal action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: @9:26 PM

Motion by Council Member Pizzella, Second by Council Member Looes, and unanimously carried.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WILL BE TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014
BEGINNING AT 7:30P.M.

Susan Witkowski, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED
AUGUST 12, 2014

Susan Witkowski, Municipal Clerk