Council Meeting
April 10, 2012

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in the Council Chamber, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Arnowitz who also led the Salute to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

Deputy Municipal Clerk Kohan stated, "This is a Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 10th day of March 2012. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Review, 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.

Please notify the Deputy Municipal Clerk for any disability requirements necessary for attendance at Mayor and Council meetings. The fire exits are located through the double doors to your left. Please silence all cell phones and pagers.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy Minicipal Clerk Kohan called the roll those present being as follows: Councilmembers Becker, Capawana, DeRosa, and Giancarlo. Also in attendance Borough Attorney Paul. Absent: Councilmembers Frank and Hanlon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Capawana, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Closed Council Meeting of April 3, 2012, were approved as presented.

OATHS OF OFFICE: Deputy Municipal Clerk Kohan administered the Oath of Office to Ritchie Markovski as a Regular Member of the Fire Department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. DORIS GARDNER, BLOCK 1108, ASKING FOR THE BOROUGH TO PURCHASE HER PROPERTY OR ALLOW IT TO BE DONATED.

Received, filed and referred to the Borough Administrator on motion by Councilmember Capawana, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried.

2. ABBY LUNDY, PRESIDENT OF HILLSDALE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, ASKING FOR REPLACEMENT OF TWO PERMANENT WARM-UP MOUNDS.

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember DeRosa, seconded by Councilmember Capawana, and unanimously carried.

Councilmember DeRosa will confer with DPW Superintendent Durie in regard to this request.

3. PAMELA KRAYCINOVICH, 10 BEECHNUT STREET, REGARDING PAVEMENT UPON A TRACT OF LAND AT SAME ADDRESS.

Received, filed and referred to the Borough Administrator on motion by Councilmember Capawana, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION:

1) Cost to Advertise on Trash Receptacles Downtown.

Mayor Arnowitz said trash receptacles downtown have space for advertisementor a message from Hillsdale. This was previously discussed.

Deputy Municipal Clerk Kohan received a few phone calls requesting cost to advertise on these receptacles.

Mayor Arnowitz said an ordinance would have to be created spelling out rules and regulations, monthly, bi-monthly, annually. He suggested that this be researched with other towns who have advertising and the amount of revenue generated. In the past we received offers from businesses to establish signs leading into Hillsdale and the Council chose not to do so.

Councilmember Derosa was in favor but wanted the messages to be standard, sponsored by, but not a specific company logo.

Mayor Arnowitz said they would have to provide the insert so there is a cost involved. If they make an investment for the sign and the cost of advertising for a period of time, it has to be economical. We have 20 recycling containers and it could be a source of revenue.

Administrator DeJoseph said Green Team worked on a design for an

insert and it was suggested that we keep the Hillsdale Seal or Emblem. At the bottom there would be space indicating it was sponsored by a business and the font could be kept generic.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the Council discussed this previously, however, he is always open to new information. If a substantial amount of money is offered, we should at least consider it and talk about it.

Councilmember Becker said advertising is a great idea but not too much color.

Mayor Arnowitz was in favor of doing this in a tasteful manner and set standards as what is being advertised. This matter was referred to a future meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Arnowitz opened the meeting to the public and invited comment from the audience.

Anthony Foster, 44 Rawson Court -
Boy Scout Ryan Bisconti -
He informed the Council of his intent to run the second annual Pancake Annual Breakfast at Holy Trinity. Last year it was a great event.

Boy Scout asked for permission to sell tickets around town to earn money for the Pancake Breakfast.

Mayor Arnowitz said it was acceptable but cautioned the scouts not to go into the street. They can go to the merchants and stand in front of store, with permission, he did not object. They cannot run up to cars.

Mr. Foster (Contd).
The proceeds are shared with the American Legion. It will be held the same day as the Memorial Day Parade.

Mayor Arnowitz said advertising will be available near the train station and downtown sign.

Sonya Kinzler, Norwood -
She asked about Ordinance No. 12-07 that will be adopted. She said this looks similar to an ordinance that was voted on at a special meeting.

Administrator DeJoseph explained that it is a levy Cap bank.

Ms. Kinzler (Contd).
She asked how it relates to the 2% Cap.

Mayor Arnowitz said if you are below the mandated Cap, two Caps, levy Cap and spending Cap, if you are below either one you can bank it and use it in a future year.

After a discussion with the Council, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

ORDINANCES:

Ord. No. 12-07 (Adoption) To Exceed Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits & Establish Cap Bank	At the Mayor's request, the Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 12-07 as follows:

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Deputy Municipal Clerk Kohan confirmed to the Mayor that copies of the ordinance have been posted in the Municipal Building and that no written objections to the ordinance had been received.

Mayor Arnowitz then opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance and asked if anyone in the audience cared to discuss it. There being no response, the public hearing was closed on Ordinance No. 12-07.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Deputy Municipal Clerk to read the resolution adopting the ordinance on final reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 12-07:

Ayes: Councilmembers Becker, Capawana, DeRosa and Giancarlo
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmembers Frank and Hanlon

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

ORDINANCES:

Ord. No. 12-10 (Introduction) Revise the Conditional Use Standards For Public Utilities Chapter 310-67B	At the Mayor's request, the Deputy Municipal Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 12-10 as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CONDITIONAL USE STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES CHAPTER 310-67B.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance, there being no response, the Mayor asked the Deputy Municipal Clerk to read the resolution adopting the ordinance on first reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 12-10:

Ayes: Councilmembers Becker, Capawana, DeRosa and Giancarlo
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilmembers Frank and Hanlon

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

12078 Authorize Temporary Emergency Budget was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12079 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12080 Interlocal Services Agreement - River Vale and Hillsdale was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12063 2012 Tax Overpayment, Bl. 2012, Lot 602; Bl. 2307, Lot 12, was introduced by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember Capawana.

12081 Authorize the Borough of Hillsdale to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12082 Cooperative Pricing Systems Agreement was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12083 Raffle License, American Legion Post 162, Off-Premise Merchandise was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

Motion to approve the foregoing Resolutions except for 12066 was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Capawana.

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Councilmembers Becker, Capawana, DeRosa and Giancarlo
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmembers Frank and Hanlon

Councilmember Giancarlo asked for an explanation of 12081.

Borough Administrator DeJoseph said in the packets is a copy of the savings for going through the County of Bergen. We are advised not to go for natural gas because of a constantly changing market.

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS AFFIXED HERETO)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Councilmember DeRosa met with the Borough Administrator, Patty Hughes and our insurance company regarding insurance. The different sports associations carry their own insurance to comply with the Joint Insurance Fund. We supplied the sports associations a copy of our policy and the associations were looking the possibility of their own insurance and we are also looking into the possibility of their use of our carrier. At a Rec meeting we also discussed the associations bearing part of the cost of field lighting at several fields in town and that needs to be finalized. Rec is working on a possible ordinance which would grant authority to the outside sports associations to manage the fields for the town in return for the associations notifying Rec when they have substantial changes to their By-Laws. It would solidify what the associations do for us already and that is manage the fields for us. Opening day which was a holiday weekend was a great day.

Administrator DeJoseph said we have to have a budget meeting next week to discuss the budgets. In speaking with the Mayor, we have some possible expenditures that are going to come up such as the regional high school funding, legal funding for the municipality, and the studies to defend Hillsdale. United Water and the dam project; the yard waste disposal vendor has limited capacity now so we need to change vendors which could double our disposal costs; we have a municipal alliance grant which the town has to provide a match for, $2500. Councilmember DeRosa just mentioned the accident policy for sports which is not in the budget and needs to be discussed; gasoline and diesel; capital improvements.

Mayor Arnowitz asked when the budget will be adopted.

Administrator DeJoseph adoption will be May 1st. He will set up a special meeting with the Council.

Mayor Arnowitz said vegetative waste will be a substantial amount of money that was not anticipated when we prepared the budget. We came in at 3.2% and our objective was to get down to 2%.

Administrator DeJoseph said he received a quote today from a vendor which is roughly $15/yard which is double or almost triple the price.

Mayor Arnowitz said this is not leaf pickup which is done through Northvale, this is the Thursday and Friday pickup and what we dispose of dumping at the DPW. We will have a special meeting to discuss this.

Councilmember Giancarlo said anything we discuss has to be done in a

public form. We are moving forward on a dispatch committee, we are going to have a meeting on the 17th of April from 5PM to 7PM. Members of DPW, Police, PBA, OEM, Ambulance, and Council Liaisons to those committees as well as a resident member of the Citizens Budget Committee will be invited to attend. It is very important that we move forward, we are going to have a lot of meetings and if we get 12 people to agree on meeting dates, everyone is entitled to bring a representative if they can't make a meeting. He made a strong recommendation that we go forward. It is imperative that we speak of people's concerns.

Town clean up day is scheduled for May 12. The Environmental Commission along with the Green Team and Girl and Boy Scouts have gone down to the flood district and cleaned up. We are trying to make that bigger; we not only take over that part of town but also some of the parks in town to get into those areas and clean them out. Hopefully we will have a lot of volunteers; we are meeting at 9AM in the center of town, lunch at 1PM. We will buy lunch for all the volunteers and encourage gloves; however, if you don't have any, we will provide gloves. This will be done rain or shine.

Bill Franklin, Coordinator of OEM, put together a summary of what the Office of Emergency Management does for our town.

Mayor Arnowitz asks merchants to keep their properties clean. The pits around the trees that are planted in the sidewalks have weeds, cigarette butts. He believed it our responsibility to clean the weeds and place mulch. It looks terrible and if we want the merchants to clean their property, we need to clean our property.

The fishing contest will be held on April 21 at 8AM. There are free pancakes at the firehouse and at 11AM the Elks in Westwood are sponsoring free hamburgers and hot dogs. It is a fun day. At 3PM, they will have a special award ceremony where he and the Mayor of Westwood will give out awards for various size fish. They are stocking that stream with 1,000 fish.

Senior lunch will be held on April 18 at St. Johns.

CLOSED MEETING

Motion to go to Closed Session was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Capawana, and unanimously carried.

OPEN SESSION

A motion to go to Open Session was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Capawana, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Capawana, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

4-10-12

Denise Kohan
Deputy Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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