

Council

Meeting

April 28, 2010

Minutes of a Budget Meeting of the  
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010, in the Council  
Chamber, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

This is a Committee of the whole meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 28th day of April 2010. 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 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:

Borough Clerk Sandt called the roll those present being as follows: Councilmembers Arnowitz, DeJoseph, Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

1. SUE GILROY, PVHS, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO HANG BANNER AT BOROUGH HALL.

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

#### Motion

Motion by Councilmember Hanlon to hang the banner at the train station, seconded by Councilmember Arnowitz.



board and Superintendent DeNorchia. This would consist of the Acting-Mayor who is also the Education Liaison, Mr. Weinstein, Mr. Arnowitz and Chairman of the Finance Committee. They should be in the forefront of discussing the school budget.

### Budget Discussion

Present: CFO Cathy Henderson and Borough Auditor Garbarini.

Mayor Sapanara said the mandate for the Budget is actually in the Borough Administrator's realm.

Borough Administrator said the budget preparations began in the fourth quarter of 2009 and the Mayor and Council are thinking budget every single day. They are actively engaged and concerned about the budget. We now can present the actual 2010 budget. He provided a brief highlight of the budget.

CFO Henderson provided the Council with documents of all the changes. She mentioned cuts and options to get to the tax levy cap and to eliminate the \$370,000 overage. She described in detail the steps taken with regard to reductions.

After a very lengthy discussion, Mayor Sapanara said we have to move the budget toward introduction.

Borough Auditor Garbarini said we have to introduce within the cap. We should introduce as we agreed, we have 30 days to change anything if needed.

Mayor Sapanara said the introduction of the budget will take place on May 11.

Councilmember Weinstein said we were able to absorb the overage and stay within the cap.

### GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Sapanara invited comment from the audience.

Sonia Kinzler, 7 Nottingham Court, Montvale

You mentioned specific people who would be on the committee.

Mayor Sapanara said Mr. Weinstein will be Acting-Mayor, Mr. Arnowitz as a member of the Negotiating Committee, Mr. DeJoseph as Chairman of the Finance Committee. They will meet with the school board and report to the Council. Borough Administrator Polce has volunteered to serve with the committee.

Mayor Sapanara closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Sapanara announced that this is his last meeting, he will be stepping down May 1; Council President Weinstein will be taking over as Acting-Mayor. There is a process by statute as to how the succeeding Mayor is chosen and the Council will be undergoing that process which is a period of about 30 days.

He commended the Council and the staff of people in the Borough.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion to go to Closed Session was made by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein, and unanimously carried.

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried.

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Robert P. Sandt, RMC  
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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