

Council Meeting
August 9, 2011

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on

Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 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

Borough Clerk Sandt stated, "This is a Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 9th day of August 2011. 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.

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ROLL CALL:

Borough Clerk Sandt called the roll those present being as follows: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Schiavone. Also in attendance Borough Attorney Paul. Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Council Meeting of July 12, 2011, and Closed Meeting of July 12, 2011, were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION: Eco-Day (Environmental Commission)

The Hillsdale Environmental Commission will sponsor Eco-Day on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Beechwood Park.

Councilmember Schiavone noted there is no Council representation on this Committee and there is abundance of Council representation on the Green Team Committee. Everything moves along nicely for the Green Team and he believed there is a need for restructuring. She also said it would be advantageous to join the Town Day because it will be difficult for residents to come out two weeks in a row.

Mayor Arnowitz stated he would be pleased to appoint a Council person as

Liaison to their group. Councilmember Hanlon was appointed as Official Liaison to the Environmental Commission.

Lauren Mitchell of the Environmental Commission said they will have a table for Town Day at Stonybrook and she will advise Recreation Commission.

Councilmember DeJoseph said within the next few weeks he will get the Green Team and Environmental Commission to work together so that everyone is on the same page. He said Lauren Mitchell will be the Liaison for Environmental Commission on the Green Team.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. JAMES MOLDOW REPORTING POSSIBLE RESIDENTIAL VIOLATIONS.

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Arnowitz was advised by the Code Official that this matter has been taken care of.

2. JEANETTE BABA REQUESTING REPAVING OF STANDISH AND BEDFORD ROADS.

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Frank, and unanimously carried.

Councilmember DeJoseph said we have limited funds this year and are doing everything by priority and grants. However, this request will be kept on the list of roads to be repaved.

3. TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNCIL MEMBER D'URSO, ASKING FOR A REFERENDUM QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER BALLAT RE: THE GSP EXIT #171.

Received and filed by the Council as a Whole.

Mayor Arnowitz said Washington Township wants to do away with the left hand turn only at Exit 171 in Woodcliff Lake. He believed this was a Court Order when the exist was put in; there was an agreement that was reached so that the cars would not go into Park Ridge. He was in favor of a right hand turn there that would relieve some of the traffic on Washington Avenue and Pascack Road.

Councilmember Frank would support the right hand turn at 171 but he believed the Township should do something about the intersection of Washington and Pascack which has a more significant impact on Hillsdale traffic.

Mayor Arnowitz said that is a County Road and would have to be approved by the County. He recommended a Resolution of support to the County and surrounding towns but hesitated putting a Referendum Question on the ballot which is non-binding. He said the opinion at the County was that this was not court-ordered but part of the court agreement to allow the Parkway to put the Exit in in the first place.

Councilmember Schiavone said they are actually asking Woodcliff Lake to put it on as a referendum because Woodcliff Lake was the community that was appeased by putting in that restriction to begin with.

Mayor Arnowitz said he had correspondence that was not forwarded to the entire Council. There was some damage done by Public Service when they took out the underground cables at 927 Hillside Avenue. He referred this to Councilmember DeJoseph and Borough Engineer Statile.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Report on Meeting with BPU and PSE&G Representatives
On Solar Panels.

Mayor Arnowitz said last Wednesday evening we met with Attorney Steven Paul, The Mayor of Ho-Ho-Kus, Mayor of Washington Township, Administrator/CFO of River Vale, Public Service Representatives, BPU, State Deputy Attorney General, Borough Engineer Statile and many others on the topic of solar panels. He congratulated Engineer Statile who made a phenomenal presentation of our concerns about what these panels would do.

The Town of Hillside, Mayor and Council, and every resident he has spoken to is in full agreement that the future is solar panels, solar energy, wind energy, non-polluting energy. We believed there could be a better way of accomplishing this than putting the panels on every single pole throughout Hillside in front of people's homes.

Borough Engineer Statile said the Mayor also did an extraordinary job. Public Service admitted they came up with this plan, it was not the BPU but Public Service's idea to put solar panels on poles, got an o.k. from the BPU and a public hearing process, and the order was written. We are appealing to the BPU to consider a waiver or work something out with Public Service.

Mayor Arnowitz said Public Service Representative asked if he could meet with him because they want to come to an agreement before a ruling is made. We are meeting tomorrow morning with the people who presented the program to us. We have a substation in town, transfer station in town, they put their water lines under the road, they have power lines over our heads; enough is enough. The alternative that we gave them is they could put these panels in the industrial zone around their power station; they could even put them on Broadway past Hillside Avenue and the other suggestion was to put up a panel at Centennial or about 400 panels there. We were frustrated because Public Service said we could not do it, BPU is forcing us, but when we met with the BPU they alluded to the fact that they were not forcing anyone to do anything. He believed we got the message across because the impression he got is that Public Service does not like a Mayor writing to a BPU and then having a meeting such as we had. It was a very tense meeting; while these panels which do good are ugly and this is an alternative that could go a long way. He thanked the Borough Attorney and the Borough Engineer who both did a fantastic job in a very tense situation.

Mayor Arnowitz also went to the BPU about our water problem with the reservoir. On Thursday, he is meeting with BPU Representative for the

water company in Westwood at 3PM. We are making some inroads here, we are making some noise and we are getting some peoples' attention. There are things we can do, we are not taking this sitting down and thankfully the engineer gave us a lead on how we can get this done. He did say we are fighting with the water company about their flooding and he got a notice that they are raising their rates; \$1.72 a day so they can flood us and are looking for a rate increase for all Hillsdale residents.

Councilmember Giancarlo said it is not a done deal when people are pushing that type of thing. We might not be successful but it is a good fight. For a monopoly to come into town and say it is a done deal, he would like to investigate whether our town has the power and test for our rights.

Mayor Arnowitz said tomorrow's meeting is just with Public Service. If they say forget it it, our next step is with the BPU. When they first came to use they said the panels would create jobs in the USA. The panels are made in China, they are assembled here but made in China. It doesn't save Hillsdale money, the amount of savings is insignificant to the Hillsdale residents, but we are paying for the installation and purchase of these panels through our rates. There are no savings, there are costs. It was an interesting and enlightening meeting because we should not take these things because someone says you can't fight the bureaucracy. You can and he will be curious what happens tomorrow. He is not committing to anything tomorrow, even if it is positive, he will bring it back to the Council. They have been told by the BPU not to put panels in Hillsdale until this is settled.

Borough Engineer Statile said if communities want to open up the exit ramp at 171, there is a commissioner's meeting once a month, and they would not want to see angry Mayors at their meeting. The New Jersey Highway Authority now controls the Parkway has Commissioners appointed by the Governor's office. If the Mayor feel that strongly they can go there and complain.

Mayor Arnowitz said he will be meeting with the Mayors Thursday and advise them.

Borough Engineer Statile said Public Service has a Board of Directors who report to the Stockholders and they don't want any letters coming from this Mayor either.

2) Fair School Funding and Senate Bill S2924.

Councilmember DeJoseph received a letter from Senator Doherty of Flemington requesting us to pass a Resolution in favor of Senate Bill S2924. This is funding on a per pupil basis for State Aid to come back to the town or the school district; that basically means an increase of funding to the schools of 9.5 million dollars that should not come from tax payers. The Bill is very simple, our Senator Cardinale is in favor of it. He has not spoken to the Assembly as yet, he reached out to the Superintendent of the Regional High School who will be in his office next week to confirm that the school would be in agreement as it would increase their funding and decrease our

residents' taxes. He would not want to pass a Resolution if the schools would not be in favor.

Councilmember Schiavone said to be specific about this plan, a town like Camden for every dollar they send in taxes from their community to Trenton, they get back \$44 to \$46. For every dollar that we or for example Holmdel send, we get two cents and Holmdel get one cent. This is the inequity he is talking about and if you multiply that by everything that we send, it is clearly unfair. She hopes we pass this resolution quickly and send it to our neighboring towns and encourage everyone to pass it.

Councilmember DeJoseph said Closter passed it a couple of weeks ago. There is a website called fairschoolfunding.com which gives more information and we can see how much money we should be getting back as a municipality based on funding through the tax revenue. There is a town hall meeting on this September 8 at River Dell Regional High School in Oradell at 7PM.

Councilmember Schiavone requested that you go to the site because there is a petition. Getting names on a petition is the best way to pass something. She asked this be placed on our website.

3) 2012 Budget Projections.

Councilmember DeJoseph said we completed our budget this year with one of the lowest increases ever 1.97%. We paid \$510,000 worth of municipal debt; we will have a concert downtown on August 17, Eco-Fair and Town Day at Stonybrook through donations and volunteers. Senior luncheons are also available through donations. In the 2012 budget, the maximum increase is \$163,000 in our budget and we are starting to plan for the upcoming budget. \$120,000 is for Police contracts, negotiations, Police contract obligations, pension costs for PFRS which is \$110,000 increase. We are faced with \$100,000 to \$150,000 increase for health insurance. Reval will amount to \$40,000 next year which amounts to \$361,000.

Mayor Arnowitz said 2% Cap allows us to increase taxes \$163,000. We have mandatory increases already not counting our other increases of almost \$400,000. The Committee and the Council have a lot of work ahead of them as to how we will reach the mandatory 2% Cap in 2012. He has instructed the Committee to start now, not wait until November or December.

Councilmember DeJoseph said we are looking for input from residents, Mayor and Council, Department Heads to work with us. We did our road program this year without issuing debt; next year we will have to look at our road program again, vehicle replacement, increases in utility costs, labor contractual agreement, health care and fuel costs. We also have maintenance and repair items on our buildings specifically roofs. The Finance Committee is reviewing all fees for next year; parking, dog and cat licensing, everything that has a cost to the town. There should be a user fee which we are trying to properly allocate that to the user of that fee so that someone is not unfairly paying for service they don't use.

Councilmember Frank said we cannot wait until next year and find out we don't have enough money to cover all these things that need to be done. Change is not always bad, it can be better if you are creative and we need everyone to take a look at it.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Lorraine Thalman, 238 Liberty Avenue -
She said there is concern with the speed limit on Hillsdale Avenue and has been addressed, but there is a stretch which is more heavily populated which is still at 35MPH. This is a very serious section between Kinderkamack and the Library which is at Yesler because there are two schools, three churches, police station, ambulance, 7-11, train station and it is a very important part of the roadway which needs to be addressed.

Mayor Arnowitz said this is a County Road and we need the County's approval and he is currently addressing the situation.

Ms. Thalman (Contd).
She believed that 25MPH is normal for a business district.

Mayor Arnowitz said it is posted at 35MPH by the County, therefore, the speed limit is 35MPH.

Councilmember Frank said we are looking at signage for crosswalks to try to make people more aware. He believed it to be a critical location in town.

Rick Margolis, 30 Ellen Court -
He said some signage is very efficient; if anyone has vacationed at the shore there is a typically a countdown to when the cross walkers are free to go. He found that signage very efficient. He referred to the budget and heard by word of mouth that there is a senior bus that was purchased and asked if this was true. With all the budget cuts he was taken aback by hearing this.

Mayor Arnowitz said it was purchased with grant money we received from the County and the grant money pays for senior transportation. There is no cost to the taxpayer.

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

Go Round

Borough Engineer Statile said we have a number of grant applications that are coming through in the next few months. One is for the DOT annual road program which would complete two streets. This year the State also has Safe Routes to Transit and he is exploring what we can do in terms of an application that would perhaps provide color coding in the intersections around the train station area; sidewalk repair along Hillsdale Avenue where the sidewalks need repair. There is a third grant which is bike paths which we don't have, however, we were going to put in an application for a potential bike path from River Vale golf course along Piermont Avenue to Hillsdale. That application is separate from the road system. We also have also have grants for Handicapped Accessibility and if there are any more accessible projects they should be considered; the pool, Fire

Department and Police Department.

The grants are due in the next two months and there will be Resolutions endorsing the grants.

We took bids and the Road Program is over budget. He has to go back and reshuffle the contract and that will be put out to bid shortly. We will take bids at the meeting in September and paving will begin in October. River Vale has also rejected the bid as over budget.

Mayor Arnowitz was concerned with the delay in the road program and Liberty Avenue and the hole there and Cedar Street and Maple. They are in the contract and school will be opening and he was anxious to have Liberty completed before school opens. He asked if we could issue some sort of emergency at least for Liberty?

Councilmember DeJoseph said under County Open Space we spoke about briefly and asked if the other two grants need extensions as well, Memorial Field and Centennial Field.

Engineer Statile has not heard from the County on those grants and he will contact the County in that regard.

Councilmember DeJoseph said our County Open Space bill that we pay to the County is \$48,000 as a municipality from our residents. That is a lot of money and we are not getting a dime back through our tax contribution.

Mayor Arnowitz said we don't have an Open Space Fund so any money we spend will have to come off the general taxation. We have all the expenses to make inside the Cap; we have to look at the importance of the program. He did not feel it is worthwhile to start purchasing property at this time which was the major thrust of that program to buy open space. We could purchase property in the Park Section through Blue Acres.

Councilmember DeJoseph was concerned about the redistribution of our tax dollars and going everywhere but Hillsdale.

Mayor Arnowitz said a lot of towns are not participating and he suggested that the County Open Space tax be cut if not done away with completely. It is an outdated program right now and with the economy, people don't have the money.

Councilmember DeJoseph said they have to pay for Overpeck Park so they are not going to do away with it.

Engineer Statile suggested if you have a park project, small as it can be, rather than make up a project have the County match up something you are going to do anyway. If you are going to spend \$100,000 for a field, ask the County for \$10,000. If you are successful with the sustainability of the Green Team you get the Resource Inventory Grant. You could go to Bergen County Open Space and say you want \$10,000 for a really good project. If you read the actual Resolution by the Freeholders it is not limited to doing park projects, this is part of the natural inventory of the community. He could apply for that if the Council so wishes. With the Community Developments grants that are due in October we have nothing so far for 2012. It has to be Handicapped Accessible. If you want to build a

Community Center there are funds available through CD. If you would want to modify a facility for seniors, that would qualify.

He hasn't seen the plans for Stonybrook and the addition they are planning. He didn't know if there was any potential for Handicapped money for that project.

Mayor Arnowitz believed the Engineer should have input, looking at it, should be an overseer. We have to take responsibility for this.

Councilmember Frank said if we don't have a project, the money goes elsewhere.

Novakowski Retirement

Captain Niego said retirement papers have been filed for Frank Novakowski. The new car is on the road, the old gray Detective's car will go to the DPW and the car that came off the road was painted and will go to our Detective.

We just finished the first round of interviews for a new officer. We will bring back five next week; they were a good group and were all laid off officers. We did some target enforcement last week in the Ronnie's Bagel Store area. They had 18 jay walkers, we didn't have anyone in the cross walk, the majority was jay walkers. People tend to blow their horns and pedestrians believe they should be walking but they don't have the right of way. We did not issue any tickets, once vacations are done we want to do cross walk enforcement but we have to wait until we have more manpower to do so.

About 4:30AM this morning, we lost the internet at the Police Department and borough hall until about 11:30AM. We had no lightning detection system, our hookup with other towns was down, and our criminal complaint system was down, TRO system was down. We are going to work on getting backup in the future but it does shut the Police Department down. We can still do the TRO's and the criminal complaints but the data entry has to be entered because they have to be put in electronically. We really do need a backup.

Mayor Arnowitz said there is an alternative that would require a modum and would cost approximately \$2500, there is no additional cost after buying the modum. Our CFO told the Borough Clerk that she could find the money and he asked the Council to approve moving forward on this.

Councilmember Frank said it is imperative; Councilmember Hanlon agreed as did the Council.

Mayor Arnowitz instructed the Borough Clerk to go forward with the modum. It is simple and feasible. For the Council's information, Captain Niego, Councilmember DeJoseph and he attended a seminar at the County Prosecutor's Office two weeks ago on regionalization, etc.

ORDINANCES:

Ord. No. 11-13
(Adoption)

At the Mayor's request, the Borough
Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance

Establishing No. 11-13 as follows:
 2011
 Salaries for AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE
 Borough THE RATE, AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF
 Officials COMPENSATION TO PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN
 OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE
 BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN,
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

The Borough Clerk 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. Seeing no one, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Frank asked the Borough Attorney which positions have to be incorporated into this Ordinance. He assumed bargaining positions are not included.

Borough Attorney Paul would have to check to determine what the legal requirements are to include in an ordinance.

Councilmember Frank said we have employees with multiple responsibilities and in some cases they are identified separately and some they are not.

Councilmember Schiavone asked if we are currently paying for Acting-Borough Administrator and Community Activities Director.

It was explained that the Borough Clerk took on Acting-Borough Administrator and Community Activities Director would be Patty Hughes.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Borough 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. 11-13:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and
 Schiavone

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

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Ord. No. 11-14 At the Mayor's request, the Borough
 (Adoption) Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance
 Capital Bond No. 11-14 as follows:
 To Finance
 Road, Sidewalk, CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF
 Drainage HILLDALE AUTHORIZING THE 2011 ROAD, CURB,
 Improvements SIDEWALK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING
 THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$305,000 AND PROVIDING

THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE
RAISED FROM A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION GRANT AND FROM THE BOROUGH'S
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

The Borough Clerk 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. 11-14.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Borough 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. 11-14:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and
Schiavone

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

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Ord. No. 11-15	At the Mayor's request, the Borough
(Adoption)	Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance
Capital Bond	No. 11-15 as follows:
To Finance	
Swim Club	CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF
Construction	HILLSDALE, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
Of Addition	AN ADDITION TO THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION
To Main	BUILDING AT THE STONYBROOK SWIM CLUB IN,
Building	BY AND FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY OF THE
	BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF
	\$285,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO
	APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM SWIM POOL
	UTILITY CAPITAL SURPLUS.

The Borough Clerk 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. 11-15.

Councilmember Frank asked how much of this is from surplus and how much of it is going to require bonding.

Councilmember DeJoseph answered \$285,000 from capital and surplus.

Councilmember Frank said he has concerns that the demographics in town are changing and it seems to have had an effect on Stonybrook's membership.

The waiting list is gone and Mr. Campbell, Commissioner, indicated that this is something that will continue. When he sees they plan to use their surplus to add more office space when we are moving into a period of time when they might need that surplus to carry forward through some troubling, economic times that we might have. He is concerned about the timing of this project at this time.

Councilmember Giancarlo said we asked Borough Engineer Statile to look into this and we should have received a report.

Mayor Arnowitz said they have not included the Borough Engineer in the plans. He has not seen the plans, has not reviewed the plans and the Mayor complained about this. When this ordinance was introduced last month, that concern was raised then. We don't have to adopt this tonight.

Councilmember Frank said if these were required improvements to the facility that the members would enjoy, such as the pools or adding something there, he would say that would be wise because you are keeping the club more attractive. But if it is just an addition to the administrative office for the staff, that is a question.

Mayor Arnowitz said he was informed that the steps to the second floor were not the best.

Councilmember Hanlon asked if there has been a drop in attendance.

Councilmember DeJoseph suggested that we wait until next month so that the Liaison or Commissioner could give the Council a report.

Motion to Table Adoption

Motion to Table Adoption until September was made by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone, DeJoseph
And Frank

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

Ordinance No. 11-16

Mayor Arnowitz said the Borough Attorney spoke to him before the meeting regarding Ordinance No. 11-16 as to the scope of the change.

Borough Attorney Paul said on this Ordinance the report from Engineer Statile, according to the proper procedure here, after this Ordinance was read for introduction, it was forwarded to the Planning Board. The Planning Board reviews it and decides whether there are any reports with the Land Use Ordinances that are in effect. Basically, the Board basically said yes, this is in line. The Board recommended some changes and there is one change which he considered substantial where it talks about detached one-family. That is a change from the way it was originally worded as "principal structure" so changing "principal structure" to one-family it is a good comment, the Borough Engineer believes it is a good comment. For purposes of passing an ordinance, it is his opinion that this is a

substantive enough change that it should readvertised. Tonight, you should vote on the agreement of the amendments that are here and if so, it would be presented once again and passed upon for final adoption.

Borough Clerk Sandt had with him this evening a revised Ordinance No. 11-16 for Introduction with the change with the process of going back to Planning Board. It will be delayed for a month.

Councilmember Frank said they changed it from "principal structure" to "single family" structure so obviously they are saying that any multi-family, two-family house, cannot have this allowance to change their front porch or steps. Why have they excluded multi-family houses and restricted it to single family.

Mayor Arnowitz said the discussion at the Planning Board was because a multiple family resident should have to come before the Planning Board because of the ramifications for the rental units. They should get approval because it is a different entity than a single family home.

Ord. No. 11-16 (Introduction) Amending Chapter 310, General Regulations	At the Mayor's request, the Borough Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 11-16 as follows: AMENDING CHAPTER 310, GENERAL REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE
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Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance, there being no response, the Mayor asked the Borough 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. 11-16:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon

And Schiavone

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

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RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

Councilmember Frank requested Resolution 11121 Payment of Bills be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember DeJoseph said 11118 Refund of Taxes is one of the many tax title lien properties owned or partially owned by the Borough. He would like an estimate from the Attorney's office to rectify to remove them from the resident's name into the Borough's name for proper foreclosure proceeding.

Mayor Arnowitz suggested this request be put in writing to the Attorney.

Borough Attorney Paul recommended the removal of 11125 Award Bid for Temporary Wireless Telecommunications Tower from the Consent Agenda. He requested a brief Closed Session with the Council on the contract matter, after that session the Council may or may not decide to go forward with this Resolution.

11117 Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate for Block 701, Lot 3 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

11118 Refund of Taxes, Block 1303, Lot 27 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

11119 Bergen County Open Space Contract Extension for Veterans Memorial Park Improvements was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

11120 Bergen County Open Space Contract Extension for St. Nicholas Pond Improvements was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

11122 Authorize the Borough of Hillsdale to Join National Day of Remembrance, 10th Anniversary of 9/11 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

11123 Raffles License, Meadowbrook School Family & Faculty Association, Off-Premise 50/50 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

11124 Award Contract for Provision of COAH Administrative Services was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Motion to approve the foregoing Resolutions on the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Roll Call Vote on Consent Agenda of Resolutions:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon, and Schiavone

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

11121 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember DeJoseph.

Councilmember Frank said there has been discussion on financial oversight and part of the Finance Committee he wanted to advise the public that before we pay bills there a number of people who look at every bill and sign off. For example, a Purchase Order requires approvals and when the voucher comes in for payment, each of the department heads have to sign off on it, our CFO has to sign off on it, and then each of the vouchers come to the Council Liaison assigned to that department and that would be the people up here. We are responsible to review every one of those vouchers and sign off. Payment of Bills is the final review the entire Council gets and another review over the Payment of Bills and every check that is

printed is reviewed. Expenditures that are done here are more than adequate and protects the interest of the town and we take it very seriously.

Motion to approve Resolution 11121 was made by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember DeJoseph.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 11121:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Schiavone

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

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Mayor Arnowitz said Resolution 11125 Award Bid for Temporary Wireless Telecommunications Tower will be discussed in Closed Session and we may or may not adopt that Resolution.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Board of Health report for the month of July 2011.

Motion to receive and file was made by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone, and unanimously carried.

Fire Department report for the month of June 2011.

Motion to receive and file was made by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried.

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COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Councilmember DeJoseph asked about a Resolution for an expert appraisal.

Borough Attorney Paul said that still has not come to an agreement with the expected buyer and he will again reach out to the attorney.

Councilmember Schiavone said the Shared Services Committee has reached out to River Vale to express our municipality's interest in sharing a variety of services with them. They did not say no which is good; they said until recently they have been interested in home rule but they have worked with Hillsdale before and since they have worked with us, they are in agreement to explore options. They will get a consensus from their entire Council to see what areas they are interested in. Once that occurs, we should be meeting with them.

Mayor Arnowitz would like to move forward with shared services with the courts, Mahwah, Montvale, Tri-Boro courts. The window is slowly closing and there is a great opportunity for us to join that court. The savings for the towns that are in it are experiencing between \$70,000 for the low towns and \$125,000 for the high towns in Montvale. He found their

presentation and their court is run quite efficiently and smoothly.

Councilmember Frank thought it would be easier to join an up and running joint court than it is to create a whole new one and create all of the staffing and organization you would have to do starting from scratch.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have to decide how to proceed and that is what Shared Services is supposed to do. They are supposed to be looking at dispatching too; dispatching is a lot of money and he has a lot of questions for that that have not been answered as yet. He said Councilmember DeJoseph has met with them, Councilmember Frank has met with them, Mayor Arnowitz has met with them and that is the extent. We met with the Mayors of Montvale, the Mayor of Woodcliff Lake, and a representative from Park Ridge. He went to the Grand Opening and a court session. He suggested that Councilmembers go to a court session and see how the operation works. Shared Services has spoken to our Judge and if were to do this, we would not require the services of our court and would not need the services of our judge.

Councilmember Schiavone said it was his opinion that he supports shared court.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Chief of Police is not happy but the complaints that he received, according to the Tri-Boro court system, the cost of the overtime for our police to have to sit in the court during cases that precludes them to being there for 97% cases. There is an opportunity there and we need information before we can move.

Councilmember Giancarlo would like information, whether it is getting grant money or at least visiting some of these places, we need information before making a decision.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Liaison to Ambulance and Fire - the complaints he received from Ambulance of the operation and the problems are not factual. They have to look at the operation to convince them, that is all he is asking for. There is the opportunity for the taxpayers of this town to save money. Councilmember DeJoseph presented the difficulties we will be experiencing new year for the budget and that is just one area of many that we can look at. He has gone to the Mahwah facility and has seen it in operation; as an ex-Chief of the Fire Department so he has used dispatching quite extensively for the 25 years he has been in the Fire Department. He can see it working, but he has some problems with communications and he is waiting for answers on how certain aspects are handled.

He cannot proceed as he is awaiting until he receives information from the Shared Services Committee. The Council should be better informed so that they can make recommendations to the Council if any action is to be taken in this regard.

Field Usage

Councilmember Schiavone said we are receiving emails with regard to field usage issue with independent baseball, etc. She understood meetings were to be held establishing resolution of this issue.

Mayor Arnowitz said a meeting was held with the Rec Commission and the sports association and it was reported that they could not accommodate the amount of games that the independents wanted to have, however, they could accommodate a game here and there. The group was not interested in that as they wanted lots of games. This is a very difficult issue because the season, for all intensive purposes, is over but he asked the Recreation Director and Sports to address this for 2012. He asked Ann Cron of the Recreation Commission to work with the Recreation Commission to try to accommodate everyone; we have a very extensive sports program in Hillsdale. The fields must remain fallow for a period to allow the grass can grow, we don't have artificial turf and we do not have the funds for artificial turf.

Councilmember Frank said the fact that Hillsdale Softball/Baseball Association has a ruling against anybody who coaches in these private teams, he was present at that meeting as an observer, and after the meeting he expressed to them that he thought it was outrageous and should not exist. It shows a lack of cooperation that we should have. They advised they would make fields available to the teams but could not guarantee a schedule. That is not a good answer but is better than the answer they had before that, not available. He wants to hear from the Recreation Commission that HSBA has removed that restriction to anybody who coached outside of HSBA.

Mayor Arnowitz said one of the provisos for them to coach inside HSBA, soccer, etc. is that they have to adhere to the rules and regulations established by the Borough to be a coach.

Councilmember Frank said that is a different issue.

Councilmember Hanlon agreed and said it is very disturbing. The rules and regulations should be reviewed and she believed there should be a compromise.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have a Recreation Commission to handle this and they have been advised of the Council's wishes. If the Council feels this is very important, they should contact the Clerk and put this on for discussion so that at that meeting we could have the proper representation from the groups to answer questions.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the Council did vote upon this field usage issue and we sided with the Recreation Commission as well as the baseball associations for a host of reasons. They have had a rule for a very long period where certain people who coach these independent leagues, they are no longer allowed. This is a slippery slope when the Council starts rewriting their rules.

Councilmember Frank said if he remembers correctly, that was a HSBA rule, not a Rec Committee rule.

Councilmember Giancarlo said they have a process where people can go to the meetings and they can change things with a quorum.

Walk Around Town

Councilmember Giancarlo said a Walk Around Town for the Mayor's Wellness

Campaign is a program for people to exercise outdoors and sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Next week August 25, at 7PM at the train station, we are going to be running three miles through town. He encouraged everyone to come out to a nice, leisurely three mile run.

Senior Van

Councilmember Hanlon expressed her gratitude that the Council purchased the senior van and it is available to all seniors. If someone in town is disabled and needs transportation, this van is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Today we had a very successful senior trip and she reminded all seniors of Hillsdale that they do not have to be a member of 50 Plus Club to take part in these trips since the funds come from the County to cover all senior activities in town.

On September 13, the senior lunch will be held at the pool; it will be an Italian affair thanks to Bensi's, Ice Creamery and Lepore's who made donations for the benefit of the seniors.

Congratulations to the Library. There are so many programs at our public Library; other towns are struggling with their Libraries and Hillsdale keeps coming up with programs that are incredible. They will be with us on Town Day.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the Library has a big part to play on Town Day and David Franz was one of the catalysts.

Concert in the Park will be held on September 17. Care One advised they were willing to finance our concerts and was disappointed that it was not financed this year but emphasized they desire to finance the series in 2012.

September 4, Labor Day weekend, from 10AM to 1PM Mr. Moldow and his group will be playing another Wooden Bat Game to benefit the senior program. She expressed her thanks to Mr. Jim Moldow.

Wellness Program

Councilmember Frank said he will be walking Sunday, August 14, at 10AM starting at the Library for three miles.

Town Day

We are still looking for vendors and sponsors for Town Day and we will be visiting our local merchants in an attempt to get more people involved.

Tax Assessor

We are in the process of interviewing for replacement of our Tax Assessor. Two very good candidates were interviewed by the Search Committee last week and the resumes were sent to the Council and a follow-up interview has been set up this Thursday for one of the candidates at 4PM. Our current Tax Assessor will retire on September 2.

Senior Van

Councilmember Frank complimented DPW Superintendent Durie on the refurbishing of the senior van; it is polished and looks good.

Direct Install Program

Councilmember Frank commented on the Direct Install Program that Councilmember DeJoseph got for the town at minimal cost, we upgraded the HSBA systems, new conditioners and electronic controls on lighting.

He had a meeting in the Borough Clerk's office about politicians putting their names on things. He objects to what went on with the past County Executive who had his name on every entrance sign into the County, put his name on every park, vehicles at our expense. It not only cost to put it on it cost to take it off as well. We have had a practice in Hillsdale for the past several years where the Mayors put their names on some of the signs; we have a few signs where they are indelibly carved into the sign, and he did not believe that should be done.

Mayor Arnowitz said the County Executive, Kathy Donovan, has publicly said she will not put her name on anything. He agreed and was in favor of placing his name on signs at taxpayer expense.

Borough Clerk Sandt suggested a matter such as this could be included in the By-Laws.

Administrator/Tax Assessor

Mayor Arnowitz said we have advertised for Administrator/Tax Assessor position.

He reminded the Council that the contract with the DPW, Crossing Guards and Office Staff are up in 2011. He reached out to all parties involved and we will meet with them in September.

He waiting for information from Ray Wiss as to benefits and he needs an interpretation.

He said an Eagle Scout event is forthcoming and asked if the Council wished to participate on August 21. Councilmember Frank will be available.

Mayor Arnowitz said we promised the sports association that we would complete Memorial Field in August so that they can have their registration in September.

Councilmember DeJoseph said a Purchase Order was issued last week to a vendor. He will check tomorrow to make sure they meet the time frame.

Mayor Arnowitz said he will be meeting with the BPU and other Mayors but specifically asked for a separate meeting with the Water Company and BPU. He will be meeting on Thursday, at 3PM. At 6PM, there will be a barbecue at Hackensack Hospital for emergency services.

He has been accepted to serve on the County's Flooding Board.

On September 17, we have a concert in Veterans Park at 8PM. On 9-1-1, the Fire Department will have their annual 9-1-1 ceremony at the clock, we will meet there at 8:30AM. There will be no speeches, there will be total silence, it is a solemn occasion. That evening at 7:30PM, the Scouts will conduct their candle lighting ceremony as they have in the past.

On Monday, the residents of the flood area from Westwood and Hillsdale had a rally in Harrington Park. About 75 people were present and there was a lot of press; he mentioned at the meeting with the electric company and BPU he had to attend the rally and he was told that they are well aware of the rallies.

The Planning Board will put all their minutes on the website back to 2009.

CLOSED SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION

A motion to go to Open session was made by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTIONS

11125 Award Bids for Temporary Wireless Telecommunications Towers was introduced by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Schiavone

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Weinstein

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

ADJOURNMENT

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

8-9-11

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk