

Council Meeting
January 10, 2012

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

Borough Clerk Sandt stated, "This is a Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 10th day of January 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.

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ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Sine Die Meeting of January 1, 2012, and Reorganization Meeting of January 1, 2012, were approved as presented.

APPOINTMENT: Mayor Arnowitz presented the name of William Franklin for Office of Emergency Management for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2014.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by

Councilmember Capawana.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. HILLSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING USE OF BOROUGH LOT FOR CARNIVAL PURPOSES.

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

2. ROVER & CLOVER 5K RUN COMMITTEE REFERRED FROM DECEMBER 2011 MEETING.

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

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Capawana.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Status of Newsletter and Borough Calendar.

Mayor Arnowitz said in the past we produced a newsletter announcing the budget message from the Finance Committee and the Mayor. We also had mailings throughout the year for various functions such as the leaf and recycling programs. The mailings cost about \$1000 each.

Councilmember Hanlon said this is one of the most important lines of communication we have with the residents. The office receives many calls with regard to the garbage collects, etc. They can be advised that the information is on our website but that is assuming that everyone has a computer. Putting the information on the downtown sign is not the only answer and she recommended that the Council find the funds to continue a newsletter.

Councilmember Frank believed we can find other ways to communicate the same information, perhaps less expensively.

Councilmember Giancarlo believed the residents prefer a hard copy in front of them and he felt it is important that we get the information out to our residents.

Mayor Arnowitz said the cost of a monthly mailing is about \$900; it would cost us approximately \$11,000 a year to do a monthly mailing.

Councilmember DeJoseph said perhaps we could do a mailing every other month.

Mayor Arnowitz instructed the Finance Committee to budget approximately \$10,000. A decision can be made subsequently if we want a monthly mailing, bi-monthly mailing, etc.

2) Pascack Valley Dispatch.

Mayor Arnowitz said we are moving along with dispatching.

Police Chief Stalter said the Council received a copy of the Consultant's report that was hired by Westwood, Emerson, Washington Township, River Vale, Hillsdale and Old Tappan to look at the feasibility of doing a Pascack Valley Joint Dispatch vs. going to the County or to Northwest Bergen. Stalter's stance from the beginning is to keep headquarters open; it has not changed based on the 500+ calls for service that are generated by people walking in the front door every year and that is where reports are generated, that is not just the number of people because thousands of people come through. He is not in favor of closing police headquarters; if he is told otherwise, he will work for the best solution. There was discussion of some towns continuing forward, still wanting to go with the Pascack Valley solution vs. being a customer to the County or a customer to Northwest Central Dispatch and they will be looking at the Pascack Valley Mayors meeting to see which towns would be willing to put more money into furthering the study and going forward or going in a different direction.

Mayor Arnowitz asked what amount of money would we be looking at and what information would be different from the present report.

Stalter said harder numbers.

Mayor Arnowitz said it was a very thorough report and he is confused as to what more could be brought in.

Stalter said Westwood, River Vale and Old Tappan are still looking definitely to do something as a joint venture and it would be discussed at the Mayors meeting as far as what towns would be willing to continue forward and take it to the next level and have a Consultant come up with hard, fast numbers. He did not believe

Emerson was on board, they are continuing as they are; Washington Township is looking towards the County.

Councilmember Giancarlo said this was a Consultant's report sponsored or paid for by the Pascack Valley towns.

Stalter said this was for the feasibility of coming together to develop a Pascack Valley Joint Emergency Service Dispatch Center.

Councilmember Giancarlo said going overnight dispatch in Ridgewood would be the most cost effective.

Stalter said if you were looking to close police headquarters and dispatch elsewhere, financially he recommended going to Ridgewood. If we are not answering telephones or dispatching from our police headquarters, then outside normal business hours we would go to a central dispatch. Dispatch would always be done elsewhere, just a matter of whether we have a records person and someone else at headquarters or whether it would be the responsibility of the Captain and the Chief and the Detectives to see that headquarters is staffed for daily traffic.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the report said keeping it as it is is the worst economically. The second worst of the four outcomes was if it went to a Pascack Valley situation. The third is if we dispatch out of Mahwah and the best recommendation would be Ridgewood.

Stalter said Ridgewood would be the cheapest. The Consultant was a person who developed Ridgewood Central Dispatch. He came out with the best price to do the study and his study was done correctly.

Councilmember Frank believed we should talk to the six towns who joined Mahwah and find out their experiences and problems and the three towns who just joined Ridgewood and talk to them also. He was not in favor of creating another whole dispatch center in the County.

Stalter said our people manning the desk at headquarters do a lot more than just communicating to our residents. We are the only 24/7 availability a resident has to the Borough; it is not a police matter but we get numerous calls with regard to the recycling center being open, is town day on, is this going on, are the fields open. There are a lot of ancillary things that dispatch center does within Hillsdale that is more than 9-1-1 emergency and dispatching. We can do that almost anywhere at the lowest cost but we do have to look at the level of service that we are giving our taxpayers by whatever we choose to do.

Mayor Arnowitz said tomorrow he will be asked by the Mayors whether

we are willing to put in more money and he believed at this point we are not. He would like to move forward as the study is suggesting. We still have 9-1-1 through Paramus.

Stalter said 9-1-1 through Paramus is our answering point and it is transferred to Hillsdale. They do all the pre-arrival medical instructions, etc.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will do our own in-house study, look at three options; Ridgewood, local and Mahwah. We never discussed closing the police station during the day and he felt the desk should be manned by a person, not to use the clerk. We would have to look at the hours. If the other towns do a study, we can always look at it and perhaps change our minds.

3) Feasibility Study of Joint Municipal Courts.

Councilmember DeJoseph said we received a grant for \$4200 from the Bergen County Freeholders to do a feasibility study and possibly moving our court to the Pascack Valley Court which is Montvale, Woodcliff Lake and Park Ridge.

Mayor Arnowitz understood that Old Tappan may also be interested. Is there any way that the study could show keeping the court in Hillsdale because there are some problems with parking in Montvale and bringing in another town or two could make the parking problems worse. If we could achieve the same thing by holding it here, he would rather do that.

Councilmember DeJoseph said it is not included in the current scope of the proposal; obviously it can be added with an added cost which the town would absorb.

Councilmember Frank said this study is specific, the firm that did the consolidation of the three towns is for one court and if you open it up you are talking about a big expenditure. We should continue conversations with River Vale and anyone else to see if they want to do something jointly if we want to go with another study.

Mayor Arnowitz wants to look into keeping the court here before we make any move to Montvale. He wants to move ahead on shared services as he wants to be able to make the Cap.

Councilmember DeJoseph said the feasibility study will address the concerns about parking, how many calendar days per month. He said next month we will adopt a Resolution to award the contract.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Mayor Arnowitz saw many residents here from the Flood Coalition and said we shouldn't do anything relating to the flood at this point so that everything is kept together.

Don McLaughlin, Counsel, Hillsdale/Westwood Group -
He said the group would like to speak now.

Kevin O'Brien, Westwood -
He said the Council will be addressing the Master Plan. On January 11, 2011, the Council made reference to a potential for mixed use in certain areas of the town. There is also reference to US Census with respect to cost per student. When he read through the document of January 11, the Planning Board Chairman stated that there was no children associated with a mixed use and that is on Page 6. Mr. DeGise is finding in mixed use there are no children. If Hillsdale is going for mixed use and expand in certain geographic areas he trusts you will take into consideration of the positive and negative criteria that the negative criteria of children to the Borough could be costing in the grammar school alone a cost of \$14,400 per student.

Mayor Arnowitz said at the Planning Board last week the Master Plan was brought up by new Chairperson. The Council sent the Master Plan back to the Planning Board because of the mixed use. He sent a letter to the Planning Board advising them they had to revisit that aspect, the Council was not in favor of the mixed use especially on Broadway and Hillsdale Avenue because of traffic. There was a COAH situation which isn't there anymore so they have to revisit that. Mixed use brings a host of problems that are not there if there are commercial or single family homes. The Planning Board will be revisiting this and with the input from Councilmember Giancarlo and the Mayor, hopefully put this to rest.

Mr. O'Brien (Contd).

Ridgewood has the same problem. If you are going to go to an alternative option whether that be high density housing type model, the traditional home will have 5.6 trips per day per home for vehicles. If you will go beyond that and go to multi-density type dwelling, multiply by the times and number of units you are going to have and you may want the police department to revisit traffic study.

Mayor Arnowitz said he read the report that Mr. Kelly dropped off to the Planning Board and Borough Council on January 1st and Planning Board at the December meeting. He instructed the Borough Attorney at the December meeting with the consent of the Council to move forward with an appeal to the DEP to stop the project of the

Dam until a lot of questions could be answered. On Tuesday the Planning Board instructed the Borough Engineer who is also the Planning Board Engineer to write an appeal letter to the DEP to force United Water to come before the Hillsdale Planning Board to answer the questions he has been asking for almost a year and a half. He is part of the Bergen County Flood Coalition. On February 6, the DEP is coming to the public meeting. The Secretary or President of the Board has asked each member if we had any questions we want presented to the DEP so that they are prepared to answer. Our question is what is the status of the DEP as to forcing United Water to come before our Planning Board?

This evening he spoke to the Borough Attorney and he is setting up a meeting with him and hopefully to move this process on to gets this going. He received a call from the DEP with regard to flooding and lowering the roadway and it is their opinion and United Water's opinion that the lowering of the roadway will not substantially increase flooding. The bottom line is they are forcing United Water to do this because they have to get water out; the Borough has a different opinion as how they can do that without lowering the road. The problem with lowering the road is emergency services accessibility and the closing of the road for two years and all the other consequences when there is water on that road.

Dan McLaughlin, Counsel -

The Mayor raised several points that he wanted to address. He would like a clarification on the letter written by Mr. Statile. He received a letter from him which did not contain any content dealing with United Water coming before the Planning Board.

Mayor Arnowitz said this was only decided last week; the letter he is referring to is the letter done quite a while ago. The Planning Board instructed Mr. Statile to get United Water before the Planning Board.

Mr. McLaughlin (Contd).

Our group of about 100 participants in Hillsdale and another 100 in Westwood congratulate the Mayor the authorization to file an appeal of the permit and we understand that is underway. That is only part of what needs to be done. If the Planning Board instructed the Borough Engineer to take action to bring United Water before the Planning Board, we request a copy of the letter when it is available so that we can see what has been required. It is not necessary for the DEP to be involved in that at all. We would suggest this is a matter that is solely in the discretion of the Hillsdale Planning Board under the Hillsdale Land Use Code. The area where the dam improvement project is located is a residential fore section and within that section is permitted a conditional use by a public utility. That is why United Water is allowed to conduct the use they have there is because they have been granted

and he did not know if it actually officially granted, but they are operating under a conditional use within the residential zone which is permitted under the Hillsdale Code.

However, what is now occurring is there is going to be a 25 million dollar expansion of that conditional use and this circumstance is foreseen in the Hillsdale Code and just like anyone else instead of this being a dam, if this were a shopping center, and if one of the stores in the shopping center said they will build a 25 million dollar multi-level parking lot or an expansion, Hillsdale would have every right to say they must come before us before you expand your conditional use, you may not commence construction and there must be normal due process and normal enforcement of the Hillsdale law. He looked at this extensively, shared his work product with Borough Attorney Paul. The Planning Board does not need to go to the DEP because their permit says the permit itself is invalid until United Water obtains all permits.

Mayor Arnowitz said all of this information was brought up by Engineer Statile at the Planning Board meeting last week and with United Water over a year and a half ago, a year ago and six months ago. Their opinion is that they don't have to do this.

Mr. McLaughlin (Contd).

The DEP permit said their work is not valid until they do what is required. It is up to the Council to make United Water come here. Hillsdale has not yet written a letter to United Water and has not yet indicated they must come before you and present the site plan application. If they believe they do not have to come before the Planning Board then they should come and explain why. It is our suggestion is that the Planning Board should issue that letter post haste so that there is no question in United Water's mind that they have to comply with the law and come before Hillsdale Planning Board.

Mayor Arnowitz said he believed that the direction Mr. McLaughlin is talking about the Council is already doing. We want to bring in the DEP also because he wants them indicate that United Water must appear before the Planning Board. We will do our best to get Hillsdale protected under this project.

Mr. Mclaughlin (Contd).

The permit states that the project starts one year of the issuance date which was November 7, 2011. There is much urgency that the project must go forward and that is the time we should be using to have these hearings.

Tom Kelly, 41 Sycamore Avenue -

He asked the Council to imagine what the residents dealt with on June 23, 2011, when the reservoir filled up, the gates were opened

all the way and there was five to six feet of water in certain places. If this project goes through as it is drawn up, they will have the ability to double the amount of water they dump in the exact same situation. Instead of taking four hours to dump all the water, they can do so in two hours. It is terrifying for the people who live there, to emergency services. He begged the Council to help the best they can.

George Behringer, 1 Large Avenue -

He was subject to the flooding last year and the police, fire, OEM did a fantastic job. He moved his boiler from the basement to the first floor and while he got his permit for \$75 and he was asked if he would move some soil. He said he was not planning to do so. If he had to pay this fee, United Water is planning a gigantic project and what are they paying?

Art Derick, 8 Yesler Way -

He asked the Council to please send the letter to United Water, it will be appreciated. This affects us all.

Valerie Schroeder, 109 Yesler Way -

On December 8, the DPW truck took out her son's car along with three other cars that were parked by Beechwood Park and his car has been rendered unable to be driven. She has been unable to find out the town's insurance company, her insurance cannot get in contact with anybody. It has already been a month.

Borough Clerk Sandt said he was advised that a particular report from the Borough has not been filed as yet. Burton Agency does not have the police report.

Ms. Schroeder (Contd).

Her son was not at fault, he was in school, and she has the police report.

Councilmember DeJoseph said she will get a phone call tomorrow as he will look into this personally.

Ellen Fridliand, 16 Riverside Drive -

There is property across the street from her home that has been unkempt for the past five years. Debris and mulch from the flood remains and nothing has been done and asked if someone could come and pick up the debris.

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

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Arnowitz said we will go to Closed Session as the Bergen County Department Health Services will give a

presentation. The meeting will be reopened when the meeting is finished.

OPEN MEETING: Mayor Arnowitz opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Roll Call: Present: Councilmembers Capawana, DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Mayor Arnowitz

Gail Mangold, Student Assistance Council, Pascack Hills High School and Co-Chair and Assistant Christi Rossi, new Business Counselor at Pascack Valley High School and Cam Manarana the Local Mental Health Professional in the neighborhood.

They are here to tell the Council about the Coalition tonight. They are a grass roots organization which started 16 years ago with Superintendent Willett to have the concept of bringing together municipal leaders, the school officials, the Law Enforcement community members, health providers and business leaders to be different spokes in a wheel in terms of helping to establish and promote a substance free environment for youth and family in Hillsdale, River Vale, Montvale and Woodcliff Lake area.

Our mission is to educate and inform the community at large about how to promote a healthy and safe environment. The organization was established with this partnership and we have worked hard to maximize this. We started out as a small organization and it has evolved and grown. By bringing the four towns together, we are maximizing our work force because it used to be each one had town municipal alliance and there would be a few people on that town municipal alliance. Each town participates with a quarterly meeting and the only town that has a municipal alliance and is a part of the coalition is River Vale. The rest of us do our quarterly meetings together.

Our goal is to reduce chronic underage drinking and substance abuse among teens. We unified our network by bringing us together to support teens and their families to reduce the incidence of this behavior. We are trying to promote parent networking, community members networking, and we have networks between our municipal leaders and our law enforcement and schools as well.

Christi Rossi said we produce a bi-annual newsletter in the fall and in the spring; we have parent and student programs that we provide with the funding and grant money; we communicate with the local schools, libraries, police department and it is bringing us all on the same page because parents have information that the schools might not have. When we get together, we share this information and we unify our resources. Our quarterly meetings are held in the Montvale municipal building and we all share our

information in what we see going on in the teams in our community.

Gail Mangold said Chief Stalter is a part of the Coalition as well as all of our municipal police chiefs and officers. The Municipal Alliance does a needs assessment followed by areas of concern. In order for us to receive the \$11,000 for each town to promote prevention programs in the schools and the community, our DARE Programs, we have to have these municipal meetings. We write objectives for that and the grant identifies four risk factors that municipal alliances have to address in each grant. One is care of individual risk factors which identifies early factors, anti-social behavior, trying to change some of the attitudes about drugs and alcohol abuse. In addition there are community factors that have to be focused on.

Some of things that come across their offices are family issues which sometimes it is the parents attitude about alcohol use at home or not giving a strong value statement to the kids about drug use. We see much early experimentation with drugs.

We see a lot of teenage behavior with regard to suicide and accidental overdose. The work we are involved is not only the prevention aspect but direct intervention aspect and referral in the schools. We have an open dialogue with our police chiefs and juvenile officers and DARE officers and that information goes directly to the principal of the school who then gives the information to the students assistance counselors in the school so that we can intervene with that child and help give that family some resources to address some of those issues.

Families move into other communities and don't have a lot of attachments so this helps the child to fall through the cracks because they don't have a lot of resources. Without any connections they can get lost.

In our newsletter we talked about exposing the secret life of teens and bridging the gap between what parents think their children are doing and what they are actually doing and we summarized an article in the Chicago Tribune that talked about how many actual teens are using drugs and engaging in risky sexual behavior. We will go a little further in our spring newsletter. New Jersey does have the strictest harassment, intimidation and bullying laws in the country at this point. If anyone believes that there has been any kind of intimidation, harassment or bullying, they are responsible to report it, it has to be investigated within a 10 day period and reports given to the principal, Superintendent, Board of Education, State and goes on our state report card.

They have a website and initiating safe home emails to keep families connected. Their need is to continue support and they

asked for \$2500 stipend to help with administration of the program.

Councilmember DeJoseph said he will be sure to budget the \$2500.

ORDINANCES:

Ord. No. 12-01 (Introduction) Authorize Sale of Borough Property	At the mayor's request, the Borough Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 12-01 as follows: AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, BLOCK 1109, LOT 4
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Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember DeJoseph said he wanted to sure that everything is satisfied with the adjoining property owner.

Borough Attorney Paul said it is a step by step process and he will provide more information on ongoing litigation in Closed Session. This ordinance is for the purpose of potential selling to the contingent owner. Transaction is not completed until there is actual passing of the deed, until title is actually passed at the time of the deed. There are no guarantees at this point.

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. 12-01:

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

Nays: None

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COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Borough Engineer Statile said normally he does not invite people to the Planning Board meeting, he understands their concern. Under the law it is a permitted conditional use in the R4 zone, but we need to see the site plan application. If they don't want to do it, it is fine but the first minute anyone sees a bulldozer there, they are contradicting our land use law and the New Jersey land use law. He would have the police department stop them. They can do what they want their lawyers, get an injunction, etc. and our Borough Attorney goes to work. He will send a letter out tomorrow

with the Attorney's approval. A few years ago PSE&G came before the Board for substation work and they did not go before the Planning Board. Statile wrote them a letter and they came before the Planning Board. He is used to bringing utility companies before the Board. The Planning Board authorized him to write the water company a letter inviting them to come before the Planning Board. In theory they don't have to do anything with their permit, they can let it expire.

We have a permit for the Patterson Street bridge. There are 66 conditions in the permit and the permit for the dam contained 20. He also wrote to the DEP saying that he needs their other permit for fresh water wetlands disturbances invalid because they did not provide a return post office box with a public to write back to the state and as far as he is concerned, that is a fatal flaw in the advertisement notice. He advised them as far as the town is concerned, they do not recognize the permit. He wrote that letter as well. He did not believe the DEP can do anything in terms of local jurisdiction. The DEP put in bold letters they must seek all permits. The other issue beside the dam construction is the fact that the easement United Water granted us in 1906 to the Borough of Hillsdale and Woodcliff Lake to cross over the dam. When the dam was constructed, Coles Crossing used to go under the reservoir and it was eliminated, they replaced that with a road over the dam and it is an easement which we hold. In 1906, it stated that we have control of the roadway. They have a right to go to the BPU but write to the Mayor and Council first before they go to the BPU directly and we have to be given notice that there will be a hearing on the matter.

United Water owns the property, we have an easement over the top of the dam. The easement was erected in 1906 to the Borough. We maintain it, we control it. The tax assessment maps that we have actually show a right-of-way going across the dam. The United Water gave us an easement document indicating we have an easement over the dam. Utilities don't have exemption rights.

The firehouse and handicap access are being worked out. We have the layout for the chamber renovations almost done and just about ready to go. With regard to the road program, the contractor will be coming back to make any repairs.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Superintendent of Schools met with him yesterday, they have two projects and one requires Planning Board approval which involves classrooms and involves moving tennis courts which would involve Green Acre applications. We will get everyone together in February to discuss this.

Police Chief Stalter said if anyone sees a bulldozer at the dam do not call the police department as they do not enforce land use

ordinances and land use law, call the Building Department.

Patrolman Novakowski retired as of December 31, we now have 18 officers. Sergeant Scordarto will be leaving the beginning of April although he will be on the books for a couple of months afterward. Currently per capita, officers to population, we have the highest amount of population with regard to surrounding towns and the lowest amount of officers. We have always done more with less the Council needs to look serious at replacing the two officers. Our School Resource Officer who is on patrol a quarter of the time and three quarters of the time he is in the schools. When he submitted the salary budgets for this year based on the negotiating contract, with the retirement of Novakowski and pending retirement of Scordato, the uniform police salary line item will increase somewhere between \$35,000 and \$40,000 depending on certain raises. He included two starting salaries of \$35,000. We are trying to eliminate overtime on the midnight shifts by using per diems, it is something we have to discuss in committee and bring before the Council as a whole. It is changing how we operate the police department.

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

12024 Authorize Refund of Tax Payment, Block 1701, Lot 27, was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

12025 Removal of Taxes on Block 1516, Lot 14, was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

12026 Authorize Contract for CDL Random Drug & Alcohol Testing Services was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

12027 Liaison Member of the Local Assistance Board was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

12028 Awarding Web Hosting Service was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

12029 Animal Control Services Contract was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

12030 Appointing Local Registrar was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

12031 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Board of Health report for the month of December 2011.

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

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COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Councilmember Hanlon said we will be meeting February 13 with regard to the Memorial Day Parade. The senior luncheon will be held on the 18th and the Bingo and luncheon at the Hut will be held on February 7.

Councilmember Capawana asked when the Christmas trees on the streets will be picked up. Mayor Arnowitz said on Thursday.

Councilmember DeJoseph said the shredding day will be held at the DPW on April 7 from 8AM to 12PM and October 6 from 8AM to 12PM. Councilmember Frank sent an email to the Finance Committee requesting them to meet with their Department Heads to go over the budget slightly.

He suggested a Plaque for Jack Stubbs who is not a member of the Environmental Commission to honor him for his years of service.

Mayor Arnowitz said there is a plan to appoint him to a position on the Environmental Commission so he will not be leaving.

Councilmember DeJoseph said there is a court study in everyone's folder and asked them to hold it for next month's meeting.

Councilmember Giancarlo said we are looking for bike racks downtown in the main store front area. He thanked the Mayor for providing a mixed use letter and thanked Councilmember DeJoseph for obtaining the grant to investigate shared services for courts.

Mayor Arnowitz said Charlotte Vandervalk retired and suggested the Council present her with a plaque.

He explained the two projects with the high school to the Liaison and a meeting will be set up. He has some maps if anyone is interested in looking at them.

There has been controversy at the elementary school level about the No Child Left Behind Act. The Superintendent and on their website there is a link to a letter that he is sending to the parents that they can bring up explaining what the schools have done in the past and in the future to help improve the scores.

We said at the beginning of the year we would send letters to local merchants trying to get donations for Town Day and Memorial Day and the concert series.

Mayor Arnowitz said on Friday, at 6PM, in the borough hall there will be a meeting with the cub scout group to talk about families in Hillsdale, past and present, Hillsdale in general past and present.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will go to Closed Session for the purpose of search committee negotiation and potential litigation.

Councilmember Hanlon said the JIF Dinner will be held on January 19 at 6PM at Seasons.

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

OPEN MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk