

Reorganization Meeting
January 1, 2012

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the
Borough Council at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 1,
2012, in the Council Chamber, Borough of
Hillsdale,
Hillsdale, New Jersey.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Max
2. Arnowitz who also led the Salute to the Flag.
3. Invocation Borough Clerk Sandt requested the audience to remain standing while Reverend Bruce Harger rendered the Invocation.
4. ANNOUNCEMENT Borough Clerk Sandt announces: "This meeting is for OF MEETING the purpose of conducting the annual Re-Organization Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 1st day of January, 2012. Not less than 48 hours prior to this meeting, public notice of this meeting was given to The Ridgewood News, The Record, the Pascack Press and the Community Life newspapers; a copy was posted on the bulletin board outside of this meeting room, a copy was mailed to all persons who had requested the same and prepaid the cost established by the Council.

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 through
 lobby and
 silence

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5. INDUCTION OF MAYOR Judge Lois Goodman administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Max Arnowitz.

6. Induction of Councilmen Frank Capawana Borough Clerk Sandt administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Douglas Frank and Member Rod Capawana.

7. Roll Call present Borough Clerk Sandt called the roll, those being Councilmembers Capawana, DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo and Hanlon.

Mayor Arnowitz asked for a Motion to change The Agenda to allow the presentation of Warren Clark, Esq. for Municipal Judge.

Motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeJoseph.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

8. Induction of
administered

Warren Clark, Esq.

Municipal

Judge

Court Judge

31,

The Honorable Judge Marilyn Clark

to Warren Clark, Esq. for Municipal Court

For a three (3) year term expiring December

2014.

9. STATE OF

BOROUGH

him

ADDRESS

the

Chief,

Officer

Lieutenant

Mayor Arnowitz said he wished to recognize

Alfred Murphy, Mayor, in the audience and welcomed

to the meeting. He also recognized Captain of

Ambulance Squad, Lori Famoso, Mark Durst, Fire

Police Chief Stalter and Captain Niego, OEM

William Franklin, DPW Superintendent Durie,

Heitman, Candace Schaeffer, Finance Officer.

He thanked all the residents of Hillsdale who

voted for him and his team so that we can continue
doing what we did last year; try to maintain

some

semblance of taxes in this town without

skyrocketing.

This was not an easy task. It is time for all

residents

to get together and make Hillsdale a better place

to

live and continue working to keep Hillsdale to

continue

to be. 2012 will be a challenge budget-wise; we

are

still faced with the mandatory 2% Cap, we are

allowed to

raise taxes approximately \$160,000 for 2012. The

police

raises alone represent more than the 2%. Our task

is

challenging, we have a great team with Councilman

Frank,

Councilman DeJoseph, and soon to be Councilman

Capawana

on that committee. They have been working since

June to

get the 2012 budget going. We are looking at many
areas to save, shared service, merge service,

regionali-

zation; we will not do anything hastily and is not

right
a lot
right. We
we
terrible
blackouts,
out-
Hillsdale
difficulty
not
again.

for Hillsdale. Everything we looked at so far has
of potential and we will proceed when it is
will have public discussion at the right time and
will move forward. In 2011, we went through a
year with Mother Nature, flooding, storms,
but we prevailed with the help of the DPW who was
standing and our emergency services, OEM.
moved forward and we got through with a lot of
and he did not believe there was anyone who was
touched. Hopefully in 2012 we will not have that

limit
will
buyout
to work
Road
but
discussed
would
addressed
care
will
frustrating.
Floyd
of
hospital
Church

He will ask the Council to lower the speed
on Hillsdale Avenue and he believes the traffic
continue to get worse. Flood control and the
of homes there is a priority and he will continue
with the County Coalition and DEPE. The Church
project is a big deal, it will not affect flooding
will affect traffic. He is disappointed in United
Water and the DEP. We met over two years ago,
the project and the concerns that we had that
affect Hillsdale and the surrounding towns. They
assured us that all of our concerns would be
and taken care of and none of them have been taken
of. The Engineer received a letter stating they
commence the project in a month. That is
The road is a major east/west corridor; during
and Irene it was our only access to the west side
town with emergency services, we don't have a
and won't have a hospital for another year.
Road will be closed for approximately two years.

The website is being redesigned and will be more user friendly. We have contract negotiations with all of our unions and with today's economy, it will be very interesting when reality sets in. By February, we will have a CFO/Administrator in place, a joint position. For the past year, Councilman Frank and I have taken over the duties of Administrator. We need someone in that position. We save about \$150,000 by not filling that position right away. We will do our best to maintain a 2% Cap; and come in below or at 2% for 2012. He hopes we can all work together to reach the lofty goals. He wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year.

10. BOROUGH
Paul,
ATTORNEY

Mayor Arnowitz presented the name of Steven Esq. for Borough Attorney for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Motion by Councilman Hanlon that Steven Paul, Esq. be appointed as Borough Attorney, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeJoseph, Frank,

Giancarlo,

Hanlon and Capawana.

Nays: None

Borough Clerk Sandt administered the Oath of Office to Borough Attorney Paul.

11. Borough
Prosecutor

Mayor Arnowitz presented the name of Dennis Harraka for Borough Prosecutor for the term expiring December 31, 2012.

Motion by Councilmember DeJoseph that Dennis Harraka be appointed as Borough Prosecutor, Seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Borough Clerk Sandt administered the Oath of Office to Borough Prosecutor Harraka.

12. Borough
Public
Defender

Mayor Arnowitz presented the name of Vanessa Sinisi for Borough Public Defender for the term expiring December 31, 2012.

Motion by Councilmember Hanlon that Vanessa Sinisi be appointed as Borough Public Defender, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

13. Council President

Mayor Arnowitz announced that the election for Council President is now in order.

Motion by Councilmember Frank to nominate Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon..

Roll Call Vote on the nomination of Councilmember Giancarlo:

Ayes: Council Members DeJoseph, Frank, Hanlon and Capawana

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember Giancarlo

Office

Borough Clerk Sandt administered the Oath of to Council President Giancarlo

14. COUNCIL
Council
COMMITTEES
our

Mayor Arnowitz announced the proposed Committes for the year 2012 and are available on Website.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Capawana, DeJoseph, Frank, Hanlon and Giancarlo

Nays: None

(SEE COPY OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE LIST AFFIXED
HERETO)

15. FIRE
confirmation, the
DEPARTMENT
Auxiliary
Bureau

Mayor Arnowitz presented for Council following appointments for the Regular and Drivers, Mechanics, Fire Police and Fire Prevention Official for the year 2012 as recommended by the Board of Fire Officers in their letter of December 21, 2011.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember

Frank,

seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Capawana

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member DeJoseph

15. FIRE
DEPARTMENT
year
OFFICERS

Mayor Arnowitz reads the names of the following Officers of the Hillsdale Fire Department for the year 2012.

Chief Mark Durst
Deputy Chief Jason Durie

Mayor Arnowitz announced that the Fire Department chose not to be sworn in at the Council Meeting, however, Lieutenant Beutel was present representing the officers.

Hose Company

Hook & Ladder Company

Kathleen LaFrance - Captain	Jmes Domville - Captain
Terry Beutel - 1 st Lieutenant	Tom Kelley - 1 st
Patrick Doody - 2 nd Lieutenant	Brian Heitmann - 2 nd
Keith Capogna - 3 rd Lieutenant	Jason DeGise - 3 rd

following
Department
Mayor Arnowitz read the names of the Association Officers of the Hillsdale Fire For the year 2012.

Hughes
Doody
President - Keith Capogna Vice President - Edward
Secretary - Keith Durie Treasurer - Patrick
Assistant Secretary Treasurer - William Becker
Trustee through 2012 - Keith Durie

Weinstein,
Motion to approve was made by Councilmember
Seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon,

Schiavone

And Weinstein

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember DeJoseph

16. POLICE Mayor Arnowitz presented for Council confirmation the following appointments to the Police Department, DEPARTMENT Special Officers, Auxiliary Officers and Police Matrons for the year 2011 as recommended by Police Chief Stalter in his letter of December 12, 2011.

Police Auxiliary Officers

Ivancich	Captain Donald Carty	Patrolman Kevin Garcia
	Lieutenant Richard Hirsch	Lieutenant Thomas F.
Fichtenbaum	Sergeant Andres Perez	Sergeant Gary
Karcich	Patrolman John Buonadonna	Patrolman Christopher
Victoria Ferraro	Patrolman Drew Kaplan	Patrolwoman
Vergnes	Patrolman Colin Doyle	Patrolwoman Alexandria
Bologra	Patrolman Thomas Cole	Patrolman Jonathan
	Patrolman Paul Kochansky	

Police Matrons

— Kimberly Haffler

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Capawana, DeJoseph, Frank,

Giancarlo and Hanlon
Nays: None

17. APPOINTMENTS Mayor Arnowitz presented the names of the following individuals for appointment to the positions indicated for the year 2012:

Borough Auditor: Paul Garbarini
Land Use Officer: Keith Durie
Assessment Search Officer: Robert P. Sandt
Labor Counsel: Raymond Wiss, Esq.

Fire Official: Keith Durie
 Borough Medical Examiners -
 David Stewart, M.D.
 Michael Rutigliano, M.D.
 Carol D'Aquino, M.D.
 Police & Fire Chaplains:
 Rabbi Ruth Zlotnick
 Father Bruce Harger
 Pastor Frank Kowar
 Bond Counsel: Rogut McCarthy Troy PC
 Recycling Coordinator: Keith Durie
 Tax Appeal Counsel: Morrison Mahoney LLP

Motion to approve Borough Medical
 Examiners was made by Councilmember Giancarlo,
 Seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Capawana, Frank, Giancarlo,
 And Hanlon
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Councilmember DeJoseph

18. BOARD, Mayor Arnowitz presents the names of the
 following in-
 COMMISSION individuals for appointment to the indicated
 positions
 &TRUSTEE and the specified terms of office.
 APPOINTMENTS

- a) Board of Health members: Dr. Susan Kushner and Rose Bauerle for a three (3) year term each expiring December 31, 2014.
- b) Swimming Pool Commission members: Joe Famoso for a three (3) year term each expiring December 31, 2014.
- c) Recreation Commission members: Frank Pizzella for a five (5) year term expiring December 31, 2016.
- d) Environmental Commission members: Grace Biener, Meredith Kates, and Kenneth Barber for a three (3) year term each expiring December 31, 2014. Alternate member #2 Laura Calabria for a two (2) year term expiring December 31, 2013.
- e) Historical Preservation Committee members: Lisa Monacelli Hammerstein, Elfrieda Koehler, Eric Bongard, Joanne Miano, Lori Bettini, Tracy Glasner, Jerome Miano, Barbara Braun and Robert Hammerstein for a one (1) year term each expiring December 31, 2012.

- f) Library Board of Trustees: Joanne Miano and Warren Harris for a five term expiring December 31, 2016.
- g) Local Assistance Board: Lois Kohan and June Jones for a two (2) year term each ending December 31, 2013.
- h) Our Town Committee: Robert Hewitt and Peter Philip for a two (2) year term each expiring December 31, 2012.

Mayor Arnowitz said these are Mayoral appointments and a roll call vote is not necessary.

19. PLANNING
nominate a
BOARD
Planning
CLASS III:
Member

Mayor Arnowitz requested the Council to member of the Council to be appointed to the Board as their representative as the Class III of the Planning Board for a one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2012.

Motion by Councilmember Frank to nominate Councilmember Giancarlo as Class III Member of the Planning Board, seconded by Councilmember

DeJoseph.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Council Members DeJoseph, Frank, Hanlon and Capawana

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember Giancarlo

20. PLANNING
individuals
BOARD
APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Arnowitz appointed the following to the position and terms of office as indicated:

for a Planning Board Class II Member: William Franklin one (1) year term expiring December 31, 2012.
Fred Planning Board Class IV Member: Joanne Miano and Franco for a four (4) year term each expiring December 31, 2015: Laura Calabria for a three (3) year Term expiring December 31, 2014.
(2) Planning Board Alternate #1: Joan Traudt for a two year term ending December 31, 2013.
the Planning Board Alternate #2: Zoltan Horvath for unexpired term ending December 31, 2012.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Office Mayor Arnowitz stated that no further Oaths of
all will be administered at this meeting. However,
of appointees are required to subscribe to their Oath
they are office before entering upon their duties, and
office of therefore asked to present themselves at the
Friday, the Borough Clerk for this purpose on or before
January 6, 2012.

21. HILLSDALE Mayor Arnowitz proposed the adoption of the By-
Laws
BY-LAWS for the Hillsdale Borough Council for the year
2012.

Motion to accept was made by Councilmember Giancarlo,
seconded
By Councilmember DeJoseph.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Capawana, DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo
and

Hanlon

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

22. RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Arnowitz said the Consent Agenda items
with are considered to be routine and will be enacted
are a single motion; any items requiring expenditure
funds; supported by a Certification of Availability of
the any item requiring discussion will be removed from
Consent Agenda; all Consent Agenda items will be
reflected in full in the minutes.

12001 Temporary Resolution 12001 was introduced by
Budget
2012 Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by

Councilmember Frank.

- 12002 Establish. Resolution 12002 was introduced by
Interest
Rate Councilmember Frank, seconded by
Delinq. Councilmember DeJoseph.
Taxes
- 12003 Desig. Resolution 12003 was introduced by
Boro.
Depos. Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Councilmember DeJoseph.
- 12004 Re-estab. Resolution 12004 was introduced by
annual
Petty Cash Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Funds for
Boro.Clerk Councilmember Frank.
Police Dept.
and Gen.
Public
Assistance
- 12005 Desig. Resolution 12005 was introduced by
time &
place Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
of reg. Councilmember Frank.
Boro.
Council
Mtg. for
2012
- 12006 Desig. Resolution 12006 was introduced by
Tax &
Assess. Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Search Councilmember Frank.
Officer
for 2012
- 12007 Desig. Resolution 12007 was introduced by
Council
Liaison Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Local
Assist. Councilmember Frank.
Board
- (Note that Councilmember Donna Schiavone resigned two days
Prior to the ReOrganization Meeting).
- 12008 Desig. Resolution 12008 was introduced by
Auth.
Drivers Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
of Boro.
Vehicles Councilmember Frank.

- 12009 Desig. Resolution 12009 was introduced by
Signatory of Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Officials for Councilmember Frank
Access
Safe
Deposit
Boxes
- 12010 Authorize Resolution 12010 was introduced by
Assesor to Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
File Tax Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Appeals. Councilmember Frank.
- 12011 Public Resolution 12011 was introduced by
Agency Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Compl. Officer - Councilmember Frank.
2012
- 12012 Authorize Resolution 12012 was introduced by
Award of Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Fair & Councilmember Frank.
Open
Contract for Boro.
Attorney
- 12013 Auth. Resolution 12013 was introduced by
Award Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Fair & Open Councilmember Frank.
Contract for Boro.
Auditor
- 12014 Auth. Resolution 12014 was introduced by
Award Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Fair & Open Councilmember Frank.
Contract for Boro.
Appraiser
- 12015 Award Resolution 12015 was introduced by
Fair Councilmember Frank, seconded by
& Open Councilmember DeJoseph.
Contract for Bond
Counsel
- 12016 Auth. Resolution 12016 was introduced by
Award Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
Fair

& Open
Contract Councilmember Frank.
for Risk
Mgmt.
Insurance
Consultant

12017 Auth. Resolution 12017 was introduced by
Award
Fair Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
& Open
Contract Councilmember Frank.
for
Labor
Attorney

12018 Auth. Resolution 12018 was introduced by
Award
Fair Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
& Open
Contract Councilmember Frank.
for
Attorney
for Tax
Appeals

12019 Auth. Resolution 12019 was introduced by
Award
Fair Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
& Open
Contract Councilmember Frank.
For
Boro.
Prosecutor

12020 Auth. Resolution 12020 was introduced by
Award
Fair Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
& Open
Contract Councilmember Frank.
For
Public
Defender

12021 Auth. Resolution 12021 was introduced by
Award
Fair Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
& Open
Contract Councilmember Frank.
For
Municipal
Judge

12022 Auth. Resolution 12022 was introduced by
CFO
Authority Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by

To Pay
 Certain Councilmember Frank.
 Obligations
 As Needed

12023 Increase Resolution 12023 was introduced by
 Bid
 Threshold Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by
 & Appoint Councilmember Frank.
 Qualified
 Purchase
 Agent

A motion for the Consent Agenda to approve the foregoing resolutions was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing motion:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank,
 Giancarlo,
 Hanlon and Capawana.
 Nays: None

(SEE COPIES OF NINETEEN ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS
 AFFIXED HERETO)

23. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On Motion by Councilmember Frank,
 seconded by
 Councilmember Giancarlo, the Council Meeting
 of
 December 13, 2011, were approved as presented.

24. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Tom Kelly, 41 Sycamore Avenue -
 He received a letter from the Hillsdale Flood Solution Attorney and provided copies to the Council. A project is upcoming on Church Road with regard to the dam with United Water. They are requesting the Mayor and Council and the Planning Board to enforce the Hillsdale Land Use Ordinance by asserting the original jurisdiction over United Water's project. It is an urgent matter and time is of the essence and the urgent appeal of the NJDEP permit. Last week his group presented a letter to the Planning Board but have not received a response. He asked the Mayor and Council to read the letter and take action against it. The Borough Code states that our laws have to be enforced, this is a Borough road that we maintain, plow, take care. This is a 25 million dollar project that we have had no input, no say, they have not presented anything to us. Residents who will be affected by this have received no notification from United Water of DEP. With this project beyond

the fact that they are lowering the road which is a problem for emergency services they are abstaining by adding another spillway which could put an enormous amount of water down this waterway. We cannot afford to allow them to do this. This is borough property and we believe that the Council and Planning Board have jurisdiction to force them to come to us and apply for a permit. This has already been approved by the DEP; it indicates that before United Water can proceed, they must seek all federal, county, state and local approval before proceeding and before this is validated. They have not done that, the majority of this project is in our borough. They have presented to Woodcliff Lake what they are doing; Woodcliff Lake has about 10% of this project. Our attorney has written where he believes we have the authority to stop this. We have seen the damage at the DPW the result of water coming from the spillway that is now potentially going to be worse. Time is not our side, we need action as soon as possible.

Mark Durst, Chief, Fire Department -

He congratulated the Council on his behalf and the Fire Department and extended an invitation to the Council at noon on Saturday, where the fire officers will be sworn in at the Fire Department. We have had a very busy year with water, fire calls, etc. and can not remember in his 38 years going over 325 calls. We just reached 381 the other day. Our volunteers put in a lot of effort.

Paul (inaudible), Center Drive -

He thanked the Council for helping, supporting and dealing with all the problems and he and his neighbors thank them for their assistance.

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

25. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Capawana expressed his thanks for his election and gives him an opportunity to work with the residents of Hillsdale. This is a great town and the people who live here are great. He suggested that the residents should attend Council and Planning Board meetings. We have issues that affect everyone. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Frank thanked the residents for the opportunity to serve another term on Council. He also thanked members of the Council and Borough Clerk Sandt. Without a Borough Administrator this past year, the Council and Borough Clerk carried a significant burden. He looks forward to helping everyone this year.

Borough Attorney Paul thanked the Council for allowing him to serve in 2011 and 2012 and appreciated the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of people.

Councilmember Hanlon thanked everyone for all of their support over all the years she has been on Council. She congratulated Councilman Capawana who will be serving with her as representative to the seniors. She thanked all the volunteers who helped her with her committees. She thanked Superintendent Durie for the cleanup

after the storm which was a nightmare. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Giancarlo congratulated Mayor Arnowitz, Councilman Frank and Councilman Capawana on their election. He said volunteers come home from their regular jobs and then go out to meetings and governmental meetings are not known for their brevity. They do this for the greater good of Hillsdale.

Councilmember DeJoseph said 2011 was a trying year and 2012 will be also. In 2011 we went from plowing snow to picking up branches for two days. The brush is gone from Stonybrook and is fully restored which took two months. He thanked DPW, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Police Reserves, OEM; between that snow storm and the four major flooding instances this year and is horrible for our residents and our staff. The DPW also gets flooded, just as our residents do. This year the Mayor and Council will have to make difficult decisions; everything will be evaluated. We will look at shared services and make the best decisions. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Arnowitz said he is extremely proud to service with this group. He believes he has the team to move Hillsdale forward and to make it a great place to live. He thanks the families of the volunteers and Council members to allow them to serve Hillsdale. This year the Fire Department will have their reception next Saturday.

27. ADJOURNMENT

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

1-1-12

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

