

Council Meeting  
July 10, 2012

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

Mayor Arnowitz stated, "This is a Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 10th day of July 2012. Notice of the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Ridgewood News, 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:

Municipal Clerk Witkowski called the roll those present being as follows: Councilmembers DeRosa, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Pizzella. Also in attendance Borough Attorney Paul.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Resignation Letter from Councilwoman Leslie Becker, dated June 14, 2012. Referred to Council as a Whole

Motion to accept was made by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

#### APPOINTMENT:

Motion by Councilmember Giancarlo to present the name of John MacEwen as Council Member, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Pizzella

Nays: Councilmember DeRosa

Mayor Arnowitz said Council Member John MacEwan will take the Oath of Office at the Council Meeting of August 14, 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 12, 2012, and Closed Meeting of June 12, 2012, were presented for approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

PERSON TO PERSON, PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 0227-33-009-005 FROM CAFÉ CAPRI, INC. TO OSSO BUCCO, LLC

Mayor Arnowitz said this is a Liquor License Transfer which is a normal occurrence when someone new buys a business in town. He asked if there were any written objections to the license transfer, Municipal Clerk Witkowski said there were no written objections.

Mayor Arnowitz then opened the meeting to the public and invited anyone to be heard regarding the liquor license transfer from Café Carpi, Inc. to Osso Buco, L.L.C. Seeing no one, the public meeting was closed.

Resolution 12135, Approve Person to Person, Place to Place Transfer of Retail Consumption License, Café Capri, Inc. to Osso Buco, L.L.C. was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Pizzella, DeRosa and Frank

Nays: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, DATED JUNE 14, 2012, COUNCILWOMAN LESLIE BECKER.

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

2. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DATED JUNE 6, 2012, ASKING PERMISSION TO PLACE SEA CONTAINER IN BEECHWOOD PARK FOR STORAGE OF PARADE ITEMS.

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

Councilmember DeRosa said he was reluctant to approve a container in the park. DPW Superintendent advised there is no area on Borough property to house the container. He suggested that the Scouts contact businesses in town to see if there is any space available.

Mayor Arnowitz said we can't put this container at Beechwood Park but we will seek out something else.

3. AMERICAN LEGION DATED JUNE 25, 2012, ASKING PERMISSION TO RUN A "TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE" Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9am to 5pm.

Received, filed and referred to the August 14 Agenda for further discussion on motion by Councilmember DeRosa.

4. HILLSDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DATED JUNE 25, 2012, ADVISING RESIGNATION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> LT. TERRY BEUTEL, AS AN OFFICER.

Motion to receive, file and approve was made by Councilmember Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Pizzella

Nays: None

5. RENEWABLE RESOURCE DATED JUNE 28, 2012, REGARDING ENERGY AUDITS.

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

DISCUSSION:

- 1) West Lot Parking Fees.

Councilmember Frank said an ordinance was passed in November last year raising the annual cost for parking to \$125/year. We did not put in a pro-rating and it has been implemented as a pro-rated if someone comes in April or June and they pay three quarters of the fee. A request from Police Department to consider further reduction to perhaps monthly or a weekly cost for persons coming in who only want to use the West Parking Lot for a short period of time.

Police Chief Stalter said we have five daily parking spaces unused by daily parkers. It is not provided in the ordinance and we took it upon ourselves to cut the price and we are now looking to formalize this. He said quarterly would be fine; it happens fairly often where someone has a situation and need to use the lot for a month at a time; students have summer internships and there is no provision for a month, etc.

Councilmember Frank motioned to move it below a month; the monthly cost is \$10. He is in favor of the flexibility of monthly or quarterly. He said the fee table in the Ordinance will have to be modified.

Mayor Arnowitz said the modified Ordinance would not be complete until September. He also directed that the ability to change the fee structure be incorporated into the Ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Pizzella

Nays: None

- 2) Big Daddy's Pizza and Grill.

Mayor Arnowitz said we received a request from Big Daddy's Pizza to place a cart in front of their location similar to Karl Ehmer's to sell various items and cook various items. They do not plan to put tables outside; he explained our sidewalk ordinance to them, removal of garbage, and cleaning of the sidewalk, etc. Both Ehmer's and Big Daddy's will comply with

the ordinances. A recycling barrel will be provided in the area. If this request is approved, an official copy of our ordinance will be forwarded to them.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Pizzella

Nays: None

3) Safe Route to Schools.

Mayor Arnowitz said this is a future application that the Borough Engineer will apply for a grant. We have done this previously with the sidewalks from Smith School to the center of town and from the center of town to Pascack Valley. This would be at Beechwood Park on Hillsdale Avenue.

Borough Engineer Statile said the applications are not yet available for Safe Route to Schools. The Transportation Funding Bill was passed last week and this program is the ear mark program and can be combined with something else. If the State comes out with an application this year he needs an idea from the Council. We have looked at Beechwood Park east to Cedar Lane, Stonybrook to Meadowbrook School. We have no sidewalks on that section of Hillsdale Avenue for about three blocks.

Mayor Arnowitz said this was requested by the neighbors.

Councilmember Pizzella said it is dangerous for high school students to cross the street. There is no crossing guard and parents asked if there is anything that can be done. It is a county road and they cannot have crossing guards.

Mayor Arnowitz said this is a sidewalk project, it is not a street project.

Engineer Statile said the Chief talked about a possibility of a sidewalk on the south side, running west. The Chief thought we could bring that back in front of the high school.

Councilmember Pizzella said he understands it is a sidewalk program and can we try to get other issues that need to be addressed with some of these programs; tackle two things at once.

Mayor Arnowitz said a lot of the sidewalks that we got money for on Hillsdale Avenue are starting to show their wear and tear. Is it feasible to go back to these areas especially where there are trees and repair them under this grant? On Washington Avenue we have two slabs that are up four inches because of Borough trees. Those sidewalks were done originally under the grant. On Hillsdale Avenue on the north side there are two slabs up three inches, right after the bridge there are sidewalks that are crumbling. On the reverse side which was not done under the grant, we have a number of slabs coming up. If we can get grant money, he would want these areas fixes. Is there grant available for calming devices as the area by George White School?

Engineer Statile said we could incorporate that with sidewalks.

Mayor Arnowitz suggested he speak with the Chief to determine if that is something that could help. He would like to get as much as we can from the grant to fix the sidewalks throughout the town because we do have people walking. Buses are getting costly.

Councilmember Giancarlo asked what puts us in the best light, what do they like to see.

Engineer Statile said we had a school walking plan a few years ago, Council paid for it, the plan covers the entire town in that walking plan. Also in the Master Plan, we are incorporating some sidewalks as well. He would have two applications, high school and Hillsdale Avenue and the state would decide which has more merit.

Mayor Arnowitz said another area is Wierimus Road on the east side by Demarest Farm; there are no sidewalks there in front of the farm up to Overlook. It is not a school problem but we have a lot of people walking there because of the farm and we do have people walking there because of the school. There is no busing available to the people who live north of the farm. We do have sidewalks on the opposite side, from the staircase over.

4) Dispatching - Council President Giancarlo.

Council President Giancarlo was prepared to give a report this evening. Approximately three months ago, Mayor Arnowitz established a committee to explore dispatching options for emergency services. Where does the person reside when dispatching emergency services; do they reside in Hillsdale or in a central facility such as Mahwah? The purpose of our committee was to determine whether a remote dispatching service such as Mahwah could be more cost effective and a safer way to dispatch Hillsdale's police, fire department, OEM, DPW and Ambulance Corps or whether as a town should continue the evolution away from full salary police dispatchers in favor of civilian dispatchers who are trained and located in the Police headquarters.

The Committee was comprised of three members of Council along with Police Chief Stalter, PBA Representative Adam Hampton, Ambulance Corps Lori Formosa, OEM Jon Najarian and Butch Franklin, DPW Keith Durie; a representative from the Fire Department (different person each week), Al Murphy from the Citizens Finance Committee, Borough Administrator Jon DeJoseph. Everyone brought something to the table. The committee met weekly and agreed that the best approach to evaluate dispatching was to review and agree upon a common set of financial numbers; have a consistent and ongoing dialogue among Hillsdale's emergency services and elected officials, to seek out participants and professionals in other towns that have experience with such change and finally get input from the people that it ultimately affects the most, Hillsdale residents.

We met every week, meetings were roughly two hours, we visited the dispatch center in Mahwah on two separate occasions; we had Captain Mark Lapinski from the Bergen County Operations Center to visit Hillsdale to review our operations and answer our questions. We spoke and visited officials from other various towns. We got a lot of emails and our discussions were thorough, honest and in many cases heated. In the end we all

came away with a better understanding of how difficult it is to balance the financial needs of our taxpayers and the safety concerns of our residents.

It is the recommendation of the committee majority that the decision that is in the best interest of the Hillsdale residents is to use trained civilian dispatchers from the Hillsdale Police Station 24 hours per day. This is something the current administration has been working on with our Police Department; the strategy of using trained civilian dispatchers instead of police officers takes into account full financial and safety concerns. Using 100% trained civilian dispatching team would save taxpayers nearly \$246,000 year over the current method. Additionally, it would allow police officers to be on the street doing what they do best. Moving to Mahwah could save an additional \$52,000 but it would mean closing the unattended police station at night. The nominal savings this would generate to sacrifice a level of safety that our emergency services personnel and our committee members in majority were not comfortable with. Of special consideration in this regard was the central downtown location of Hillsdale's police station and its closeness to the commuter hub as well as dining establishments that are sometimes open after midnight. Some police stations don't have that, they are located on the edges of town.

Given the frequency and severity of Hillsdale's flooding issues, having an open door, 24 hours a day, having police headquarters open would provide a real sense of security and access to help for those who need it.

He thanked all committee members for their dedication to address this issue in town. He believes the outcome best serves the Hillsdale residents and emergency personnel alike. This will be put up in paper form and given to the Borough Clerk to be placed on the website in three days time, he is in the process of finalizing the report.

Councilmember DeRosa concurred with Councilmember Giancarlo; in-house dispatching becomes more of the process by knowing the town so well and keeps the level of respect the residents have come to expect from the Police Department, our town is different from our location of the Police Department and is open 24/7. Those are the most important issues; secondary was the cost savings of \$246,000 is substantial and the savings of \$52,000 is not worth the change. We do need to keep the budget in mind and we do need to keep an open mind for opportunities for shared services. The Council will have to deal with closing the budget gap, managing our budget. We would like to put this issue behind us as a town and move forward together and mend fences.

Councilmember Frank understood the committee to make this recommendation. The fact that we got the bulk of the savings through civilian dispatchers is a positive and agrees with the recommendation of the committee. As Finance Chair he still has serious concerns about how we are going to make the numbers come together next year. He does not know where we will find the money we need to close our budget gap.

Last week we put up our new website and he put the overview of the 2012 budget and would encourage everyone to read it. We tried to make it as simple as possible as to where our financing comes from to run a town, where do the tax dollars go, and a

little about the challenges that we faced in 2012, how we dealt with them, and the continued challenges of 2013.

Councilmember Hanlon thanked Councilmember Giancarlo and his committee for putting together this report. She was very pleased and hoped that the town would get back to the way we were. She believed civilian dispatchers are the answer and as far as the budget is concerned, we will cross that bridge when we come to it.

Mayor Arnowitz spoke to the Chief yesterday and he thanked the committee, it was not an easy task nor was it easy for the emergency services committee. He believed this is a viable solution to our problem; the savings are significant enough that we can move forward. We will follow the numbers to make sure that we are doing what we hoped to do. If we are not at that point next year, we will have to revisit this.

We received enough signatures and petitions to do a referendum, but he believed we are doing what was asked for, it is moot. He asked Adam Hampton if he still wanted to go forward with the referendum. Adam Hampton replied that he wanted to defer his opinion to the next meeting.

Adam Hampton, 15 Cross Street -

He said people are away on vacation and wanted to check with them; the Council has made a decision and is in agreement. Technically, it is in the hands of the Council to vote on it. He will provide correspondence to the Council in this regard.

Mayor Arnowitz said the committee had much discussion on shared services with Township and suggested they be informed that we will not go forward with Mahwah. We should send the same information to Mahwah. This does not reflect on anything that Mahwah would provide us; he said Mahwah provides a wonderful service and we provide a wonderful service. It is more expedient to do it in-house. He thanked everyone.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Arnowitz invited comment from the audience.

Cynthia Barnum - 34 Midland Avenue -

She is the owner of Lou's Tavern, 74 Broadway. She is here because of the sign ordinance and is not clear about it. She has had pig roasts for the past 14 years and she puts out banners and has never received any complaints. She is concerned because that is how she runs the business and that is how she advertises and get word out to the community.

Mayor Arnowitz said business owners have been in violation over the years of our previous sign ordinance. There was a question of its enforceability in the past and for the last year 1-1/2, we have been working on a sign ordinance. We have reached out to the business community and a number of merchants had input and sat on some of the committees. As far as the banners that you put up, there is provision for temporary signage and you can apply to the Building Department and can put up some temporary signs. The consensus is no A Frame signs in town. The sign ordinance is in place and has been in place since January and we are starting to enforce it.

Ms. Barnum (Contd).

With regard to the banners and she does have bands that play there every Friday or Saturday, she has been doing this for 16 years. Is there any grandfathering?

Mayor Arnowitz said there is no grandfathering, we specifically addressed grandfathering. The provisions of the new sign ordinance say there is no grandfathering, but the banners themselves were not legal as to the prior sign ordinance. They are not allowed under the sign ordinance but she could get under the temporary sign ordinance which allows 30 days to put up a sign and it is very specific. She would have to read the sign ordinance; you are allowed just so many temporary signs over a period of time. There is no grandfathering; the objective of the Council at this time was to clean up the town and make it more uniform.

Councilmember Giancarlo asked if she has this banner there permanently and if it is there permanently, then it should be treated as a sign.

Ms. Barnum (Contd).

She has a new band each week. She doesn't know what she can do at this point to run a business. She can't advertise in the newspaper, it is word of mouth and banners that people know as they are driving by.

Councilmember Giancarlo said it is a possibility it was always against the ordinance and it was a question of being enforced.

Mayor Arnowitz said all of our ordinances are on the website. The entire ordinance will be enforced; we can't pass a law and pick and choose what we will enforce. The ordinance was passed in January so the ordinance is available when we approved it.

Code Officer Durie said our process of going through the sign ordinance is that we would notify all business owners and we would then enforce. Due to a complaint that we received, Administrator DeJoseph instructed him to isolate some of the complaint problems which we did on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Those items that were mentioned by a resident of Hillsdale were addressed and we are asking businesses to remove what is illegal. We have been dropping off a copy of the sign ordinance to each business, requesting their signature, give them a time frame to digest it and clean up prior to the Borough enforcing it. He provided Ms. Barnum with a copy of the sign ordinance this evening.

Ms. Barnum (Contd).

She asked about posters on the front and back doors. Our situation is unique and we are having our 14<sup>th</sup> annual pig roast in September. How does she advertise this?

Mayor Arnowitz said we have a temporary sign ordinance and she can determine what she can or cannot do under the temporary sign ordinance.

Elizabeth Ward, 47 East Liberty Avenue -

As she comes before the Council this evening, there are five concerts scheduled on the agenda; four in Veterans Park at 8PM on Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1. She will look for an alternate rain site; it is expensive to use the Hillsdale public

schools so she approached St. John the Baptist Church and they offered us to host our concerts at St. John's in the event of rain, free of charge. She learned they were hosting the French Boys Choir on Sunday, July 22 and they will include their event in our summer concert series. The goal is not only to bring concerts back to Hillsdale but to make it a true partnership with the local business community and Hillsdale Emergency Services. She read off the list of the sponsors: most of the businesses on the Broadway area and towards Kings will remain open before, during and after the concert. She said the food establishments are partners. Bella Campania, Bensi, Big Daddy's Pizza and Grill, Chicken Delight, Cinco de Mayo, Demarest Farms, Icecreamery, Ken's Broadway Deli and Pascack Pharmacy and St. John's contribution as an alternate site. In addition we have Becker Funeral Home, NVE Bank, Bergen Home Health Care and Care One; Hillsdale Emergency Services with generous donations from the Fire Association, PBA and Ambulance Corps members. Emergency Services will have their own dedicated concert on Wednesday, August 1.

Kevin O'Brien, Parkview Drive -

He offered comments on the dispatch situation. He said the dispatchers have been outstanding. This past Sunday at 3AM he called dispatch for assistance and he was excellent, candid, polite and outstanding and cannot believe we would have the same kind of exchange with a county facility. The Eagle Scouts are doing an outstanding job at the Library.

In the past he reached out to the Council concerning a situation adjacent to his property where the homeowner stacked demolition waste to be burned on their property. This is a violation per NJ Administrative Code Title, 7, Chapter 27, subparagraph 2 on open burning and it is against the law. There are toxic chemicals when waste is burned. Keith Durie approved the burning of demolition waste and where does he have the authority when the State has prohibited that since 1994. The police came, responded, and the Code Official made a decision that he was going against the state policy.

On June 27, the Code Official came to the property and did an inspection. They missed the vehicle that is in non-operating condition and that did not show up in the investigator's inspection report. Neither did the car behind the fence that is covered with a tarp; neither the white truck un-operational for over a year. Do the officials reach out to the neighbors across the street to get their input as to what they see? Will this continue to be an ongoing problem since 2006.

At a Woodcliff Lake Council Meeting, United Water will be presenting their dam project on July 16. Can the Council put out a notice to inform the public that that meeting is taking place and residents could attend; it will be held at the Tice Senior Center because they are expecting a large crowd.

Mayor Arnowitz said it has been in the paper; we will host our own meeting. They have asked three towns to host meetings and since we are in litigation with United Water, we chose not to do the meeting.

On August 8, a project will be before the Planning Board regarding the 36 unit on Orchard Street and final decision is to be made on that date.

Marty Ward, 47 East Liberty Avenue -

He was notified by his neighbor from River Vale regarding 49 units instead of 33 and this will be ramroded right through. It is important to Hillsdale because it is a flooding issue, parking issue, emergency services issue and a firm with Catholic Charities in Newark and they don't have the same rules as the original group. They specialize in lower income housing; he believed COAH was not approved and asked if Hillsdale will find out what River Vale is doing. We are their neighbors, we share Cedar Lane.

Mayor Arnowitz said when this comes before the Planning Board they have a legal obligation to notify Hillsdale and then we will attend the meeting. At a prior meeting it was the legal opinion that Hillsdale didn't have much we could do since it is a River Vale project totally on River Vale, but we can talk because we share the street. Whatever we can do to protect Hillsdale we will do.

Mr. Ward (Contd).

He understood they were turned down in Lyndhurst and they have to use the money quickly. A brook runs behind the property and they would pave almost the entire property with 49 units. He wanted to be sure the town is aware of what is being planned.

Marissa Cefali, 6 Mansion Place -

There are 55 units at "Harold Square", 109 parking spaces.

Mayor Arnowitz said this is in the preliminary stages at the Planning Board and nothing has been approved. He has not come before us to change the zoning and the Planning Board will have to either grant or not grant the variances and zoning changes.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

We are talking about a potential 35 units on Orchard and a potential 55 units, about 82 apartments within a 10 block radius.

Mayor Arnowitz said zoning issues are appealable to the Council and if it came to the Council and we took a stance, someone could say we had a pre-determination before we heard the facts.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

She went to the building department to get a copy of the 32 (or 35) units so we could look at it and understand it. Apparently you are not allowed to take any copies until a building is approved by the Planning Board. How can a resident look over things if you are not allowed to get a copy until after it is already approved.

Borough Engineer Statile said it is policy that we cannot distribute documents from the Planning Board unless the Planning Board authorizes it. She is allowed to come to a Planning Board meeting and if the applicant agrees, the plan may be offered, otherwise the building department cannot give out those documents.

Mayor Arnowitz said he will keep Ms. Cefali informed to the best of his ability. He has a right to develop that property but we have a right to watch over it and make sure the zoning is adhered to or he can apply for a variance and change it.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

She asked if the old sign ordinance applies to For Sale signs and realtor signs.

Councilmember Giancarlo said you want to protect the town and you have to be vigilant. The Planning Board is vigilant about the way the town should look and he encouraged her to go before the Planning Board and make her voice heard.

Ms. Cefali (Contd).

We zoned our town for reasons and the rules are changed.

Mayor Arnowitz said this property has been before the Council for at least 10 years and they stood their ground. We have a very strong Planning Board who ask the right questions and protect the residents' interests.

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

#### PROFESSIONALS:

Borough Engineer Statile stated he was present for the resolutions on affordable housing.

Mayor Arnowitz said on advice of the attorney, we have to go to closed session first, discuss them, and vote on them in open session.

The Emergency Services had a meeting about flooding and the closing of Hillsdale Avenue. The culvert we discussed on Hillsdale Avenue floods first, then the bridge floods. He asked if the county could be convinced to get moving on that project. This is the culvert from Wilkes Deli to the other side of the street.

Engineer Statile said it's not just the culvert itself, there are some down stream issues.

Mayor Arnowitz said he understands if that can be taken care of, Hillsdale Avenue can remain open 20% longer and in many instances completely open.

Engineer Statile said that will be a disruption because it will have to be staged. We delivered the tax maps to the Tax Assessor tonight and we got state approval on the maps. We advised the Council to convert the maps from hand drawn to scanned auto cad sheets, which means everything now is in a computer electronically. There are 26 sheets with hundreds of properties and it made it easier with this revision. The appraisal company can now proceed.

Councilmember Frank said within the next two weeks, letters will go out to the residents advising them of the reval and we have to set the dates for the public meetings where the public can be informed of the process.

Engineer Statile said the road program is out to bid; bids will be taken August 7 for award on August 14 if they come in within budget range. The fire house bathrooms are under reconstruction for handicapped accessibility. After July 26, we will be tearing apart the council chambers for the month of August. On the agenda this evening is the resolution to endorse the

walking/bike paths. He provided the Mayor with a number of endorsement letters to send out to the various public officials and when we get them back, we will scan them into the application.

Mr. Walsky's application is not on the agenda and has not been complete in his office yet. It is not before the board.

Mayor Arnowitz questioned the last time the River Vale property was up, did we use Statile's firm to attend those meetings for the 35 COAH units being put up on Cedar Lane. He would advise the Council not to address any questions about this project to Engineer Statile because he represents River Vale and Hillsdale. Last time Mr. Ritvo represented us and his opinion was that there was not a lot we could do but we should watch out for our rights.

Engineer Statile said he can answer factual questions; with regard to the brook, there is a 300 ft. buffer; the project has no effect. There is a line drawn from the top of the bank and are no where near the brook.

Mayor Arnowitz said we discussed the engineer we need for the United Water project.

Engineer Statile said we have three engineers. We can solicit a sub-consultant to his firm.

Mayor Arnowitz said he will discuss this with the Administrator and the Council is of the opinion we are moving forward with this and the we have allocated up \$10,000.

Engineer Statile said we have many sub-consultants and he can run this through his office.

DPW Superintendent Durie thanked the Council for supporting him in his endeavor to move forward with the accusations that have been made of him and his job. We are in litigation and are moving forward and will be heard next week in the Tri-Boro Court in Montvale. Nobody's life is in jeopardy.

We have packets of the sign ordinance made up and have about 50 made up, quite thick, with a sign off sheet that the store owner or store renter will receive, sign off that he has received it, the date he received it, and we will come back at a future date when we will meet with them and work on abatement of violations. We do not want to clog up our court system and hopefully get through this without writing summonses but get agreements and solutions. We have been busy with CCI inspections and zoning and are working aggressively.

Mayor Arnowitz asked if he was aware that Public Service will be changing the fluorescent street lights with equivalent light bulbs.

Superintendent Durie said if you drive through Emerson and Oradell, you can see they have changed the style of the lights, low voltage, energy saving, the reflective material is the same. We have one light now at the corner of Hopper and Washington Avenue and has been there for two years.

Police Chief Stalter said we have a request from the Legion regarding the garage sales. We have an extensive garage sale

ordinance in place and will have to work with the Borough Attorney with regard to this request. We participated in the Junior Police Academy along with Westwood and had over 80 kids between the three towns and it was a great success. Officer Dietrich was there for the week and had other officers help out and have two college interns who are working with us.

We had successful graduations at Pascack Valley and George White which were staffed by our regulars and auxiliary. June is a busy month between graduations, events at the schools, and a graduation party at George White.

Officer Tom Smith will be out for multiple weeks due to surgery. He was notified that Patrolman Anglemeier has received a job offer from the Prosecutor's office. With his leave we will have a \$70,000 salary savings next year as we bring in a new officer and we can get through next year with our in-house dispatching. He thanked Councilmember Giancarlo for his efforts in leading the committee. He also thanked Patrolman Hampton was really involved, dealing with technology, his knowledge and efforts dealing with different vendors and with the communication center and was invaluable to the committee. He publicly thanked him for his efforts.

Mayor Arnowitz will seek from the Council to give the Chief the approval to go out and advertise. With Jeff leaving, we are down four patrolmen and is not acceptable. He would like to give the Chief permission to go out and look for someone with police experience, possibly someone who has been laid off and hopefully have someone ready for August. He would like a patrolman on the street by September.

Chief Stalter said we have to start an advertising process, we will advertise to PTC Certified Police Officers so we are not sending anyone to the Academy.

Mayor Arnowitz said he needs permission from the Council. We will go to closed session to discuss the parameters.

Motion to give permission to the Chief to start the advertising process was made by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Pizzella, DeRosa and Frank

Nays: None

Mayor Arnowitz said he had discussions with the Chief on numerous items. The next item as we all know, Sergeant Scordato retired leaving a Sergeant's slot open and the Chief would like permission to start the process of promotion. At the time we swear in the new officer we could swear in the new Sergeant.

Chief Stalter said we run four squads; three shifts a day, three eight-hour shifts and one shift is off. The four squads are each supervised by a Sergeant. We would like to start the promotional process within the department.

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

Lieutenant Tom Kelly representing the Fire Department. He delivered May's report, June report has not as yet been approved by the Board. In May they had 18 fire calls, 3 mutual aid, one in River Vale, one in Park Ridge and one in Westwood; two drills and one Cadet drill; Hook & Ladder golf outing. With the resignation of Terry Beutel and we would bump up the Second and Third Lieutenant from the Hose Company to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. Pat Doody who is 2<sup>nd</sup> going to 1<sup>st</sup> and Keith Capogna 3<sup>rd</sup> going to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Arnowit said emergency services of Hillsdale and surrounding mutual aids plus the County met about the ability of emergency services to protect the residents of Hillsdale when Hillsdale Avenue is closed and Church Road is closed during the construction. The consensus of that meeting was unanimous that they did not see it as a problem, they have put together some plans to assure him that Hillsdale would be protected.

ORDINANCES:

Ord. No. 12-12 (Introduction) Auth. Various Improvements And Acquisitions In, By and For the Borough	At the Mayor's request, the Borough Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 12-12 as follows:  CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$196,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH.
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Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed Ordinance.

Councilmember Frank said this is not new funding, basically a formality based on the fact that we had two items in our Capital Budget. \$150,000 is our Road Program and other \$46,000 is miscellaneous.

Mayor Arnowitz read the resolution adopting the ordinance on first reading.

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

Motion by Councilmember Giancarlo to approve the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Pizzella  
Nays: None

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RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Resolutions 12135 and 12140 were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

12130 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12131 Authorizing Redemption & Premium was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12132 Refund Overpayment 2012 Taxes Block 716, Lot 5 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12133 Raffle License Pascack Valley High School Gridiron Club was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12134 Appointing Public agency Compliance Officer was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12136 Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Retail Consumption License was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12137 Transfer of Bergen County Community Development Public Service Senior Activities Grant Funds was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12138 Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

12139 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute Grant Agreement with N.J. Department of Transportation for the Borough of Hillsdale Pedestrian/Bicycle Environmental Facility Construction Project was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon, Pizzella and DeRosa

Nays: None

Resolutions 12135 and 12140 will be discussed in Closed Session.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department Chief's Report for the month of May 2012.

Motion to receive and file on motion by Councilmember Pizzella, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

Board of Health report for the month of June 2012.

Motion to receive and file on motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa, and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Hanlon said on July 31, at 1:00PM. Cancer Screening will take place at Stonybrook. Call for reservations.

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## COUNCIL COMMENTARY

Councilmember Frank said the new website is up; basically it has everything that was in the old site and we added new features. You can now email just by filling out a form on the website and it goes directly to the DPW Superintendent. On the first day the website was up, he received three. All of our community calendars as well as different meetings for different commissions; a section on history, we have helpful links and links to all our safety departments. We will expand our forms, the forms we have can be filled out and printed out and bring to town hall. It is better than coming to the town hall to pick one up. Within six months we will have forms that can be filled out on line and have forms that can be submitted electronically. The website works with cell phones, smart phones and tablets.

We put up the 2012 budget overview letter and encouraged everyone to read it. It will give a good understanding as to where the tax dollars go and where the funds to run the town come from. On shared services, we are continuing to meet relative to court; we had a meeting this week with the joint court and are in discussion with two other local towns to look to consolidate courts.

Councilmember Giancarlo thanked everyone for coming tonight, telling us what you think. We interviewed three people for Council and it was a tough decision. He likes a town that is open and transparent, we don't always agree, and he did not want agreement always. We have been slowly moving towards tightening the budget and we are saving the people in town \$256,000 and dispatch is still in-house. We are now having concerts in the park and it is politicians doing the work. As long as we respect each other and people really care about the town, and there are a lot of caring volunteers in this town. He thanked everyone.

Councilmember Pizzella said he has been accepted in Hillsdale. He thanked everyone who has helped him and hopefully he has been responsive and promised that he would do his very best. What we saw tonight is a democratic process and it was successful. Anytime you have a committee set up for a specific task, we need to calm down, sit back, and trust that the people we have elected will do the right thing and they did. They went out of their way to get the information. Elected officials try to represent the public as much as possible and represent the interests of their constituents. He understands that the budget is an important thing and it is going to be difficult and this is a crisis that we are facing everywhere in the U.S. We have to learn to be creative, figure out a different way of addressing problems. He will try to be as creative as possible when it comes to dealing with budget issues.

Councilmember DeRosa said it was challenging and eye opening and he learned a lot about the town, the Police Department, and the residents. He met with the Administrator and the Engineer at Centennial Field about the drainage issues, discussed options, there won't be a turf field; new light fixtures will be installed next month.

Councilmember Hanlon recognized the Library Eagle Scout Project and we are very proud of their projects. They are replacing the benches, putting in huge plant boxes. The film festival

continues on Monday evening at 7PM. It is a wonderful program and funded by Friends of the Library. Every senior at our luncheon was provided with their own personal library card. With regard to the concert program, it has been a pleasure working with Elizabeth and Patty. We went from store to store and the merchants are looking forward to the program. The first concert is Jim's Gems and he has played all over. We are using the gazebo as the place where the entertainment will be held, grab a bite downtown.

She attended the PVHS Board of Ed meeting last week and they were talking about cooperation with the County. They will be constructing six tennis courts at Pascack Valley, they are replacing and merging with them. She did speak with the Superintendent the fact that they are not televising their meetings, they just don't want to do it. She asked the Representative to go after them. There is no reason why they don't televise their programs. All the Council Candidates were highly qualified and it was a difficult decision to make. The September Senior Luncheon will be held at the Pool and Chris Donaldson said the PBA will fund our luncheon.

Mayor Arnowitz said when Mr. O'Brien came up people may not understand why he would not answer him. The property in question is under litigation and we are not allowed to talk about it. He is not going to allow someone to abuse his employees. Keith Durie has done an excellent job for the Borough in the area of zoning. He is trying to do his job and it is his opinion that Keith is being maligned in the paper and in emails. It is not fair, no employee should have to put up with that. He is doing his job according to the law. Some people interpret the law differently; the bottom line is he has to go by guidelines established by the state, the county. He is a professional and he does his job professionally.

He thanks ex-Council Woman Leslie Becker. For the short time she was here she did a marvelous job. It is not easy when your husband is affiliated with other departments and it was very disturbing for her. He wanted to thank her for the time she spent with us.

With regard to the budget, he spoke to ex-Mayor Murphy, Citizens Finance Committee, and he is always looking for new people.

The Methodist Church has a new Reverend and people in town should go out of their way to say hello and welcome him.

The council chamber will be under construction for the August meeting. We might have to meet in the back. We are still working on benches for Veterans Park. He thanked the Council for going ahead with promotion of the Sergeant in the Police Department and hiring of the new Patrolman. He thanked the candidates who applied for the position for Council.

CLOSED MEETING

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

OPEN SESSION

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Arnowitz seeks approval of

Resolution 12135 Requesting Review and Approval of Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Funding Plan and

Resolution 12140 Award Contract for Provision of Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and  
Pizzella

Nays: None

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HERETO)

ADJOURNMENT

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

7-10-12

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Susan Witkowski  
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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