

Council Meeting
July 12, 2011

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on
Tuesday, July 12, 2011, in the Council
Chamber, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

Borough Clerk Sandt stated, "This is a Meeting of the
Hillsdale Borough Council on this 12th day of June 2011. Notice of
the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Review,
Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on
the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any
interested parties.

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necessary for attendance at Mayor and Council meetings. The fire
exits are located through the double doors to your left. Please
silence all cell phones and pagers.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember
Hanlon, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Council Meeting
of June 14, 2011, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. PASCACK VALLEY'S SPANISH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY REQUESTING
PERMISSION TO HOLD A WALK/RUN FUNDRAISER MARCH 4, 2012.

Received, filed and approved on motion by Councilmember Weinstein,

seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION:

1) Cell Tower Downtown.

Mayor Arnowitz said he wished to discuss this later when DPW Superintendent Durie arrives.

2) Administration of COAH units in Hillsdale.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Borough Attorney, Borough Clerk, Councilman Frank, Councilman DeJoseph and he had a call with the Borough Engineer and Caroline Reiter and the company we are looking to manage the COAH units. The County had done this in the past at no charge but they are no longer taking on new clients and getting out of the business. There is a fee of \$5000 involved at the start and \$500 yearly thereafter. The Planning Board Attorney, Mr. Ritvo, advised that the Memorialization calls for the developer to pay for all fees so all fees will be borne by the developer and the town will hire the company. This evening we have to provide approval and create a Resolution. The reason this was not enforced before is because there was no fee assuming that the County took it over.

At the August meeting, a Resolution hiring this company (HAS) will be placed on the Agenda.

Borough Clerk Sandt will notify HAS and the Developer of the decision made by the Council.

Motion

Motion by Councilmember Weinstein to hire HAS, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

3) Garage Sale Permits.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will discuss this with Superintendent Durie when arrives also.

4) Search Committee.

Mayor Arnowitz said this committee is to be set up to search for the Administrator's position, Tax Assessor who officially retired and in the future the Borough Clerk's position.

He will set up a research committee consisting of Councilmember Giancarlo, Councilmember Frank and Mayor Arnowitz and a resident, Jerry Miano. Councilmember Frank has already reached out to various Assessors as to possibly taking on the job. With regard to

the Administrator, we have to discuss how we are to proceed in Closed Session.

Councilmember Schiavone said she volunteered to be on that committee, and she volunteered prior to Councilmember Giancarlo and she was curious why she was not selected to be on the committee.

Mayor Arnowitz said it is the Mayor's choice of committee and Councilmember Giancarlo is Council President.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have received a resignation letter effective immediately from Cameron Arki and desired to give the Police Department permission to fill that position. Detective Sergeant Farrell left and did not replace him, Cameron is leaving and we have two other potential police officers leaving, one in short order and one in fairly short order and he does not want to get caught short.

Councilmember Weinstein said we had a Police Committee meeting about a week ago about the possibility of Officer Arki resigning but did not anticipate it would be so quickly. We are preparing as a committee to move forward with the next steps. Officer Arki was the most junior member of the force and at his salary level to approve someone new would be at about 50% of his current salary.

Mayor Arnowitz said saving money is important but at this point in time because of the staff needs, they need to find someone.

Captain Niego said there are different options other than putting in someone from the Academy. If we hired someone and put him through the six months in the Academy, we couldn't get him into the Academy until January or February. There is also two months training after the Academy, however, there are alternate candidates. We already have some resumes who would like a lateral transfer. An alternate route is the candidate pays to put himself through the Police Academy; it is a very stringent background check; the police certification is only good for three years after that.

Mayor Arnowitz said when we put someone through the Academy they are paid a lower salary. If we take someone from Alternate Route we would pay the salary when they are done with the Academy and if we take a transfer, we would have to discuss the salary. If we take someone who has been laid off, the same scenario would take place.

Captain Niego said there is a six to eight week training in house rather than six months.

Mayor Arnowitz hoped this could be accomplished by the end of

August. He reminded the Council that the school has instituted a new program with regard to busing where there is a fee and there could be more people driving their children to school. In September there could be more traffic at the schools that will require police participation. He wants to be prepared for September.

Captain Niego said some Crossing Guards left, we replaced two of them but we need to replace more Crossing Guards also.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if they would agree that the police go forward and come up with a few candidates and start the interview process.

Motion

Motion by Councilmember Giancarlo to go ahead with replacements for the Police Department, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein

Nays: None

Mayor Arnowitz said Superintendent Durie has not yet arrived. He referred to the Cell Tower and said we were advised that if we don't move on this the companies will go to private property owners.

Mayor Arnowitz said with regard to Garage Sale Permits he did not think it was to institute a fee and collect money but was looking for a refundable deposit and it has to do with signs. People don't take the signs down after the garage sale. If they don't remove the signs within a certain period after the garage sale, they would lose their deposit. We can hold off on this.

He thought the cell tower company was putting the temporary tower right inside the fence along the east side. He was shown plans that had it further down. The problem with putting it right after the fence is the DPW has a compactor and they need the room to get in and out to move the compactor. If we approve the tower it cannot hinder his ability to get at the compactor. It can be placed further down where the telephone pole is located.

Motion

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein

Nays: None

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Erick O'Neill, 15 Large Avenue -

He sent a letter earlier today to Mayor Arnowitz and Council President Giancarlo regarding the condition of the field house which is falling down at Memorial Field. There is a barricade in front of the house and we can't get in or out of the front where the concessions would be. Kids always play in that area and with the large amount of rain we have been having there might be a time when something is going to slide and there is the potential for something tragic to happen. As President of the Hillsdale Football Association the field house is very critical to our program; it is the base of operations for the handing out of equipment, meetings, concessions which is a big part of our fund raising effort. It is a critical facility for us and the Council was considering bids to have the work done and advise when the decision is to be made to accept the bids and the facility would be repaired.

Borough Engineer Statile said he was alerted about this about a month or two ago and we have only one bid proposal and one contractor; we need two more bid proposals. Then we can select the contractor

Mr. O'Neill (Contd).

In September we have all the League members come in and we have a certification of all of the teams and all the players. We begin preparations in August and asked if the project could be done by then.

Councilmember Schiavone suggested that Mr. Franklin be advised that this is a priority issue.

Mayor Arnowitz said he already spoke to Mr. Franklin and the CFO advised that he put in a voucher and she will find the money. He was unaware that the Engineer had already prepared specifications and put it out for bid. Mr. Franklin is also looking for bidders.

Engineer Statile said we will be using Open Space money for Memorial Field also.

Mayor Arnowitz said it has to be fixed and get this along.

Engineer Statile said this can be fixed by August.

Tony Geringer, 1A Overbrook Place -

He said the Mayor stated that the Woodcliff Lake level would go down to 89 ft. He asked when will it get down to that level.

Mayor Arnowitz said he was contacted by United Water and then the County and Governor's Office and they also indicated that the dam is not in jeopardy. There was a leak in the dam and they discovered it last Wednesday. To evaluate the problem, they had to lower the dam over a two day period to 89; on Friday morning he was called by the OEM Office who advised that the emergency is over and they are raising the level. It only took one day to go back up to full capacity and that is what took place and it is back to normal capacity which is 94 for this time of the year.

Jim Moldow, 21 Overbrook Place -

He thanked the Council for the permit for the Charity Baseball Game held July 4 and raised \$460 for the Senior Lunch Program. He requested a permit for September 5, Labor Day weekend.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Council can approve this based on no conflict at Centennial Field.

Motion

Motion to approve the permit was made by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Moldow (Contd).

It only rained an inch the other day in Hillsdale; New City had 2-1/2 to 4 inches of rain and asked if our OEM officials monitor what is going on in Rockland County.

Mayor Arnowitz said the OEM official is informed by the County OEM who keeps him informed as to what is coming. They look at Rockland knowing there will be a delay to actually what occurs here.

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

Go Round

Engineer Statile said the infrastructure in Hillsdale is in pretty good shape. The Road Program has been sent to the DOT for approval and will be advertising the contract shortly. He hopes to award the contract the first meeting in August; it is both River Vale and Hillsdale together and we get a larger contract between the two towns.

Caroline Reiter attended the Woodcliff Lake Planning Board meeting last night regarding the new commercial center on Broadway, between Columbus Avenue and Lincoln. All the traffic operations will be

coming out and in through Lincoln Avenue which is in corporate limits of Woodcliff Lake. Columbus Avenue which is shared by Hillsdale and Woodcliff Lake has no traffic going up the road they are developing. It is a retail center and it may have positive results for the commercial area.

Regarding the solar panels, PSE&G staff has contacted him regarding a meeting on Thursday morning in Trenton. The staff suggested that we get together with the Mayors later this month or early August and they will bring their staff up from Trenton to discuss our alternate plans for solar panels in Hillsdale, River Vale. We will attempt to get all of the Mayors together July 26. The town's back is against the wall with Public Service and he asked for a chance to speak with the staff and try to work something out.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Council and Hillsdale firmly believe in solar panels but we are saying there is an alternative to putting them on 250 poles in Hillsdale and give them a site, at no cost or for \$1.00 per year. They could put in 300 to 400 solar panels which would cost a lot less money. They have turned us down on that claiming that the BPU won't let them do it.

Mayor Arnowitz has been attempting to get the speed limits on Hillsdale Avenue lowered to 25MPH for the entire length. It is a county road and asked how we proceed to do this.

Engineer Statile responded that the Mayor or Public Works should write a letter indicating this request.

Mayor Arnowitz advised that Kathy Donovan's office committed to the bridge when they came to the flood area and it is the engineer's next step to proceed. They also committed to the culvert under Hillsdale Avenue by Oak Street.

Statile said we have already started working on the Patterson Street bridge. He noted the Mayor's desire to have the culvert across Oak Street west to another culvert. He did not believe it needed to be replaced, just cleaned out.

Captain Niego said after vacations we will begin efforts with regard to jay walking, pedestrian crossings, etc. We have found more people jay walking than pedestrians not adhering to pedestrian crossings. Regarding the speed limit, the Chief did speak to someone at the county but he did not think the limit would be lowered.

Mayor Arnowitz said he made note in his August Mayor's Message school opening, sun glare, crossing at the crosswalks.

Councilmember Giancarlo asked the Borough Engineer if the county

would like to hear anything in particular when they receive a letter from the Mayor with regard to the speed limit.

Engineer Statile said schools, sun glare and pedestrian crossings, accident totals, speed surveys are very helpful. He could request the county to do the average speed vs. the spot speed. The engineer's office will prepare the letter for the Mayor's signature.

Cell Tower Downtown

Mayor Arnowitz advised Superintendent Durie who was present that the cell tower at the DPW was approved but it has to be placed in a location that doesn't impede getting the compactor in and out.

DPW Superintendent Durie referred to Garage Sale Permits and stated that we get inundated, especially in the spring, when people have garage sales. On Monday we spend half a day removing garage sales signs. His recommendation is a fee of \$50 which would be refundable if they remove the signs by Monday morning at 7AM. It will not create a problem for him if the deposit is brought to the Borough Hall. We presently register each garage sale and we would request the \$50 deposit. Something should be put in writing that if a person does not adhere to the ordinance that that person would be subject to a fine.

Mayor Arnowitz suggested the DPW committee prepare recommendations and hopefully we will have something final for the August meeting.

Superintendent Durie said we have several locations for the cell tower at the DPW but we need to make sure the location he has in mind is acceptable because of the vehicle not being able to get onto the compactor.

Mayor Arnowitz stressed that they cannot interfere with the operation to get in and out and that is what we approved.

Superintendent Durie said we took on 28 inches of water in the last flood and we have worked aggressively with the insurance company and we are on our third claim to getting items replaced. We removed everything from the floor and the water came up to four feet in less than a half hour.

ORDINANCES:

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| Ord. No. 11-12 | At the Mayor's request, the Borough |
| (Adoption) | Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance |
| Amending | No. 11-12 as follows: |
| Soil | |
| Movement | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING |

Fees

CHAPTER 138 FEES (SOIL MOVEMENT-CHAPTER 248)

The Borough Clerk confirmed to the Mayor that copies of the ordinance have been posted in the Municipal Building and that no written objections to the ordinance had been received.

Mayor Arnowitz then opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance and asked if anyone in the audience cared to discuss it. Seeing no one, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Borough Clerk to read the resolution adopting the ordinance on final reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 11-12:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and
Weinstein

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmembers DeJoseph and Frank

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

Ord. No. 11-13
(Introduction)
Establishing
2011 Salaries
For Borough
Officials

At the Mayor's request, the Borough Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 11-13 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE, AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance, there being no response, the Mayor asked the Borough Clerk to read the resolution adopting the ordinance on first reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 11-13:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and
Weinstein

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmembers DeJoseph and Frank

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

Ord. No. 11-14
 (Introduction)
 Capital Bond
 To Finance
 Road, Sidewalk,
 Drainage
 Improvements

At the Mayor's request, the Borough Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 11-14 as follows:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLDALE AUTHORIZING THE 2011 ROAD, CURB, SIDEWALK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFORE THE SUM OF \$305,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AND FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance, there being no response, the Mayor asked the Borough Clerk to read the resolution adopting the ordinance on first reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 11-14:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmembers DeJoseph and Frank

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

Ord. No. 11-15
 (Introduction)
 Capital Bond
 To Finance
 Swim Club
 Construction
 Of Addition
 To Main
 Building

At the Mayor's request, the Borough Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 11-15 as follows:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT THE STONYBROOK SWIM CLUB IN, BY AND FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$285,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM SWIM POOL UTILITY CAPITAL SURPLUS.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Weinstein said earlier in the year Stonybrook gave us

a report. This is money that has been accumulated by Stonybrook over the past several years and they hold back a certain amount of money to reinvest in the club itself. That is the way certain improvements have been made in the past. They needed to expand the office space and had several different designs; they have decided to create office space directly underneath existing office space, the ping pong tables will become the light bar area and extending from there will be the new game area. It will extend onto property that has not been developed. In addition, the staircase that leads upstairs will be enclosed and removed and the new staircase will be completely enclosed. The entry way will be modified in a way that will allow disabled and stroller better access.

Mayor Arnowitz asked if the Borough Engineer is overseeing this project on the part of the Borough because that is Borough property.

Councilmember Weinstein did not believe plans have been officially signed and he will be sure that when it comes to that point, the Borough Engineer knows what is going on and he can report to the Council.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Borough Clerk to read the Resolution adopting the ordinance on first reading.

Following is the result of the roll call on the foregoing Ordinance No. 11-15:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmembers DeJoseph and Frank

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

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| Ord. No. 11-16 | At the Mayor's request, the Borough |
| (Introduction) | Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance |
| Amending | No. 11-16 as follows: |
| Chapter 310, | |
| General | AMENDING CHAPTER 310, GENERAL REGULATIONS, |
| Regulations | OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE |

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance, there being no response, the Mayor asked the Borough Clerk to read the resolution adopting the ordinance on first reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 11-16:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmembers DeJoseph and Frank

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RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions. Resolution 11109 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

11101 Designating Mayor as Appropriate Authority was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11107 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11108 Supporting Equitable Distribution of state Aid to Schools was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11110 Raffles License, Dogfest, Off-Premises 50/50 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11111 Authorizing Purchase of Senior Van from the Borough of Old Tappan was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11112 Authorizing Settlement of a Tax Appeal for 29 Trinity Place was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11113 Authorizing Settlement of a Tax Appeal for 343 St. Mary street was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11114 Authorizing Application for sustainable Jersey Grant Funded by Wal-Mart was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11115 Designate Handicap Parking in a Residential Zone was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11116 Consent to Operate a Limousine Service was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Roll Call Vote on Consent Agenda of Resolutions:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmembers DeJoseph and Frank

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS AFFIXED HERETO)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department report for the month of May 2011.

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

Board of Health report for the month of June 2011.

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

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL REPORTS AFFIXED HERETO)

GO ROUND

Councilmember Weinstein continued the Stonybrook conversation and stated that Stonybrook has exceeded its revenue projection for the year and also has exceeded the number of projected members. It has been a very successful season for them.

Councilmember Schiavone asked how the search committee for the appointments is going to function because we have not established as a Council how to actually fill those positions.

Mayor Arnowitz said this will be discussed in Closed Session.

Councilmember Schiavone asked why it was decided to place a resident on the committee.

Mayor Arnowitz said two Councilmembers thought it would be a good idea to get some input from the public. We will determine how to proceed in Closed Session.

Councilmember Giancarlo said it is a pleasure to see all of these volunteers in the audience tonight. They do a lot for this town and he thanked them for their services and thanked them for being present.

We have state mandated COAH units and we thought a management company had to manage these units but the Planning Board Attorney looked into the matter and realized that it was requirement of the

developer. Someone looked into an issue a little harder than need be and came up with a win for all of us. This is also true with Concert in the Park and he thanked Borough Clerk Sandt for at least one concert in the park on August 17 from 8PM to 10PM at Veterans Park. Someone went out of their way to make this happen without funding.

We are big fans of solar energy but to give solar panels double the capacity in an area of our choosing would be a big win. To have say in the matter with PSE&G and being told it is done deal is quite upsetting. He thanked the Mayor and Borough Engineer for taking the step, writing a letter, taking the time to do it, PSE&G blinked. We don't know what will come of it; a lot of the surrounding towns have them on the poles right now. It would be more acceptable if the panels were in a different location.

Mayor Arnowitz has been concerned for OPRA requests for our emails and we haven't been in full compliance. The Borough Clerk reached out and found a company and he would permission to put this on the Agenda for approval in August. For all mail boxes involved, it would amount to less than \$200/year; the emails will be kept for the required two years and if we have a request, the information will be available. It will be on the Agenda for August.

Flood

Mayor Arnowitz complimented the Fire Department, Police Department, DPW, Ambulance Corps, surrounding towns Ambulance Corps, for help in the last flood. This was heart breaking and it was a disaster; the residents had the shortest notification to get out of their homes. From the time the sirens went off and the streets were flooded was 15 minutes to 20 minutes and that is not acceptable.

He will pick a date for a meeting with Mr. Henning to be educated and have all the residents available to voice their opinions. He is considering August 2 which would be a normal meeting night; he is trying to avoid 50 people coming with the exact same complaint because they all have the same complaint. They should not have to live like this. We want to come up with constructive ideas for the water company; if they could lower the water for the emergency last week, they can lower the water permanently. It took less than two days for the reservoir to fill back up. In conclusion, we will have a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council on August 2 and asked the flood residents to come at 7:30PM. This will be definite providing the Water Company will also be available.

He congratulated people who were on the bridge from the Fire Department and Police Department. Captain Niego, Chief Stalter, Deputy Chief Jason Durie, Jason DeGise, Butch Franklin OEM, Ex-Chief LaFrance, Tony Maloof, Ex-Chief Van Riper. If they had not

reacted in the manner they did which was swiftly and precisely a 20 year old person would not be alive today. At least one person would be dead and he congratulated everyone.

Shared Services

Two weeks ago, Councilmember DeJoseph, Councilmember Frank and I met with the Mayors of Montvale, Woodcliff Lake and a representative from Park Ridge. We discussed shared court services and we are trying to get numbers together but the consensus of the group was that the average savings per town is about \$100,000 each. They would be in favor of Hillsdale joining that system, there are some draw backs but it has a lot of positive aspects. We will be moving forward on that.

We have some contracts up for negotiations and the negotiating committee consisting of Councilmember Weinstein, Councilmember Frank and myself and at some point we bring in our Labor Attorney Ray Wiss. We will be getting a starting point shortly. We have Crossing Guards, DPW and Office Staff.

The Governor's Office called him to inform him that the new budget has an additional \$180,000 for Hillsdale schools.

Fire Chief Mark Durst

Fire Chief Mark Durst was in attendance. He reiterated what the Mayor reported with regard to the water rescue. He said all names were not mentioned and said Keith Capogna was at the water rescue. Two men went into the water to help the boy under the bridge, Steven LaFrance and Tony Maloof, another person on top of the bridge, Dennis Wheeler, Jeff Alboum. The Deputy Chief took care of the water rescue team and was on watch for that scenario. Dennis Wheeler was hanging onto Jason DeGise who was hanging over the bridge and Butch Franklin and Keith Capogna were hanging onto Jason as he reached out to the boy. Everyone was in danger at that point and he said he was very proud of the men who made that rescue possible. He cannot reiterate enough about that scenario that took place. We had seven boats in the water that night, we had mutual aid towns, Westwood, Emerson, River Vale, Woodcliff Lake, Washington Township, and Oradell came up with two of their boats. We had boats in the water, other boats were in Westwood in the Kmart shopping center and in the park section. He would like to get a boat from the water company because when we have a flood, we don't have a boat. We use a boat rarely because our men in the water walking the boat, there are manhole covers, etc. It was a very difficult situation and he was very proud of his department and the men he worked with.

CLOSED SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone, and unanimously carried.

7-12-11

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk