

Council Meeting
June 12, 2012

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 12, 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 12th day of June 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. Absent: Councilmember Becker.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mayor Arnowitz administered the Oath of Office to Hillsdale Fire Cadets Christopher Domville and Daniel McLoughlin.

APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Arnowitz presented the name of Stephanie Breuer as a member of the Environmental Commission.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember

DeRosa, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Council Meeting of June 4, 2012, and Closed Meeting of June 4, 2012, were presented for approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Becker

PASCACK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Eric Gunderson, Superintendent, for PVRHS District
46 Akers Avenue, Montvale

He presented to the Council what the school district is doing at Pascack Valley High School and to address permit fees being imposed on the regional high school district. The high school will be experiencing some serious over crowding, things are very tight in the high school district, particularly at Pascack Valley High School now. They have been working on a future schedule as well as find some room within the building to make more space for the students. For the past year or so, we have been working with the architects to find space within the building where we could reallocate space to create more classroom space. We have been able to do that this year and we will be breaking ground this summer where we will be working in our technology wing across the hall from the old gymnasium where two large classrooms, reallocate some space, bump out the building just a little bit and realize a net gain of three classrooms. We are very excited about this, something needed at the high school. We are not looking to burden the taxpayers of the four towns with another referendum, so we worked very hard to keep this project within our operating budget for this current school year and for next school year.

We were caught off guard this year when we were informed by the borough that we were going to have to pay permit fees. At first we didn't think much of it because we had some small projects that have taken place at the board office as well as Pascack Hills High School and we were issued permit fees for those projects, those were small fees. However, we did not anticipate that we would see a bill from Hillsdale upwards in the mid 20-s, \$25,000, \$27,000 for permit fees. We have been working very hard to keep this building project within our budgets without having to go out for a bond referendum, this is going to be a challenge for us to come up with \$27,000 without having some

serious implications on our building project.

We would like some sort of indication why the borough decided to charge the district for permit fees when previously, specifically in the last referendum, we were not charged permit fees. What services are supplied to the district to warrant the \$25,000 to \$27,000 fee? Because we were not issued these fees previously, we didn't realize that there are costs to the borough. We would like justification to make us feel better if we are paying \$27,000 to know that we are getting \$27,000 worth of services. He would like the Council to consider this request and to reconsider the fee that is being imposed, knowing full well that you have budgetary concerns and issues that you are facing and we have budgetary constraints as well. If you cannot reconsider the fee, perhaps because we were not anticipating this in our budget for this particular project, put off such a fee for our next project, if we know when we are going into another building project we can anticipate such costs and budget appropriately.

He is here to request that from the Borough Council and would appreciate a response from the Council so he can get back to the Board of Education.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Council is billing you because we feel we host the school, we incur a lot of expenses for hosting the school yet there are two towns that attend this school but there are four towns in the district. Why should the taxpayers of Hillsdale assume 100%; our responsibility, in our mind, is 25%. We understand that Montvale bills you for sewers and construction of a bathroom, the fee structure that was paid. The \$25,000 is a fee structure set by the state and the town and there are certain fees that we pay to the state. The Borough of Hillsdale should not be expected to absorb the fees that go to the state or the county for construction. He doesn't know what consists of the \$27,000, how it is broken down, but there are certain inspection fees throughout the project from start to finish, the approvals, the CD's, various items as required by law that we must do. In the case of the reconstruction of the high school, we pay for it. The tax payers of Hillsdale paid 100% and it is not fair that we host the school and provide some police protection; some the school pays for, but hosting a school in town costs the taxpayers money.

If we did not have the school, we could have a BMW there that would generate a lot of taxes without expense. We are pleased to have the school but are not in favor of paying 100% of the

cost and we feel we will 25%. These projects are going to go on at Pascack Hills and each town should pay their fair share.

With regard to expenses, the Administrator can break them down so that you understand exactly what the expenses are.

Mr. Gunderson said we have spoken before this meeting and said that we have a respectful disagreement on this particular issue and both looking out for the best interests of our own organizations. He asked for a breakdown of the actual costs to Hillsdale that would justify that the Board of Education would at least understand where \$27,000 is going. We haven't been charged these fees previously it comes as a bit of a shock to find out that Hillsdale is incurring such drastic costs because we have a reconfiguration of the building.

Mayor Arnowitz said if that number is correct, you can imagine what the town of Hillsdale absorbed for the reconstruction of the school because that was a huge project on your behalf. Hillsdale's taxpayers not only had to pay for the referendum to build it and pay taxes to support it, we also had to pay taxes out of our pockets to pay for the fees. It is unfair and all four towns should pay for it.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Arnowitz presented Championship Certificates to the Pascack Valley Girls Lacrosse 2012 Team. Melissa Velez, Varsity Girls Lacrosse Head Coach, Jennifer Maione, Varsity Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. TERESA ANDRIOPOULOS DATED JUNE 4, 2012, ASKING PERMISSION TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY, CROSS STREET, SEPTEMBER 8, RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 9, 2012.

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

2. PASCACK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL DATED JUNE 4, 2012 ASKING PERMISSION TO HOLD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING 5K WALK/RUN

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

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

Received, filed and refer to the July 10 meeting for further discussion on motion by Councilmember DeRosa, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

4. PROCESSORS INNOVATIONS DATED MAY 25, 2012, CABLEVISION TERMINATION ALL CABLE-READY ANALOG TV SERVICE JUNE 5-SEPTEMBER 23.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have no say when it comes to these things.

Administrator DeJoseph said one potential vendor sent a letter to the Borough of Hillsdale saying they would represent the Borough for \$250 to fight this. Obviously Cablevision is not 100% digital; FIOS and most satellites digital which means every TV needs to have a cable box. Out residents are going to have an added expense; there are some exceptions. People who do not currently have boxes in their house and have Cablevision service would have two years of free service not having to pay for the boxes once the changeover takes effect and one year for other households that don't have a cable box for every TV. They will provide it.

5. BCUA DATED JUNE 5, 2012, RECOGNIZING 2012 BCUA ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CHALLENGE GRANTS, HILLSDALE SCHOOLS.

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

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Dial Alarm (vote) requested by Mayor.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Police Chief recommended staying with them and Officer Carty said the rate had been the same for quite a while. We were to vote and decide on a rate.

Administrator DeJoseph said the residents are currently charged \$25.00 annually; the fee ordinance is a maximum of \$50.00/year. If the council wishes to increase the fee, a new ordinance would need to be adopted.

Mayor Arnowitz said there are eleven people subscribing to the

Dial Alarm, it is a direct dial to the police station answered at the desk. If we choose to do dispatching in Mahwah or Ridgewood, they will continue the service. Do you want to stay in the business of answering the phones and do you want to raise the rates?

Councilmember DeRosa sees this as a reasonable inexpensive alternative to a larger system and is still a bargain.

Councilmember Hanlon was in favor of raising the fee to \$50.

Mayor Arnowitz said if we see that too many people are signing up and it burdens the police desk, we can do it for one year.

Motion to raise the fee to \$50 and continue until 2013 was made by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Becker

2) 2012 Transportation enhancement Program (ideas).

Mayor Arnowitz said this is not an easy grant program to get but the Engineer asked if there were any suggestions as to be placed under consideration.

Councilmember Pizzella said the one idea he had was to take into consideration the traffic that we have in town and the fact that we have a train station in town and that we have somewhat of a transit village in our downtown and to see if we can incorporate bike lanes where people would be able to ride to the train and then use the train. Not only would you get the bike lanes but you have to repair the roads to get the bike lanes so it is killing two birds with one stone.

Mayor Arnowitz said there is a grant program that we were into last year where they were going to build a bike lane from Old Tappan all the way through Hillsdale to Washington Township but it never materialized.

Councilmember Pizzella said this would be just for Hillsdale, a repair of roads and bike lanes. Some sort of commuter bike lanes, link it to the train and the fact that we have a train in town. We might get some repaired roads as a consequence.

Mayor Arnowitz said it doesn't hurt to try. He directed the Borough Administrator to provide this information to the Engineer.

3) Council Liaisons - requested by Mayor (amended roster).

Mayor Arnowitz put together the Liaison list. Once the liaisons are approved they will be posted on the website.

4) Fire Department - requested by Councilmember Frank

Councilmember Frank said after the events of the last month or so, the issue of a policy of alcohol on the premises at the firehouse is too important to sweep under the rug. It would be easier to ignore it but difficult things are the right things to do. It is his opinion that it is not right that we can only praise the Fire Department and never ever say anything that is not positive. It is not Rod Capawana's six words on May 1st that brought all this attention to the town. The members of the Fire Department are very courageous and they give their time and risk their lives to protect our people and our property but does not make the Fire Department immune to any criticism.

As Fire Commissioner last year, there was drinking during the Board of Officers meetings he attended, that is the main monthly business meeting for the Department. He was told last week by the Chief that they have ended the practice of drinking during these meetings and that is good. He understood that they wanted this issue dropped, but the public does not want this dropped and want us to come up with a clear policy. Our culture has moved dramatically in the last few years with regard to tolerance of alcohol use and we need to adapt to these new standards everywhere. For the record he has spoken to the Chief and the Deputy Chief separately and told them to let it go and everyone to cool down and let calmer heads prevail. He told Rod Capawana not to come to the May 8th meeting because he thought everyone calmed down and we may be able to handle it but unfortunately, that did not happen and he gave Rod bad advice.

Two weeks ago he met with Deputy Chief Durie and the Fire Department Association Capogna and asked for a statement as to what they were going to do and then we could make a joint statement to resolve the issue. They declined to do this. He was hoping we could announce a new written policy. The town is in the position where we have to help the Fire Department to create and enforce a written policy on drinking at the

firehouse. He is not asking for closing of the bar but we just want transparency for the Council and our residents. The policy should respect all borough properties. He hoped the Fire Commissioner can work with the Fire Department to create this.

Before he asks for discussion from the Council, he wanted to share some of the comments that were posted on both national and international blogs for firefighters. This was all created by the Fire Department's public response, not by the Council. This is not the kind of publicity he likes to see for Hillsdale. It was made clear that this is not over; out of thousands of man hours they put in that is what they say about us; we depend on donations from the public and the public is being told by the Fire Commissioner that we are drunks. A man who hosts the blog said he is disappointed by both reporters because they talked to ranking officials of the department, they never told their leaders anything about the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department's alcohol policy. It seems like an obvious question that the topic is brought out by the Councilmember who is Liaison to the Fire Department. The Fire Department wants to make it crystal clear there is no future misunderstanding. The coverage from both papers gives the impression that alcohol is allowed. If you allow alcohol in the firehouse could you really be that upset this impression it leaves on political leaders in the public. This blog is hosted out of northern Virginia.

He also noted comments on the blogs. He believed 100% that our firefighters in Hillsdale always act responsibly but we need to be sure. The council needs to work with the Fire Department to create a reasonable written policy. Once we agree on a fair policy we should create an ordinance of appropriate action that would make the policy crystal clear and not subject to easy change.

Mayor Arnowitz said a number of residents contacted him. Alcohol is consumed; it is a legal beverage in this state. He does not see it being abused but he agrees with Councilmember Frank that there should be some sort of policy. He reassured the residents who have called him concerned that people are responding if they have an emergency and not 100%. The Fire Department when they are responding are 100% when they go and we will put together a policy to reinforce that.

Councilmember Giancarlo said once something like this becomes public, everyone is culpable. We know about it, it is in the public and we have to respond to it.

Councilmember Pizzella said once it becomes public you have a lot of sue happy people. Someone may call and it may not go the way that they planned and the Fire Department may be, in their perception, a little late and before you know it we heard they were drinking. An attorney would have to bring that up and you need to not only protect the public but you need to protect the firemen and Fire Department as well as the town. He looks forward to working with the Fire Department and coming up with something that works for everyone.

5) July 4th co-mingled collection.

Mayor Arnowitz said July 4 is a co-mingled day and a holiday and Waste Management is planning on picking up co-mingled. He thought they were going to double up the next day.

Administrator DeJoseph said our DPW Superintendent and Recycling Coordinator spoke with Waste Management and they are going to do the work on Wednesday. The option is to put it off but people would have too much.

Mayor Arnowitz feels sorry for the employees who have to work that day and doesn't relish having garbage trucks riding through town on July 4. We have two choices: postpone it for two weeks or allow to pick up on July 4.

Councilmember Hanlon and DeRosa would postpone.
Councilmember Giancarlo and Councilmember Frank in favor of picking up co-mingled.
Councilmember Pizzella would postpone.

Mayor Arnowitz said we should cancel and directed the Administrator to post notices postponing the pickup until the 18th.

6) Petition for Non-Binding Referendum requested by residents.

Mayor Arnowitz understood that we have some options that we can change the wording within reason.

Municipal Clerk Witkowski said the Council has the opportunity to review the question as a whole tonight. If they agree with the question and agree that it go on to a non-binding referendum, it is accepted tonight and at the July meeting, a resolution is officially put forth and is submitted to the County for placement on the ballot. The Council will also have the option of putting their own public question on the ballot as

well. This is the time for the Council to discuss it as a whole in public and decide if they agree with the wording. If they want to put their own words to the question, they may. August 13 is the date for the Council to have a question August 28, the public question from the residents can go on.

Mayor Arnowitz said he has a problem with verbiage - do you want keep the police station open 24 hours a day and that is not factual. We are talking about closing the police station for a period of time but we are going to create a safe haven. When he explained that to the residents, they did not understand it. The referendum has to be made clearer so people understand what we are attempting to do. The loss of dispatching and the savings of dollars is paramount to the town. We are spending more than we are bringing in and we have no means of bringing in more money because of the Cap. You either have to cut services, make changes or lay people off.

Councilmember DeRosa asked if the referendum as it is phrased now is that what the people were looking for? If people signed up for that language, then that is the language.

Mayor Arnowitz said the second option with the verbiage with what you are trying to create. Neither one would be binding.

Councilmember DeRosa is o.k. with the way it is. Councilmember Hanlon is o.k. with the way it is. Councilmember Frank is o.k. with it.

Mayor Arnowitz asked how do you propose to put together a budget?

Councilmember Hanlon answered that people has spoken if a thousand people have signed it. We can't make a decision until we hear what the committee has done. Let it go. The taxes will go up.

Mayor Arnowitz said senior programs will be cut, the Parade will be cut. When people see that they have to vote for the police station to be kept open, they will vote for it.

Councilmember Giancarlo would like to focus on the question on hand and it is about dispatching. He agreed that the question should remain as is.

Councilmember Pizzella said the average voter should be informed before they go in and vote. He hasn't heard anything from the

committee; 1000 people signed and we are here representing the people of the town. Can we hold off to see if we can come to another meeting of the minds before we go to a referendum. It is a very hot topic. A decision has to be made by the first meeting in August and that would give the committee a little more time to do what the committee has set out to do.

Councilmember Frank did not think we can go against the will of a thousand of people and not approve the referendum. We should have the results of the committee available and published for the public to understand.

Mayor Arnowitz asked if the Council wants a separate referendum to explain what we want to accomplish. We will check on an interpretative statement and will have this information by the July meeting. We will move with the referendum as is. There is a lot of misinformation for the public and we need to make everything clear for the public.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Arnowitz invited comment from the audience.

Chris Donaldson, President PBA 207 -

He read aloud what is on the referendum for people on TV. The question "As a resident and registered voter in the Borough of Hillsdale, do you support keeping the Hillsdale Police Headquarters open to the public and staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week with a civilian dispatcher and/or a police officer." That was the actual question and we came up with the questions with the people who were on the petition and also with the County Election Supervisor who explained that had a simple yes or no answer.

We cannot know what the staffing is. If the town goes with the Police Chief's recommendation, that would be with civilian dispatchers. We want this referendum out there so it is on the ballot and everyone has this information. We want the people to make the decision on this information. We talked about scare tactics at the last meeting and the Mayor has not been getting information from the committee, yet the Mayor keeps on throwing dollar amounts around and keep throwing things about cutting by civilianizing police dispatching. It is not fair to do that. How is the Mayor able to throw out numbers and what the town is going to cut if he doesn't even have that information?

Paul Kapu, 115 Legion Place -

He asked if the \$60,000 in pension payments is outside the 2% Cap. He has been reading in The Record the articles regarding dispatching and the Bergen County Freeholder said you need to break even at 35 towns, currently there are 11. At the rate we are going it will take 20 years to break even. County Executive Donovan stated that she wants an increase in the County Law and Public Safety Division budget 1.25 million with half of that increase paying for the dispatch center. One month later an article in the paper indicated that one of the biggest cuts in the Freeholder budget was \$700,000 reduction in the Public Safety Department, \$335,000 trimmed from the communications center in Mahwah. The County Executive wants an increase and the Freeholders are reducing it. The Chief from the County Police is quoted as saying it is more difficult to push a market in the communications center with these cuts. They want the PSOC to survive and grow; then Senator Cardinale introduced legislation in the Senate to abolish the Bergen County Police Department which runs the communications center. Why would we want to get involved with the County Police and their communications center? The Freeholders are making moves to reduce so why commit yourself.

Marty Ward, 47 E. Liberty Avenue -

Who would be accountable if this doesn't work. The County is looking to save money what does that mean down the road? We can take care of our own dispatching. If Mahwah decides they are not going to do it this way because we can't keep it up, how do we go backwards? His understanding is that someone in Mahwah notifies someone in Mahwah and then Mahwah phones it in to us. If there is a problem we won't get straight answers; we'll be told we are doing the best we can and you have a contract and you can't break it. That is going to happen down the road. If an employee makes a mistake you will not have the responsibility of discharging the employee.

Liz Tufankjian, Piermont Avenue -

She was a former dispatcher and a current police officer. Cell phones come directly to us. Paramus calls us directly when they get a 9-1-1 call on our phone with the dispatcher and with the complainer on the phone. There are some instances where Paramus dispatches the call and we handle the entire thing. When you say we are not trained to do that, that is wrong, she is trained to do that and she is certified a 9-1-1 operator. She has done it in Englewood, Westwood and still does so in Hillsdale. We need to investigate first before we talk because everybody seems to be putting out information that is not correct. We need to

check our facts before we talk, before we write, before we express ourselves. We are all sworn public servants and we need to give the public the correct information.

Ed LaFrance, 46 Lawrence Street -

He has spent 25 years in the Police Department, active member of the Fire Department. Most of the politicians have been genuine and looking out for the good of Hillsdale. He hoped that this Council could look up to that criteria. He attended three or four meetings and nothing was said. He doesn't want to form an opinion until he hears enough. He has seen arrogance come from members of the Council. At a past Council meeting Lieutenant Kelly made a statement regarding the false accusations made by ex-Councilman Capawana used describing the Fire Department. He requested that Capawana be replaced as Fire Commissioner. However, Commissioner Frank expressed displeasure with what Lieutenant Kelly said. He said that the Fire Department asked for Capawana's head. He assured all those present and all those watching on TV that Lieutenant Kelly never said anything of that nature. He said no one on the Council stood up with regard to the statement made by Capawana and he said that was shameful. Afterwards, the Captain of the Ambulance spoke regarding their feelings on the dispatch issue and he felt she was treated rudely. Officer Hampton spoke about the feelings of the PBA and once again members of the Council seemed offended.

Adam Hampton, 15 Cross Street -

He thanked the members of the Council tonight for their discussion on the referendum. Councilmember Giancarlo spoke well when he talked about healing the town and moving on. He was hoping that we could have done some of that tonight, that we could have moved on and gotten back to the business at hand which is making sure this is a wonderful and safe town. Dispatch and referendum were discussed and are hitched together; he doesn't see them hitched together, he sees one thing as a body of people coming together to get good, valid, vetted information that can let the borough come to a good decision. He sees the other side of the coin as a motivated citizens coming out and speaking their mind. It was his hope that the referendum could have been put behind us tonight and moved on and done a lot of things. There might be questions about interpretive statements, he would liked to have seen the Council to move forward on this.

As far as 9-1-1 goes, Paramus is paid \$5000 or \$6000 a year to provide that service and that is the best investment this town ever made. That allows us to do the other things we need to do.

The system that we have is efficient, very cost effective and works. How many complaints has this Police Department received regarding 9-1-1 call handling and response time? He does not believe anyone has received any complaints about Paramus. We are all accountable and just hoped that we could have moved on tonight. He believed the committee meetings have been fruitful and he learned a lot about the municipal budget. He also believed a lot of light has been shed on the Council on how the Police Department operates. It is a large, complex machine that we keep running every day and do it with very little dollars and personnel and we persevere.

Bob Greenberg, Colonial Village Drive -

The Fire Department indicated that they will not have any alcohol at their meetings. If he can't trust them to police themselves there as he trusts them to come to his home or anywhere else in town, you can pass a law. Once they said there is no more drinking, fine, that should end it. He is happy with the referendum; if you want to pass your own referendum, do you have to get 1000 signatures also or do you just put it out there? He would appreciate it if you put it out there with an honest dollar amount and the exact dollar amount it would cost us. He wants to know what it will cost him to keep the Police Department here without putting any other items in.

Larry DeCaro, 148 Riverdale Street -

He decided to research the pros and cons of this issue. He has met with police chiefs of several surrounding towns and when he asked them what they thought of Mahwah, they were not in favor. He spoke to the Captain of Norwood and a few months ago they had an accident and the dispatcher sent them to Lodi. There was a delay going back from Lodi to Norwood. There was a problem with communication. There was another situation in Norwood a few days ago and the dispatcher went to Northvale instead of Norwood and that was another delay. It could be done with our own people here but that is only two situations and could be escalated when you have eleven towns. With the three towns he was told they didn't like the program and if you go with it, you should get your own dispatcher because they will know the town better that they will at Mahwah. There many issues here and there is a fault line there and as a study was done in 2009 by Columbia University that they are expecting a 6 to 7 mg. earthquake and they are not ready for this. These are issues that come up to the surface. The people he is speaking with are not happy with Mahwah.

Steve Moshac, 41 Rawson Court -

He is one of the eleven who subscribes to the dial alarm system which he paid to install and maintain out of his own pocket. If you subscribe to ADT that is part of the deal. His question is he just received a bill for an extra \$25/year, what does ADT pay for the service for the privilege of dialing into Hillsdale? It will cost him \$50/year for one system; what does it cost ADT for the privilege of being able to dial into Hillsdale? There is no fee for ADT but there is a fee for him, why? It is discriminatory.

Roy Kohan, 22 Bradshaw Court -

This gentleman's home automatically dials 664-4200, police desk. ADT's machine dials ADT, not our police desk. ADT then calls here. With regard to police dispatch, we are trying to maintain a 2% Cap which is admirable, virtually impossible. How close to 2% is the county going to keep? Are they going to raise their fees yearly? The length of the contract would be for how long? The can is being kicked down the road and it is a dead end. If we are overspending now we have to realize that. He said our staff is down to a minimum and they are doing a great job. When and if we go to the county dispatch, we will have to purchase new equipment. He understands that within the next ten years they are going to be changing the frequency band that will be used. If civilian dispatching is more than adequate during the day, why could it not be just as adequate the rest of the day? With regard to Ridgewood dispatch, he was speaking with a gentleman today from another town, and he is not happy with the way Ridgewood is being run because they get charged by the call.

Joseph Famoso, 190 Arthur Street -

He has been in the telecommunications business for over 40 years and built 16 call centers ranging from 16 to 2000 agents in a single location. He is also the spouse of the Captain of the Ambulance Corps. When she got involved in the county dispatching she asked him some relevant questions that would be asked of a call center manager. He gave a couple of those questions. None of those questions have been answered. When you ask a question and you don't get an answer to the questions, it is because the person answering the question knows that the answer he is going to give is not going to make you happy. Any call center in the U.S. that cannot tell you how long it takes to answer a telephone call is either lying or is incompetent. You need to get that answer, the committee needs to get that answer. The second thing you need to consider is there are 72 towns in Bergen County and this dispatch center has been open for two years and they have eleven customers. It means they are

averaging a customer every 10 weeks. Any business that cannot drum up more than one new customer every 10 weeks probably has a problem with their service.

Don MacLachlan, Counsel for Hillsdale/Westwood Flood Solution - On April 2, 2012, that the Council for the Hillsdale Planning Board made it absolutely clear to United Water that site plan approval would be required for the \$25 million dollar construction project United Water is planning. Hillsdale did not as United Water would later claim tried to permanently block the project, Hillsdale simply wishes to evaluate the impact of the project. What was very clear to United Water and it has had an effect on what occurred next, Hillsdale stood very firmly and this message was very clearly delivered to United Water. In response on May 1, United Water filed a petition with the BPU and is attempting to convince the BPU to over ride Hillsdale's legitimate land use jurisdiction. The petition takes Hillsdale to task for simply attempting to enforce its land use law which is intended to protect Hillsdale property owners.

On May 11, there was a meeting called by DEP's local government office and they invited the Mayors from Hillsdale, Westwood and Woodcliff Lake as well as the engineers. United Water was also invited as was its counsel and members of the state legislature. The public was not informed about the meeting by the DEP and the public was not invited. Also, the press was excluded from the meeting. Despite the great level of public interest in this issue, the details of that meeting had never been made public by DEP. The meeting was an attempt to influence or persuade the Mayors in Hillsdale, Westwood and Woodcliff Lake without the public being present.

On May 15, a few days later, a special meeting of this Council and he appeared and disclosed publicly that the meeting had occurred. The Mayor advised that he would be briefing this Council about what occurred. Since May 15, there were Planning Board meetings on May 29 and June 6. He appeared before the Planning Board at those meetings and have addressed the critical meeting to respond to United Water's petition and to take the legal steps necessary to establish a legal basis for the BPU to dismiss United Water's petition. He is assuming the issues regarding United Water's petition of May 1st as well as any other information was given to the Mayors on May 15 has now been fully discussed among the Council members and Planning Board.

On May 23, the BPU appointed one of the BPU Commissioners as a hearing officer. As of today, he is advised by the BPU that no

hearing date has been set but we all know that a date will be set. He is here tonight to request and urge that it is now over 40 days since United Water filed the BPU petition in an attempt to end run Hillsdale's jurisdiction. He is here to suggest that it is time for Hillsdale to move forward on this matter and bring a rightful determination of Hillsdale land use and safety and protection of Hillsdale property owners back to the Planning Board. The Council is aware what it costs every time the municipal property is flooded, tremendous costs. This certainly justifies solving this problem and ending this problem. He believes the costs through the first steps necessary in order to challenge what United Water is doing before the BPU will be well worth it and will not be extremely excessive.

Richard Corrieri, 21 Clayton Street -

He agrees about a policy of drinking at the firehouse, he disagrees with the way the issue was brought up. As a past Fire Commissioner, he doesn't recall any fire calls where drinking was an issue. Self-policing worked, common sense prevailed. Are we going to follow our firefighters around with cameras, install breathing alcohol detection in their cars? How are we going to enforce this law? You can close the bar but that doesn't solve the problem.

How much money are we allocating for legal fees for United Water issue? What is the intent of the Council for that money? Is this a fight we can win? He asked how they will widen the road. He understands that the way the dam is constructed and the way it will be constructed in the future will not stop flooding. The issue we have is while construction is going on, we are concerned about flooding.

Sonya Kinzler, Norwood -

She wanted to clarify the Referendum. The Referendum as presented is going on the ballot.

Dan MacLachlan, Counsel

Living with this issue every day for about a year and going through United Water's submissions to the BPU including all of their engineering plans, one point that has not been discussed is currently the dam has the capacity to pass 13,000 cu. ft. of water per second. In the worst storm, that is the amount of water it can pass. The big point is the central purpose of this project is to increase the ability to pass water more than double that number to 29,000 cu. ft. per second. The reason they have to do that is because in 2007 the state mandates a hydrology evaluation be done to figure out how much water is

going to come from the surrounding countryside into the reservoir. When all those complex calculations are done, DEP is projecting that there will be a storm where there will be a lot of water coming into the reservoir and it has to go somewhere. Their calculations are requiring that United Water build a second spillway so what is there that lets water out is going to be more than doubled. We know in a severe storm the Pascack Brook starts to fill up and when it reaches its limit and cannot hold any more, they let that water out into an already flooded Pascack Brook and the flooding is even worse. Now they will have the capacity to let out double that amount of water.

Isn't it common sense for the Planning Board and the planning professionals of Hillsdale to say you are more than doubling your ability to let water out into a brook that already can't carry the water? How are we going to make sure this doesn't end up really flooding this town? It is that simple and those are the plans. He said all the comments from the Council were appropriate tonight and he is happy and impressed that they are doing their homework.

It is not just a matter of having United Water answer your questions, there is a forum that any person, whether they are putting up a deck or a big company building a 25 million dollar construction has to go through. It is a Planning Board process, people are placed under oath, people have to testify, give real evidence, real answers. Meetings are not a substitute for the process of having United Water in this room having to present evidence and having the professionals to have a chance to evaluate the evidence and decide what is going to happen when that dam is rebuilt. What is going to happen in this town when a bad storm comes.

Adam Hampton, 15 Cross Street -

He asked if the question will be on the ballot in November or not?

Mayor Arnowitz said the Council is in favor of the ballot will go forward. They have to decide whether they want a separate referendum or a statement on the bottom. They have to vote by the 31st of August unless they desire a special meeting.

Kim Hampton Saul, 74 Crosley Terrace -

She thanked the members of the committee for their efforts, diligence in trying to move forward and that is so much of what Hillsdale is about, working together. The Fire Department, Ambulance Corps and Police Department will always be here. It

seems that there has been a recommitment or an extended effort to join forces, to do really is best for the residents. The residents have spoken, they said they are interested in both the cost and the value and she is looking forward to the report which will address the Mayor's comments regarding the budgetary concerns as well as the value of the service.

Bob Greenberg, Colonial Village Drive -

He appreciated that fact that we have a straw vote and one thing he would like to see is matters handled on a local level are much better than going to Mahwah. In 2008, he needed an ambulance to get to the hospital; made the call to the police and in minutes they were there as was the Ambulance Corps. We had to wait for an ambulance from Hackensack Hospital and the police radios said there is no Colonial Village Drive in Hillsdale and where do we go. He would prefer everything local.

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

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

12121 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12122 Authorize Mayor to Sign Hold Harmless Developers Agreement was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12123 Authorize Mayor to Execute Professional Services Contract with Wiss & Company regarding Pascack Valley Regional High School Litigation was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12124 Award of Professional Service Agreement with Wiss & Company was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12125 Authorize Mayor to execute Agreement with Bergen County ADA Grant Program was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12126 Authorize Borough Clerk to Advertise for 2012 Road Program was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12127 Authorize Administrator to Execute Stipulation of Appropriate Unit (UPSEU) was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

12128 Authorize Renewal of PRC Liquor License, Café Capri, was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

Administrator DeJoseph explained that Resolution 12125 enables us to fix our sidewalks and curbs that are not proper on county roads and we would get our county roads paved and reimbursed for the engineering costs to the borough as well as the improvement costs.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Becker

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTARY:

Councilmember Pizzella said he was glad to be here and is looking forward to working with everyone. It is important to notice all of the things that are going on in Hillsdale that will impact the budget and the more the residents are informed about the things that are going on they will get more understanding as to why the Council is doing what they are doing and are looking out for the best interests of everyone.

Councilmember Frank reminded everyone that Flag Day is June 14; our senior citizen resident is keeping our town full of American Flags. We have drop off boxes at the borough hall, Shop Rite and at the American Legion for worn flags.

Our web page needs a couple of final things and that should be the basis for us to continue to improve more and more information to allow our residents to go there rather use the phone for information.

With the comments he made about the budget, the more you know

the better off you are and you will understand what is going on. Our budget is extensive and go to Page 40 to get an understanding of how much money is collected by the town, where it goes, what is left over and you will have a better appreciation of the challenges that we have for next year.

Councilmember Hanlon said the senior picnic barbeque to be held at Stonybrook was postponed until tomorrow depending on the weather. For any questions call 201-358-8121 on the flyer or call the borough hall. There will be a message on the borough hall phone, 201-666-4800, press 3. If it doesn't rain on Thursday, the event scheduled at Stonybrook will be held next week. Watch the downtown sign or check the website. There is a new flyer for senior activities is now available and will be distributed at the luncheons and at the 50+ Club, Library and in the hall. On Thursday night, the 8th graders have their beautiful dance and have invited the seniors to come in the morning and view the beautiful display they have. The display this year is the beach theme and starts at 9AM at the White School. Congratulations to the LaCrosse team, a wonderful group of young ladies.

Administrator DeJoseph received word from the DPW that the July 4 recycling pickup has already been advertised.

Mayor Arnowitz announced to the public that commingled will be picked up on July 4.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the website will be up soon and Councilmember Frank volunteered many hours to get it going and thanked him for all his work. He also congratulated the LaCrosse team. He said the budget and issues are real, flood district and the high school. These are the major issues right now and we have an obligation to work on these things. The budget issues we have right now is the result of too many promises and now they have to be paid for. It is important to have these debates and hopefully we will end up in a better place at the end of the day. We do have to fight these things, we can't let anything happen to the school, it is one of the best parts of this town.

Councilmember DeRosa said the borough ordered light fixtures that were out on the large light stanchions and will be replaced. He was pleased with the progress he saw sitting in on the sub-committee meeting. Genuine questions are being answered with regard to dispatching.

Mayor Arnowitz publicly thanked Pascack Pharmacy, Demarest Farms and NVE Bank who donated or will donate to the borough to help us support Town Day and concerts and the various programs in town that we had to cut back on due to budgetary problems. He encouraged merchants and residents that wish to support us to make donations. The concert series will be held in the park downtown, Veterans Park, and will be a big help to the merchants, i.e., food stores, ice cream stores. Councilmember Hanlon has been working diligently and has three concerts already scheduled.

He is meeting on emergency services at Pascack Valley Hospital on June 26 and hopefully we will get some positive results. If the water at the dam is not released, the argument the state is making with their new calculations, then the dam could be in jeopardy of collapsing. We have to make sure everything is being done in the best possible manner.

Councilmember Hanlon said Care One on Old Hook Road is giving us \$500 toward the concerts and two residents donated.

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.

Motion

Motion to obtain a dam engineer was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeRosa.

RESOLUTION:

12129 Authorize the Borough Clerk to Advertise for Request for Qualifications for Dam Engineer was introduced by Councilmember DeRosa, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Nays: none
Absent: Councilmember Becker

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Councilmembers Hanlon, Pizzella, DeRosa, Frank and
Giancarlo
Nays: None
Absent: Councilmember Becker

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

6-12-12

Susan Witkowski
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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Municipal Clerk