

Council

Meeting

March 2, 2010

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on
Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in the Council
Chamber, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

This is a Committee of the whole meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 2nd day of March 2010. 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. Please notify the Municipal Clerk for any disability requirements 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.

Mayor Sapanara noted the death of Clem McDonald, a long time employee for 30 years and the passing of Brian Collier, former Police Officer, who served the nation as a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent.

ROLL CALL:

Borough Clerk Sandt called the roll those present being as follows: Councilmembers Arnowitz, Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein. Also in attendance were Borough Attorney Paul and Administrator Polce, Borough Engineer Statile, and Debra Benigno. Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On motion by Councilmember Arnowitz, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Council meeting of February 9, 2010, were approved as presented.

PROCLAMATION: Read Across America

Councilmember DeJoseph arrived at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MR. & MRS. JANI, DESIRE TO PURCHASE TOWN PROPERTY.

Received, filed and approved on motion by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

Borough Attorney Paul stated that he wished to be certain that the property is at current, market value; once we have that, we can go ahead and adopt a resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone, Weinstein,
And Arnowitz

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember DeJoseph.

2. JOHN MARIN THANK YOU LETTER TO MAYOR SAPANARA FOR RESOLVING PROBLEM ON SADDLE RANCH LANE.

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Arnowitz, and unanimously carried.

3. BETH FULLAM REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR A "TURKEY TROT"
(5K RUN/WALK).

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Councilmember Weinstein said this request would benefit charities, however, the issue is that the request is to hold this on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010. It raises some issues with regard to management of the event. We rely on our police auxiliary and volunteers to help the event, but on Thanksgiving, these volunteers would have other family things to attend to. He will reach out to Ms. Fullam and suggest another date. If we can agree on another date, he would be in favor of pursuing this run/walk.

4. MORRISON MAHONEY, LLP, PARSIPPANY, RECOMMENDING PROPOSED STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT.

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Arnowitz, and unanimously carried.

Councilmember DeJoseph said this will covered by Resolution 10039 later in this meeting.

Mayor Sapanara said this is an assessment value and will mean a lower tax equalization rate.

Councilmember Arnowitz said our revaluation was done at the peak of property values. Part of our ratio of our cost of the high school is based on valuation and our county tax is based on property valuation. We cannot decide today that we will do this in 2010, but it would be beneficial to the municipal tax base. It would change funding to the library, high school, etc.

Mayor Sapanara said everybody has tax appeals every year and it is matter of how many, how much, and he will discuss this with the Administrator.

5. SUN DIAL GARDEN CLUB REQUESTING PERMISSION TO USE THE RAILROAD STATION FOR THE ANNUAL PLANT SALE.

Received, filed and approved on motion by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Hanlon, Schiavone, Weinstein, Arnowitz, DeJoseph and Giancarlo

Nays: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Interest Arbitration Reform.

Councilmember DeJoseph said the League of Municipalities has advised the borough to pass a resolution against binding arbitration. With increased costs to municipalities and dealing with labor negotiations through the unions, if we offer a raise of 2% or 3%, and the union wants 4% and you cannot meet in the middle, then it goes to binding arbitration. There is an appeal process also.

Mayor Sapanara said the towns have difficulties with comparisons between towns. If there is a raise in another town, they always point to that town. Many times arbitration is based more on adjustments in other towns rather than other factors. Basically the resolution asks that factors be included in a new arbitration committee so that Interest Arbitration is not as generous as it used to be.

Councilmember Arnowitz said they are addressing the CAP we are under. Some arbitration amounts awarded exceeded the CAP and they have to look at the ability of the town to pay.

Mayor Sapanara said a Resolution will be on the Agenda for the March 9, 2010, meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Sapanara invited comment from the audience.

Roseann Vaccaro. Glendale Drive -

She said her home is valued at about \$300,000 now and the town will lose tax money if her property is not purchased by the borough. She said there is a program with FEMA where her property could be elevated and the borough would make money because they would hire the borough to do the work and take care of it and the borough would get funds for this. She said an application could be sent out for elevation of her property and she volunteers to pay for any amount of money needed to pay to the engineer.

Mayor Sapanara said he does not know the answer to her questions and it is a longer process and more difficult than you think. There are four grants that are available through FEMA. If she knows of these grants then she knows when the deadlines are and the time period. Those have to be put forward in June, they have to be approved at the state level, later on not approved until the following April. He is not able to advise Ms. Vaccaro anything.

Ms. Vaccaro (Contd).

She said there are left overs from 2009 from FEMA that they would still elevate her property now. She wants the borough to assist her to have the state purchase her property.

Mayor Sapanara said he believed Ms. Vaccaro's expectations of action in this particular case is unrealistic. He does not think the situation as she sees it can be resolved in the time periods that she is pushing. There isn't anything that the borough would like to do with this. We will discuss the options with the state. He didn't think it would cost her anything and he believed it is something that would affect other homeowners as well. He is not guaranteeing any results because he does not think she is going to be as pleased with the result when it happens.

Ms. Vaccaro (Contd).

She said she doesn't need the town to buy her house. She wants answers. If the town doesn't buy her house, they will lose \$7,000. She wants her property elevated.

Councilmember Schiavone said she did not know where Ms. Vaccaro heard all of this information because the borough did not receive the same information. It is March 2nd. It is not a priority on our desk. If we are going to submit something between June and September and if we say we will, we will do it.

Councilmember Schiavone said the answer is we were told the application period is between June and September.

To come here and be irate because you have information, then give us that information because we never heard it before. That is not what we are hearing. We are following the steps we are advised and those steps are that we apply between June and September. To demand answers on March 2nd is unreasonable.

Mayor Sapanara said there are 10,000 people in this town with difficulties. You have one you think we can help you with and we will try to help, however, we can't go on her schedule. He does not have the ability to make this happen as quickly and as easily as she would like it to. If we go forward with this it will be longer than nine months because it is going to be out of our hands and there is no guarantee of the particular result she is looking for. If you wish to put in a tax appeal or sell the property, that is fine. There are many avenues open but he did not think she should put all of her hopes that this will happen. We can discuss this with the engineer and the state and there are steps that have to be gone through but it is not an easy situation and may not be resolved to her satisfaction. The application will be submitted in June. Complete applications are submitted by the end of September and state reviewed applications are submitted to FEMA by December. The eligible applications are scored and those meeting the thresholds to be funded are usually notified in April.

He is bound by certain, rules, regulations and limitations and he cannot spend a lot of money on one person's issue which may not even be our issue. He will bring this forward to the people who can make it happen. He will put in the application but will not sign anything unless he is sure it will not make a financial or adverse financial impact on the Borough of Hillsdale.

Councilmember Arnowitz questioned why she wouldn't sell the house as an empty lot that someone can build on. Numerous people in town sold their homes as lots. In the early '80's, her father built this house illegally, the town spend legal fees and salaries of employees to appeal and it was stated at that time that this house is a problem, it should not be built, it should not have been built. You inherited your father's problems. There is a deed restriction with the house that when you inherited it, you got that problem. The deed restriction states that no government entity should be responsible for this house being built because it was built illegally. The first year we would lose \$1000 but taxes go up for everyone else in town but the taxes do not go up on that property and goes down 8%. The second year it goes down again. In 13 years we end up with an empty lot that generates no money.

His answer is to sell the house as an empty lot. The builder built

STAFF OF THE HILLSDALE SWIMMING POOL
COMMISSION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 2010 IN THE
BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

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 Sapanara then opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance and asked if anyone in the audience cared to discuss it. There being no response, the public hearing was closed on Ordinance No. 10-02.

Motion to approve as made by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 10-02:

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

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

Ord. No. 10-03 At the Mayor's request, the Borough
(Adoption)
Establishing 2010 Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance
Recreation Summer
Camp Fees No. 10-03 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RECREATION
DEPARTMENT PROGRAM AND SUMMER CAMP FEES
FOR THE YEAR 2010 IN THE BOROUGH OF
HILLSDALE.

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 Sapanara then opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance and asked if anyone in the audience cared to discuss it. There being no response, the public hearing was closed on Ordinance No. 10-03.

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

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 10-03:

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

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

Ord. No. 10-04 At the Mayor's request, the Borough
(Adoption)
Establishing 2010 Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance
Recreation
Salaries No. 10-04 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR
THE HILLSDALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN
THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE.

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 Sapanara then opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance and asked if anyone in the audience cared to discuss it. There being no response, the public hearing was closed on Ordinance No. 10-04.

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

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 10-04:

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

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

Borough Clerk Sandt said Notice of Adoption of all the aforesaid ordinances shall be published in the official newspaper as required by law.

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Sapanara read the Resolutions.

10037 Temporary Budget 2010 was introduced by Councilmember Arnowitz, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

10038 Raffles License, Hillsdale Fire Association, Off Premise Merchandise Raffle was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone.

10039 Authorizing Settlement of a Tax Appeal at 100 West Street, Block 1205, Lots 10 & 11 was introduced by Councilmember Arnowitz, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Councilmember DeJoseph recused himself from the vote for Resolution 10038.

Roll Call Vote on Resolutions 10037 and 10039:

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

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 10038:

Ayes: Councilmembers Arnowitz, Giancarlo, Hanlon,
Schiavone and Weinstein
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilmember DeJoseph

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS AFFIXED HERETO)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department monthly report for January 2010.

Motion to receive, file and accept the Fire Department report was made by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried.

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID REPORT AFFIXED HERETO)

Go Round

Borough Engineer Statile said it has been quiet the past month or so. We are attempting to collect Open Space money from the county, about \$100,000. The design is complete for Wierimus Lane; Woodcliff Lake committed dollars in addition to our \$100,000 as well.

Master Plan re-examination has been moving forward. The Planning Board will be speaking with the Planner regarding re-evaluation comments. The Planning Board eventually will get a copy of the Master Plan which they may or may not adopt the recommendations in the plan.

The Planner has also completed the end of the year report of variances which have been granted by the Planning and zoning Boards and will be presented to the Council.

The COAH arbitration case is still on track.

Mayor Sapanara said Executive Order No. 12 from Governor Christie stated that everything freezes, we don't do anything with COAH. There was an objection filed by the same people who we were meeting with and a Stay was issued by a judge in which case they say mediations can go on, certain things can go on with COAH. Our mediation is scheduled on Monday. The state is supposed to answer the judge's Stay by Friday, March 5th. The question is do we proceed to our mediation which is the following Monday because we have to prepare for it. It will cost the borough money to go to Trenton and sit across the table from the Fair Share Housing folks and mediate whatever their objection is. There is no clear cut legal answer. We have asked for a postponement and there have been multiple postponements. He believed there is a strong case to get this out of the way and finish it. The feeling from Mr. Ritvo is to put it before you and see what your feeling is. There is the feeling that mediation will resolve this quickly but the future of the whole COAH program is in flux right now.

The ruling comes before the mediation. It might not be a firm ruling, it might be an extension.

Councilmember Weinstein thought there is too much at risk not to be prepared for Monday.

Councilmember Arnowitz said preparation based on what takes place Friday, determines whether you go Monday. That is one option. Another option is to send them a letter saying we are not coming because of the pending litigation. However, we should be prepared one way or the other.

Mayor Sapanara said tell the Planner to be ready and he will inform Mr. Ritvo to go on Monday and see what happens.

Engineer Statile said the Planner knows what they are objecting to.

Mayor Sapanara said we will move forward with the mediation. We have done everything according to the rules so far and this would

go a long way to show COAH we are trying to do the best we can.

Engineer Statile said it may just be a fact finding meeting.

Councilmember Arnowitz said at the last meeting we had a report on the paving on Magnolia and Hillsdale Avenue with Public Service. He received complaints from neighbors about Magnolia how difficult it is for them to live on that street. He wants to push forward as soon as possible. On Hillsdale Avenue he looked at the trench and we are getting a lot of sinkage and holes. The holes are absorbing water and could cause a problem. He wanted to get something moving on this.

Statile said he hasn't heard from Public Service, obviously the weather is not right. He said Hillsdale is out of his jurisdiction but he will work with Bergen County to get this taken care of. He said there is no more Public Service work in Hillsdale this year.

Councilmember Arnowitz said he is getting complaints on Pascack Road where the electric company is putting wires under ground and they are blocking driveways. They are also working on Saddlewood.

Councilmember DeJoseph said he spoke to Keith Durie in reference to Magnolia. When the weather breaks, they are going to mark all the sections as to how far they are going to repair the road for us. Also, next month there should be a single seam paving ordinance. Hopefully other roads that aren't completed a single seam ordinance would complete the road and fully restore it.

Councilmember Arnowitz said the water company, on the corner of Magnolia and Washington, had to replace a hydrant. They dug up part of the street and took out the curb. When they finish the job will they put in a concrete curb?

Borough Engineer said they have to be reminded to do that.

Debra Benigno said last Tuesday we had an affair for an employee and she thanked the Council persons who were able to come and offer support.

Councilmember Schiavone said the Sign Ordinance will be on for discussion next week. She will forward it to the attorney for review, the Chamber of Commerce, Tracy and Keith.

Councilmember Arnowitz complained about the amount of garbage he sees on the street in the snow.

He referred to Ms. Vaccaro and thought the Council should take a vote whether or not the Council is going to move forward on this. He does not think it is our responsibility to move forward on this

and he would vote no to do anything more. She should sell the property as a house or a lot; we don't have any obligations.

Mayor Sapanara said we are having a discussion tomorrow on this and several issues.

Councilmember Arnowitz said the best thing for the town is to get a beautiful ratable that doesn't impact on us when it comes to flood waters.

Mayor Sapanara thought there were some ways he thinks we can go and he doesn't know what the options are. He will find out and will get back to the Council.

Councilmember Schiavone said we are not capable or have the ability to doing anything.

Mayor Sapanara said we cannot refer this to the Engineer at this time. He has obligations with Magnolia Avenue, Hillsdale Avenue; he is not going to direct Mr. Statile to put aside everything else to attend to this matter. We will get to it.

Councilmember Schiavone said we could advise her the first week of May is when we project the Borough Engineer will be able to look at the documents.

Borough Attorney Paul suggested she hire a different professional of her own choosing to do all the background work that is required. The expense and professional expertise would be borne by her. Ultimately, if the town is willing to sign on the final product, that is a different story.

Mayor Sapanara said when it becomes apparent that there is going to be a lot of work in this, then we can go ahead with the escrow.

Councilmember Giancarlo asked that the Pay to Play ordinance be placed on the agenda next week for review.

We are working on a resolution for the Green Team and we will come up with a mission statement, goals and objectives.

He also said the Ambulance Corps are unheralded volunteers. He said if anyone wants to get involved, it is a great way to look at the greater good for all.

Councilmember Hanlon said our senior van runs every Tuesday and Wednesday for about four or five hours and van assistants are in need. Due to the storm last week, the showing of the film "Angels and Demons" will be shown on the first Wednesday.

The Board of Health will conduct the annual Health Fair on April 10 at the Methodist Church.

Councilmember Weinstein said he and the Mayor along with the Mayor and Council President of River Vale attended a meeting to discuss the school issue with regard to Woodcliff Lake and Montvale. Montvale and Woodcliff Lake are lobbying the regional Board of Ed to re-evaluate the actual formula rather than looking to remove themselves or create a new school district. They want to change it to their favor.

Councilmember DeJoseph and he met with River Vale to discuss what Hillsdale and River Vale should now contemplate or be prepared to do. River Vale has put aside money in their 2010 budget and they feel the time has come to retain an attorney to make sure we know what we need to do. This has been done before in the state and we don't know the process that Montvale and Woodcliff Lake need to go through. We believe that will cost money.

Councilmember Weinstein said we also discussed public relations and is it time for River Vale and Hillsdale to come out as publicly as Montvale and Woodcliff Lake on our side to educate the public and let them understand better the implications. River Vale and Hillsdale understand what is at risk; they are asking Hillsdale to join and create a unified front. It will probably be a very long and costly fight to prevent what Montvale and Woodcliff Lake are trying to do.

What is happening now is initially to secede from the current regional high school Board of Education and create a separate school district. River Vale believes the first step in that process is to lobby the Board of Ed to change the formula as it is today. The formula is set by the state and our uneducated comments were the Board of Ed probably does not have the ability to make those changes. No one in that room really knew for sure if that is true nor were we sure they were changing their strategy to just address the financial issues or if this was one of many steps to eventually have a split of the regional high school. The implication is that Hillsdale and River Vale would be assessed at a higher rate per pupil and would have a dramatic effect on our taxes and would go up a significant amount. The amount to be invested in this would be nowhere near the cost if we lost the fight. Ultimately we feel River Vale and Hillsdale would prevail based on the way the state, county and economy is moving. However, we need to be prepared to defend ourselves.

Mayor Sapanara said there is a formula that the state uses to decide in regional systems how much each community contributes to the regional school system. That state formula is universally applied across the board to everybody in the state who is a member

of a regional school system. Woodcliff Lake and Montvale believe the system unfair because it is based on factors other than a per pupil assessment; they believe it should be based solely on how many people go to that school district. They are asking the regional school district to change the current formula which includes other factors other than per pupil to strictly per pupil basis which would then make them pay less. If they pay less, we pay more. We would be asked to shoulder a higher portion of the taxes for the regional school system.

His personal belief is it is not unfair because it is a universally applied formula. It may be unfavorable to Woodcliff Lake and Montvale, but everybody is subject to that same formula. They are trying to push that formula to their benefit which would be to our detriment.

Councilmember Arnowitz said if we ever get to the state changing the way they formulate the cost per student, he believes hosting of the school should be a consideration. There are a lot of costs involved with Hillsdale hosting the school. If we join forces with River Vale to fight Woodcliff Lake and Montvale, and we get to the point of arguing, Hillsdale should be compensated for the costs involved and loss of revenue from that property at some rate and River Vale would be affected. It is considerable and there are a lot of hidden costs involved in the school from the ratable itself which is a factor to just the general utility costs, policing costs and all the other costs that Woodcliff and Montvale don't have.

Councilmember Arnowitz said there are different implications for Hillsdale and River Vale. Ultimately decisions could be made which would adversely affect whether or not River Vale and Hillsdale would continue on the path together, if and when that would happen, it would be some time in the future and it is up to River Vale and Hillsdale now to make sure the right collective decisions are made to perpetuate this for a long period of time.

Councilmember Arnowitz recommended this situation be brought up at the budget hearing next week and establish a line item to put money in there. It does not mean to spend it but a public indication of how seriously Hillsdale is taking this.

Mayor Sapanara said River Vale set aside \$12,500.

Councilmember Arnowitz said we have to establish a fund and we need to do it now because of the CAP.

Councilmember Weinstein said we are looking to bring someone on board with an established record and true expertise in this area.

Councilmember Schiavone said our new Assemblyman Bob Schroeder has

made it a priority to start addressing what is an unfair state funding formula for State Education funding process. For the dollars the towns in our area put out, we hardly get any money back for our schools compared to other towns further south. They are making that a priority.

Mayor Sapanara said part of the school taxes don't go to Hillsdale, they go to a state fund which is then turned around and redistributed back out to various communities in the state. The state has a formula for that. A lot of that money does not come back to us but goes to disadvantaged towns according to a state standard.

Councilmember DeJoseph asked a about the cell tower and going out to bid.

Borough Attorney Paul said the bid specs have been reviewed and the Borough Engineer is reviewing them.

Councilmember DeJoseph asked about the cable franchise agreement. He said this should be passed so that we can count it as revenue. We should send it to the BPU before it is sent to the attorney for review.

Borough Administrator Polce said the budget meetings dates are March 10, March 13, March 17 with the possibility of March 20.

Councilmember DeJoseph said other towns have instituted financial reviews on a quarterly basis to watch what we are spending so we can monitor costs and wanted to do something similar in Hillsdale.

Administrator Polce said and he and the CFO would be involved in a project such as this.

He said he spoke with the CFO this morning who advised that we are about 60% complete with salary components, still to be uploaded and need a few more meetings with Michelle Wood and Keith Durie. They are reviewing capital and putting everything together.

Councilmember DeJoseph said the purpose of financial reviews is due to interest declining. If we are deficit midway through the year we should adjust for the remainder of the year. We could put a freeze on spending and that should be addressed.

Councilmember DeJoseph requested that purchase orders be signed before or after a meeting and he does not want them signed during a meeting by Councilmembers.

He also asked for a finance committee meeting to review telephones. There have been numerous problems; lines have been

disconnected, changed, etc.

Borough Clerk Sandt said too many people are becoming involved with the phone system here which is an outdated phone system and he has been saying so for years. We have had problems before, spent a lot of money trying to fix things and we are spending it now trying to save pennies. It is costing a lot of money to fix the errors.

Councilmember DeJoseph said the problem is the police phone lines have been changed. He asked New Horizons to send him a copy of the change order.

Mayor Sapanara said there have been some problems with the adjustments we are trying to make.

Administrator Polce said the proper protocol is if a Councilmember has an issue with something, as opposed to going directly to the vendor they should either go to the Borough Clerk or himself to effectuate the communication. Too often it has been confusing for the provider, New Horizons, who is authorized to speak on behalf of the borough. If the Council would provide clarity with what they would like done, it would assist us.

Borough Clerk Sandt said the phone system is working at this time.

Administrator Polce said the problem of replacing our Tax Collector is coming to a close. We have been interviewing a number of people; we have one or two to interview over the next few days. He hopes to make a recommendation to the Council on Tuesday for hiring of a Tax Collector.

Mayor Sapanara said we got a sewer jet, shared services, a piece of equipment that will be used by all 10 Pascack Valley towns. It is purchased through the county and is a very well needed piece of equipment and we will be using it in Hillsdale to clean out our sewers and grates and drains. The county and municipalities are joining together to solve problems.

He was very sorry to hear of the death of Ms. McDonald and would like to acknowledge the passing with great sorrow of Mr. Collier who grew up in Hillsdale, went to Pascack Valley High School, was a Hillsdale Police Officer for several years and served with the Drug Enforcement Administration for nearly 30 years. His reputation in the law enforcement community was of great honor and respect. We have lost a person of great stature.

He publicly thanked Marilyn Feigle who was our Tax Collector for eight years. She is moving south to another state and she served this borough very ably.

Councilmember Hanlon asked that something be done about Channel 77, she has been receiving complaining phone calls from residents. It is embarrassing, it is Hillsdale's channel.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk