

Council Meeting
May 10, 2011

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on
Tuesday, May 10, 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 10th day of May 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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ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried, the Council Meeting of May 3, 2011, and Closed Minutes of May 3, 2011, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. CHRISTOPHER STATILE, BOROUGH ENGINEER, ADVISING COUNCIL ON THE MUNICIPAL STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT TRAINING ACTIVITIES.

Received and filed by the Council as a Whole and unanimously carried.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have to achieve 10 points each year to be eligible for this program and you get the points through training and program. The clean up we did with the scouts counts, we need to do two of them, and he has already taken care of that aspect. The fishing contest counts and we shouldn't have a problem reaching that goal.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Borough Clerk Sandt administered the Oath of Office to Jeffrey Domville as a member of the Hillsdale Fire Cadet Company and Jonathon Couri as a regular member of the Hillsdale Fire Department.

2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Arnowitz stated the year 2011 Municipal budget will now be considered for final adoption. He asked the Borough Clerk to read the confirmation statement.

Municipal Clerk Sandt read the 2011 Municipal Budget as introduced a public meeting of the Borough Council on April 5, 2011, was published in The Ridgewood News on April 8, 2011; a copy has been posted on the bulletin board outside this meeting room, and copies have been made available to the public in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:4-4.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will now present the resolution authorizing the Municipal Clerk to read the year 2011 Municipal Budget by title only.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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Mayor Arnowitz said the hearing is now open to the public for discussions on the year 2011 Budget only.

Alfred J. Murphy, Jr., 5 Cherry Place -

With regard to Budget sheet 3C, he noticed that almost \$27,000 expended last year (2010) in sick days and he said the sheet for 2011 doesn't list this. He said that is a very handsome retirement

benefit. There was no change in the DPW data, the police department data changed. He said what has to be addressed is the fact that you can't put sick days away one year and 10 or 20 years go out at the current rate; if you are going to have a sick pay policy then you ought to save it at the rate you are making when you accumulate those days and when you leave you get paid for the days over the years at the rates as your salary is adjusted. It would not be such a significant amount of money; this doesn't happen in the private sector. He said this has to be addressed.

He said there is a two percent tax increase and stated that his income did not increase two percent and it did not increase for a lot of people in the community. One of the items of revenue that is down is the parking fees which means there are less people using the parking lot because they are not going to work. He said it is not too early to think about what to do in 2012.

Mayor Arnowitz said the original budget came in at 4.8% and still within the cap but the Council did not feel that we were willing to pass on to the taxpayers a couple more hundred dollars of tax increase in today's economy. The contractual increases made up 90% of the two percent we were allowed to go up so all the rest of the increases had to come out of the existing budget.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

He referred to sheet 15, streets and roads, salaries and wages. It goes from \$494,000 to \$503,000. He noticed that recycling further down the page went from \$90,000 to \$110,000 which is a big jump.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Pascack Mayors are looking to reduce our costs, they are looking to do recycling of leaves at Park Ridge.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

He referred to group insurance which went from \$990,000 to \$1,046,000. This is a 16% increase and asked how much the employees contribute towards that.

Councilmember DeJoseph said our non-contractual employees are contributing 1-1/2% of their salary toward their health insurance.

Mr. Murphy (Contd).

It is amazing how people will start to look more closely at how they are spending their health dollars when some is coming out of their wallet.

After a discussion with the public, the public hearing was closed.

The Mayor said the Council will now move on the resolution certifying the budget review.

Councilmember Frank said it was an interesting process for him to go through the budget, being new to the Finance Committee and to the Council. We got tremendous cooperation from the department heads dealing with conversions of situations and a weak economy and a 2% cap. They stepped up and found ways to contain costs and to maintain the same level of services that we have had in the past.

Councilmember DeJoseph said our department heads and employees worked very hard at preparing their budgets. We have been able to keep all programs in place, some programs are slightly affected, we are looking for donations to put them back in place. There have been no layoffs in town, no furloughs, no increased debt as our neighboring municipalities always like to do. Our budget is very different; we don't charge a sewage flow tax, garbage is included in the taxes. Local towns charge an additional fee for the garbage. About \$500 per year for pickup is included in your taxes. Our tax rate for this year is one of the lowest increases; last year it was .422 rate, this year it is a .4430 rate, one of the lowest in 10 years. It is a great work for Mayor and Council as a whole and our department heads and employees stepped up.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the Finance Committee found a lot of ways to plug into under 2% tax increase without taking on additional debt. We did not saddle future generations with any additional debt.

Councilmember Weinstein said this was a tough process in a tough year. However, as everyone knows, our sanitation program has been modified which created some savings; we eliminated Town Day and the Concert Series which we hope to fund otherwise. We also reduced some funding for the Library back down to the mandatory amount. It was a hard fought budget but at the end we continued some investment in town which was necessary with regard to the road program and a small investment in our police department and we will see some benefits in the years to come.

Councilmember Hanlon referred to Town Day which was eliminated, at the Library Board it was confirmed the fact that the Library itself is going to have an event either on September 17 or September 24 for the children and the Senior Luncheons are back.

Councilmember DeJoseph agreed that some services were reduced or cut back but he welcomed the Council, every resident, all in the audience donations to continue the services. The Library Board is stepping up.

Councilmember Hanlon said a singing group after reading in the paper that we were eliminating the concerts, said they would step up and do it for nothing. This is a town of volunteers and

everyone on the Council and the townspeople should reach out and let the Council know if they wish to be involved.

CFO Henderson complimented the Mayor and Council stating they worked very hard on the budget. She had copies of surplus analysis for everyone to review. Under the self-examination it is required that she sign the certification of the approved budget stating that it has met all the criteria under the State Statutes and she has signed the document and that is on the agenda tonight.

Mayor Arnowitz thanked CFO Henderson for her time and effort over and above her job description. He has been on this Council for 24 years and we have never come in with a budget this low. It is the efforts of the entire Council and especially the efforts of the Finance Committee and CFO. This is not an easy task and it is not a science. We had to cut because the town does not have the luxury of having extra personnel who could be layed off or furloughed.

As far as donations for some of the programs that we cut, he has already reached out to all of the local banks, to Wendys, and they all want to help us get the concert series and Town Day back on board. This year we can't get it done because of the time frame but certainly next year those programs will be back, without any cost to the residents. Town Day is a \$20,000 bill when you look at the DPW overtime cost. The Environmental Commission ran the Pancake Breakfast without expense to the community; they reached out and got additional donations from the public and set it up themselves. They would rather do it this way because it is more rewarding to them.

With regard to the Library, they were asking for funding over and above the state mandate and a state mandate is a very lucrative payment for them. We are paying off the bond to build that Library which doesn't come out of their funding. The Library Board understood why they couldn't have the additional money. A \$40.00 increase on the local taxes is something this Council can be proud of.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will now move on the resolution certifying the budget review.

Motion by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Frank.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

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Municipal Clerk read the resolution appearing in Section 2 of the Budget document calling for the adoption of the year 2011 Municipal Budget.

Roll Call Vote on the final adoption of the year 2011 Municipal Budget.

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

Nays: None

(SEE COPY OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET AFFIXED HERETO)

DISCUSSION:

2) Waste Management Proposed Permit Modification.

A representative from Waste Management congratulated the Council on the passage of the 2011 Municipal Budget and said it was very impressive. He referred to the request that was put forth to the Council in early April and said he has prepared an eight page, easy to read, Power Point report.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will make it a part of the record if a resident would request a copy.

Waste Management representative said the request was to allow their facility to accept Class A recyclables. The transfer station is not asking for changes in facility hours; no changes to the daily capacity. The facility has been permitted to accept 900 tons per day for quite some time and since then tonnages have fallen and at this point we are averaging 450 tons per day. Under our current permit, the materials that we are allowed to accept are solid waste materials, construction and demolition and dry industrial. The proposed permit modification is a request for Class A recyclables; it is conventional material which you dispose from your house, paper, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, containers, plastic, glass.

The primary concern would be traffic and the primary issue is with trailer traffic. Since they closed the Park Ridge facility 20 trailers have been taken off the road, 10 trailers would pass through Hillsdale on the way into the facility and exiting to the ultimate disposal facilities. We anticipate an additional two to four trailers per day coming in and coming out.

Since 1999 we have made tremendous efforts to make sure they are a good neighbor and hoped that the Council recognized this. They were inspected by NJDEP monthly and if there is ever an issue

brought to our attention, it is resolved the same day.

Councilmember DeJoseph asked when the Park Ridge facility was closed and that does reflect in the current tonnage.

Waste Management representative said there will be no additional tonnage. Park Ridge was closed in October.

Councilmember DeJoseph asked what Waste Management is doing with regard to recycling in general, materials are being recycled more, so they are looking to flip their flow from all garbage to recyclables as a primary source.

Representative said of the Fortune 100 companies everyone is moving to zero landfill. They investing quite a bit to their facility in Elizabeth which is similar to Hillsdale's and will be a full blown recycling facility. Solid waste is disappearing. People are recycling and finding new ways to recycle and throwing out less and buying less because of the recession. Every town indicates waste is falling 15% and it is substantial. It is silly to pass the place and go out of our way one half hour and to and back. The material coming now will be about 20 tons daily immediately, four packup trucks, collection vehicles; they would be dumped inside the building, stay in the building never outside, not baled, not processed, just trans loaded, taken out by trailer at the end of the day and would not be stored overnight.

Councilmember Schiavone thanked them for being a good neighbor and thanked them for modifying the contract recently. She asked if there will be a way for us to work with you to get down our recycling costs.

Representative said it was his understanding that you are actively trying to market your materials now and we are not in the game. We have a facility here and if we were allowed to accept recyclables, whoever you are dealing with is going to be further away, we are in your back yard. All the costs that go into bringing the stuff to a facility and marketing it makes sense it would create an opportunity you wouldn't have.

Councilmember Giancarlo wanted to get a look at what the facility would look like in five years and how you see your industry revolving. He asked the decision that was made to close the Park Ridge facility.

Representative said that facility was permitted for 600 tons per day and initially it was 500 tons a day, six days a week. It was open on Saturdays and in the middle of town so when we were there to talk about the Host Community the Mayor asked if we could plan on not opening on Saturdays. It wasn't sustainable. It is a trend

everywhere and decreased volume and also the success of recycling and everyone is going green. Technologies are revolving. The option of throwing your recyclables in one can from the house, we found that the levels of participation increased by 30%. He doesn't know what it will look like five years from now. The closing of Park Ridge helps Hillsdale.

Regarding complaints of trucks, we haven't had any complaints for a very long time. If there was a complaint, he believed they would call the DPW and the message would be related to us and there would be an internal investigation. Some residents would call directly and we would take care of the problem.

Borough Clerk Sandt said Hillsdale does have a garbage hot line. We advertise on our website.

Councilmember Hanlon was pleased to hear of the decrease in solid waste and the increase in recyclables. She has had some problems at her residence and she has reported it to the hot line and the problem was corrected numerous times. She said the hot line is working quite well.

Councilmember Frank said he, Councilmember DeJoseph, and DPW Superintendent Durie met with Waste Management and the plans were outlined corporate-wise. He believed it makes a lot of sense, adjusting your business to the changes and he is impressed with what Hillsdale is doing and what Waste Management is helping us do. He agreed that they have been a very good neighbor. His concern is the traffic and he asked if the volume to weight between recyclables and regular solid waste was 60%. If your tonnage is the same, your volume is higher on recyclables which equals more trucks. You are operating below the tonnage right now and if you have a 900 ton limit per day permit and all of the sudden you have the capability of handling a lot more material, and he does have concerns about that. We would be opening the door to more trucks and pedestrians on Hillsdale Avenue. You have x number of collection trucks stationed at the Hillsdale location to go out and collect garbage and will be collecting recyclables as well. Could there be an agreement a limit on how many more collection trucks would be ever used to bring material to that facility and what would we do to limit the amount of trucks. There were 31 trailers per day in Park Ridge, and if someone has the opportunity to grow that business up to 900 tons a day on recyclables, someone will want to do it. We may agree as good neighbors but that decision would give Waste Management an open check book and that check could be written by someone other than you. What kind of assurances can you give us in terms of the number of additional trucks that would be used for collection and the trailers that would be used for taking out these recyclables.

Representative said he is absolutely right, we can bring in 900 tons of solid waste. In terms of recyclables, we are asking permission to bring recyclables to the facility primarily with trucks that are already in Hillsdale. They leave in the morning and go back to Hillsdale to park, that is our existing fleet. It makes no sense to go all the way to Passaic to deliver the paper, cardboard and cans and then come back to Hillsdale. We are not asking to put in bailers, we are just asking to take the recyclables that come in from our vehicles and take it to our facility. This is not an ultimate disposal facility, this is an intermediary facility. The materials that are in the market now are already going somewhere else. It is a commodity market, every day it changes. Solid waste prices stay stable, the commodity market is all over the place. We can't look you in the eye and say it will not happen, you are right, but because we are a public facility he did not know if he can limit the facility to five trucks. It is the Certificate of Public Convenience that might prohibit us from disallowing our own trucks to come in. If we were to create an opportunity for the town and you wanted to bring the recyclables to us, and we are restricted to our own trucks, we can't do it. We wouldn't be able to market your recyclables.

Councilmember Frank said the math works that if you are at 450 tons per day now total and 25 trailers, you go to full capacity that is 50 trailers or more. It is hard for him to find fault with what the company is doing and the fact that it is recyclables which are a lot less obnoxious than solid waste, all he cares about is what will happen on the roads. If we give the green light on this he did know how we could get a solid agreement as to limiting the number of trailers that are coming in. The permit may or may not allow others to start bringing in recyclables.

Representative would have to find out about limiting the trucks from the BCUA.

Mayor Arnowitz said we are not going to be approving this tonight. You will have to come back and have the answers that have been generated from this Council. He wanted to give the public an opportunity to speak.

Councilmember Frank said the major concern to him is the amount of traffic, everything else is not a problem, in fact, it is a positive.

Councilmember Weinstein said Waste Management has been a good member of the community, violations don't exist and they have been very responsive and you have also been good business partners. He understands the benefit, Hillsdale benefits a great deal from the tipping compensation we get from hosting the facility, what else can be in it for Hillsdale as you are asking for something that

makes sense for you and for us as well. On one hand you are not in the game of purchasing the recyclables as we send to another facility in Clifton and we get revenue for it, you are not in that part of the business at this point.

Representative said the Recycling of America company may be talking with the borough about opportunities but they wouldn't be here. Here would be the best opportunity.

Councilmember Weinstein sees two possibilities here: if you get this permit and are allowed to bring recyclables to the Hillsdale location, maybe there is a better rate you pay for our recyclables than we are getting elsewhere. As part of our contract, we utilize Waste Management to bring our recyclables to the other facility. At the next negotiation of our contract, we are directing to the Hillsdale facility and there would be a financial benefit to Hillsdale in reduction of the hauling costs. He did not know if those things would be in the discussion and whatever contract negotiations that he sees right behind this request.

Representative said if we would be the successful bidder, we are all subject to local public contract laws.

Councilmember Weinstein said there could be a definite financial benefit directly to Hillsdale. He is also concerned about the fact of increased traffic and you are permitted to bring in 900 tons.

Mayor Arnowitz agreed that the violations and complaints with your company and the previous company are measurably different, they are almost non-existent. Your type of facility does not belong in the center of town near a church, by a school, on a public street. He said trailer trucks leave an aroma that lingers for quite a while; he is extremely concerned about the traffic. The permit that Franco had was for 300 tons and in order for him to sell his facility, it went to 900 tons. The Council voted for it but he did not feel it was warranted to raise the tonnage. This program at present you can't commit to the future but it would add three to five trailers a day leaving and coming to the facility. That amounts to 10 trucks going up and down Hillsdale Avenue a day. At the last Mayors' meeting that he attended, there was a long discussion about reopening Park Ridge three or four months for leaves and if you take the leaves out to Route 80, all those trailers and packers coming in will go through Hillsdale.

He was not on Council when they signed the present Host Community contract. We receive no money, we receive free tipping and the tipping is predicated on the amount of garbage you pick up. Hillsdale recycled back then about 40% of the total garbage waste, we are recycling about 60% now. We had a 50% decrease in the amount of garbage going out so the cost of tipping went down, the

cost of dumping the garbage stayed flat. We should still have been receiving some sort of dollar compensation for the number of tons that came in and out of that facility, if this has to fly, you have to go back to your company and see what kind of increase we can get in the Host Community Agreement to make up the increased use of the facility and the loss of cost to you because we are doing a great job of recycling and he is hoping that Hillsdale can increase their recycling to 70% or 80%.

A facility like this belongs on Route 17, Route 80, and doesn't belong in the center of town and the compensation doesn't warrant the traffic that goes up and down our streets. We don't pay to pave Hillsdale Avenue but we do pave Patterson Street and there is a lot of wear and tear. He did not believe the Host Community equals the inconvenience of having a facility like that in town. He invited Waste Management to come back to the Council to answer questions and concerns of the Council and then we will vote on it.

Councilmember Frank asked what kind of assurances can we get realizing that things change over time; he would like it to happen because of the benefits that Hillsdale could get but the traffic issue is paramount to him. That is his only obstacle. The level of truck and trailer traffic we have now is not oppressive compared to what it used to be and any increase of that is a matter of degree.

Mayor Arnowitz said he wanted the public to be present when Waste Management comes before the Council again and when he contacts the Borough Clerk notifying him when they will attend the Council meeting, the Clerk would need at least two weeks to post it on the downtown board, put it on the website so that the residents would be aware of the meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Cell Tower Downtown.

Mayor Arnowitz said Metro PCS and AT&T are not attending our meeting this evening.

Councilmember DeJoseph said he spoke with Metro PCS and they are getting paper work together for us and hopefully we should have it by the end of the week.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will have this on the Agenda for the next meeting and we can make a decision. Before we discuss whether we approve the tower he wants to make certain we get the answers to the questions raised by Councilmember Frank.

Attorney Paul spoke with AT&T and they presented a sample of what a

Site Conformity Assessment Report looks like. This is an example of what it looks when an analysis is done to make sure that a site will be within the allowable limits according to law. Perhaps the Engineer will have a better analysis of how similar this is to ours; this has an analysis of existing towers that were there at the time and an analysis of what additional and cumulative there would be. This is a sample of what it would look like; he doesn't anticipate that they would send a representative to discuss this report. Borough Clerk Sandt sent a copy to Councilmembers.

2) Senior Van

Mayor Arnowitz said we made an offer and he understood that the offer was rejected by Old Tappan.

Councilmember Frank spoke with the Borough Administrator who told us the offer of \$4000 was immediately rejected by the Council as being too low. He spoke with a Councilmember of Old Tappan to find out what they were interested in doing and his indication was that they would be interested in a lease/purchase where we would continue to pay the monthly rate we are paying now and after signing an agreement, in a period of time somewhere between 12 and 15 months, we would own the van, they would give the title to us. Councilmember Frank said he would have to get an agreement from our Council and once we did, he would have to get his Council to agree with it. He thought we should make an offer.

Mayor Arnowitz said 15 months would be \$10,125 which is a lot higher than their last offer to us.

Councilmember DeJoseph said they have gotten paid numerous months rental for this van already.

Councilmember Hanlon said Old Tappan only has two regular users of the van so they will use a car or a limo.

Mayor Arnowitz said they want more for the van and he did not believe we should offer 15 months; we should offer the verbal offer suggestion, raise it to \$6000 or \$8000. We budgeted for the money and we could pay for it up front and we could offer \$8000 up front. He suggested that Councilmember Frank go back to Old Tappan with the offer.

Councilmember DeJoseph wanted a clarification of what the offer is going to be and when is it going to be paid out.

Mayor Arnowitz said 12 months at \$675 from whenever it is accepted.

Councilmember DeJoseph suggested \$675 for 2011 which is \$8100

payment in full.

Mayor Arnowitz said Councilmember Frank knows what the Council is looking for and see what he can do.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Al Metz, 105 Baylor Avenue -

He said Boy Scout Troop 109 is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Memorial Day, May 30 from 7:30 to 10:30 AM. It will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 326 Hillside Avenue. We think it is important for the Scouts to understand the importance of that day and to have this event on this day. He said the Borough Clerk suggested he make this request to the Borough Council and discuss it at the Council meeting. It is the first year for the event and wanted to make sure that as many people as possible know about it. We are going about selling tickets, \$5/person and children 5 and under free. He was hoping they could sell some tickets in the early evening at the end of the commute near the train station and the weekend a day or two before Memorial Day in Veterans Park. If this is permissible they would like the opportunity to get the word out a bit more and sell more tickets. The proceeds of the event would go to American Legion Post 162. He would like a table available at the train station on two week days from 4:30 to 7:00 PM and Veterans Park. An adult will be supervising the Scouts.

Mayor Arnowitz said he did not have a problem with this as numerous organizations do this. He recommended that the Scouts not be allowed to go into the street as the Police have specific anti-soliciting in the street. Banners on the building are not something we want but an easel could be erected with poster boards with your information. He thought this a great idea; the Council was in agreement.

Mr. Metz (Contd).

They do have 8-1/2 x 11 flyers they are hoping to post and he planned to place them in the stores.

Mayor Arnowitz told him to contact Borough Clerk Sandt so that he could put the information on the sign downtown.

Alfred J. Murphy, Jr., 5 Cherry Place -

With regard to Waste Management, it is critical that the word gets out to the public that they plan to make a presentation. There could be something they could do to ameliorate the smell, make the trucks water tight because they drip.

He referred to Resolution 11089, Supporting Click It or Ticket Mobilization and said a separate resolution regarding people using cell phones while driving could be adopted.

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

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Borough Clerk to read Resolution 11049, Tax Appeal, United Water because the time is winding down and we have to approve this or be in violation.

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

11085 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11086 In Support of a Water Management Plan for the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11087 Authorizing Settlement of a Tax Appeal at 441 Hillside Avenue, Block 1105, Lot 4, was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11088 Releasing Solicitor Deposits to General Fund was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11089 Supporting Click It or Ticket Mobilization was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11090 Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate, Block 1119, Lot 13 (Amending) was introduced by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11049 Tax Appeal United Water was introduced by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Councilmember DeJoseph requested 11049 be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

Roll Call Vote on all Resolutions with the exception of 11049:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon,
Schiaivone and Weinstein

Nays: None

Resolution 11049. Mayor Arnowitz said there is a time frame in which to approve this. This was a negotiated settlement with our Attorney; Councilmember Frank is still working on getting information but he did not want to be in violation. That is why he is asking that this be approved; he agrees it is a lot of money; we need to do a Reval.

Councilmember Frank said he received a copy of our Attorney's letter that was sent back to the Tax Assessor; it was a copy of United Water Attorney's letter to our Tax Attorney explaining the rationale behind the appeal and what occurred in neighboring towns around various water properties. There is some reasonable logic how that settlement went, but he still has questions he will continue to pursue. For a sense of legal issues, we have to move forward.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 11049:

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

Nays: Councilmember DeJoseph

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LAST GO ROUND

Councilmember Weinstein said we have a date set up for the next meeting of the group pertaining to the Pascack Valley Regional High School issue. That meeting will take place next Thursday; joining us will be River Vale, the law firm and the experts that have been identified to help us assemble a package.

Councilmember Frank said he and Councilmember DeJoseph attended the Bergen County Community Development meeting that was held in Emerson and there were two areas of grants that we discussed. The first was the senior grant and fortunately we got 100% of our grant request and this is for 2012. Our grant will be \$4950.

Mayor Arnowitz said he received a call from Bob Gallione who is the Chairman asking if he would willing to renegotiate the amount down so that Washington Township and Montvale who were not in attendance at the meeting received about half of Hillsdale's amount. They want more. The Mayor did not desire to reduce the amount so he said no.

Councilmember Frank said the total request was whittled down by the State and the County gives it back to the committee who carves it up. He wanted to mention what Councilmember DeJoseph did with

regard to the ADA Grant which covers both the Fire Department and the borough hall and the changes to the doors; that was going to be cut and with Councilmember DeJoseph's intervention to the group, one of the other towns ended up losing most of their funding because they were going for an historic fund grant and we were able to get 100% of the \$43,000.

Councilmember DeJoseph said there is no match for the borough other than the design and engineering costs. This is to replace the doors in town hall and make them ADA compliant.

Councilmember Frank said we have a program going on between the high school and the American Legion and that is taping interviews with WWII Vets. We have done three so far and our plan is to loop them on Channel 77 and the other VIOS Channel so people can constantly hear the stories. There is a tremendous amount of history there.

He participated in the clean-up with the Mayor in the park section; he thanked the Boy Scouts and thanked Chicken Delight for some delicious pizzas donated to the Scouts after the clean-up.

He thanked Demarest Farms for the use of the trailer for a float to be used for the Memorial Day Parade for the vets who cannot walk.

Councilmember Hanlon said the Parade will be held on Monday, May 30; all the participants have been notified there will be a 10AM lineup. It is the same route as last year; we walk on Magnolia Avenue to Knickerbocker and turn west to Broadway. The ceremony will continue at about 11:30. Before the lineup at 9AM there will be services by the Fire Department at the Park; 9:15 back to the Police Station and at 9:30 across the street for the Ambulance Corps. The programs are going to the printer shortly; the winning posters will be on display at the grand stand. The DPW will be putting up banners on the grand stand. She had a meeting on Monday morning with the Police, DPW, American Legion and we are on target.

Senior luncheon is a week from tomorrow at St. Johns. Tony the bread man will be there. We have a gentleman in town that brings bread to our luncheon and it is absolutely delicious.

The Library Board will have a float in the Parade but it is one they will pull. It is the 75th anniversary of the Library; there will be a book sale this Saturday and Sunday at the Library and on Sunday, a special \$5/bag and there are some great books. This summer they will have the film festival again; one Monday in June and the other three in July at 7:00 PM.

Councilmember Giancarlo said Memorial Day in Hillsdale is the most

special of Hillsdale events. With regard to the trucks and the transfer station, he approved of the discussion tonight. They are asking for permission to do something and they see the facility in the center of our town as a vital transfer station taking care of 900 tons, or they are not a vital transfer station. By allowing them to do it, we are giving them the tools to be that and we have to take that into consideration if we were to grant that type of permission. These things need to be considered and told plainly and this town is not friendly to bikers and runners and walkers. It is dangerous to walk the streets and the trucks shake the ground as they go by. They should have a fair hearing and the public should have the opportunity to express their opinions.

He said we do have a very good budget; some of the cuts we made were to the was senior luncheon which is taken care of through donations, one was the Pancake Breakfast and people came forward and covered it. Various sports associations were asked to contribute money for the lights and they came through and are paying 25% of the electric. Friends of the Library are making a donation, the Library Board is considering a reading in the Park. There is a band that is considering playing in the Park, the Mayor has approached local businesses in town. He is very appreciative of everyone's assistance.

Councilmember Schiavone said the Planning Board sent a letter stating that at the February 22nd meeting they discussed the Sign Ordinance. She has to wait for clarification.

Mayor Arnowitz asked Councilmember Giancarlo to be prepared at the next meeting to discuss the Planning Board's concerns.

Councilmember Schiavone said the Borough Clerk is working on the presentation that we will be giving to the Robotics Team at the next meeting.

Councilmember DeJoseph thanked everyone for the great job on the budget. The Green Team is considering a Green Fair in September so that could be combined with the Library plans.

This past week we met with the local towns about the stream flooding and are looking to do a bulk permit for desnagging and desilting the stream. This Friday we will walk the Pascack Brook from Woodcliff Lake to Harrington Park and everyone is welcome to join us.

The price of fuel is almost \$4/gallon and he asked for all non-essential use of vehicles to be either eliminated or curtailed, especially idling.

Mayor Arnowitz talked to the Police Liaison, Fire, DPW and the

staff about this. It is very important; all unnecessary idling should be eliminated and curtail borough use, combine trips. A letter will be drafted by the Borough Clerk and distributed in this regard.

Councilmember DeJoseph said when the Council signs vouchers that this be done before or after a meeting so that the vouchers can be looked at more in depth, check invoices. We do not want an emergency appropriation at the end of the year due to gas increases.

Mayor Arnowitz said on Saturday, he, Councilmembers Hanlon, Frank, DeJoseph, Troop 109 met behind the Post Office in the borough-owned property and cleaned about 2/3 of the area. We took about a ton of garbage out of there. The garbage that we found was not storm runoff, we found a tremendous amount of metal pipes and metal pieces, bottles. He again thanked Chicken Delight who donated pizzas, they do a lot for the town. He will name the Scouts who were there. Tom Wiseman, the Scout Leader. was cleaning with his kids; he thanked the Mayor for giving him the opportunity to clean up the dirt. The kids, Tom Wiseman, Leader, Tony Foster, Scouts James Breen, Patrick Breen, Hugh Cassidy, Sam Cassidy, Anthony Conte, Degan Clark, Paul Giovanni, Lasio Horvath, Zoltan Horvath, Sean Mendel, Dylan Reilly, Ryan Simpson and Ryan Visconti, three Council persons all pulled the garbage out of there. He sent a picture and an article to the Community Life and Pascack Press asking them to print this very important project. The money for this will come from Clean Community Grant.

On Thursday, the Sheriff and Prisoners are coming down to do more cleaning. The Scouts will come back in two weeks if it is not completed. We will get the town cleaned up with the Green Team and Environmental Commission and we will do this on a regular basis to keep our borough properties clean.

At the meeting with the water company, we talked about erosion and we are looking at potential areas that will be rip rapped. It will be done stream-wide from Park Ridge all the way to Oradell.

He is still working with the county on the bridge that impedes the water; there is a culvert under Hillsdale Avenue at Oak Street that he is trying to get repaired and the County will do this repair job.

He is under the impression that when the sidewalk ordinance was adopted it allows for outdoor dining. Part of that ordinance indicated that stores that had tables outside had to maintain the garbage outside. On Saturday night outside of Ronnie's Bagels and Starbucks there was overflowing garbage into the street and sidewalk. If it is not part of the ordinance we have to make it

part of the ordinance. This is not acceptable and if it continues he will suggest we eliminate sidewalk dining. It has to be done; the barrels we will get from the Green Team will help but not solve the problem.

He wants the Council to start discussing the Administrator's position and how we are going to fill that position. We can discuss this beginning in July and by September or October we will be filling the position in some capacity. Everything is going well due to efforts of Bob Sandt who is working very diligently to get the job done; whether this is a part-time person or a shared person with someone we have. It could possibly be a Clerk/Administrator position.

He will be meeting with Chris Statile and Public Service regarding the solar panels and the suggestion to put them at Centennial Field. With regard to Waste Management, they don't belong in our town; they do provide us with funds but they do not offset the truck traffic, noise, smells and everything else that goes with having them in our community.

There is a new program from Trenton called New Jersey Housing and Finance Agency and if anyone has a problem paying their mortgage or going through foreclosure, they can reach out to them as they have money to help people. Their number is 855-NJ-Keep1; website of www.njhomekeeper.gov. Give them a call if you have a problem.

Mayor Arnowitz said he has been selling poppies this year and he was amazed at the number of children of seniors who are homebound, talking about their parents experiences during WWII that don't want to talk about it. Those histories are going to be lost and it is fascinating. It is a marvelous program and he commended the American Legion on getting this moving.

Councilmember Hanlon said she has had a wonderful opportunity for the past 10 years working with a senior in our lunches, assistant at the van, Tuesday hot lunch, etc. Mary Gerossi passed away and unfortunately we don't have a replacement. She asked the public if anyone would have the ability to assist us.

ADJOURNMENT

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

5-10-11

Robert P. Sandt, RMC

Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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