

Council

Meeting

October 12, 2010

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on
Tuesday, October 12, 2010, in the Council
Chamber, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

Borough Clerk Sandt stated, "This is a Meeting of the Hillsdale Borough Council on this 12th day of October 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.

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ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein, the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 5, 2010, and Closed Minutes of October 5, 2010, were approved as presented.

APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Arnowitz presented the name of Barbara Braun as a Library Board of Trustee for the unexpired term ending December 13, 2013.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. MICHAEL DOBLIN, 96 OAKTRAIL ROAD, REQUESTING RELIEF FROM STORM RUNOFF.

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

Councilmember Giancarlo will follow up on this request with DPW Superintendent Durie and the berm will also inspected.

DISCUSSION:

- 1) Green Acres Program/Vaccaro Property.

Mayor Arnowitz said this is the property in the Park Section that we have discussed before. The Borough Administrator received correspondence from the State and an elected official and asked if this could be discussed again. He asked if there was any consideration on part of the Council to change their position.

Councilmember Hanlon was in favor of continuing with the Council's last decision.

Councilmember Frank said the property is not adjacent to any parkland and there is no benefit to the town to acquire the property.

Councilmember Weinstein was in agreement.

Councilmember Giancarlo agreed with Councilmembers Hanlon, Frank and Weinstein.

Mayor Arnowitz said there is no need for a vote so we will move on.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Michael Brinzey, 33 Highland Avenue -

He reviewed the Community Development contract and it verifies his discussion last meeting on senior citizen activities. We have the opportunity to charge Community Development for busing and they acknowledge seasonal luncheons for seniors which means we had a

spring and fall luncheon that could be charged to the fund. We haven't done this in the past. He asked why the county is restricting the seniors on the busing. Seniors have four trips a year and we have not expended the total amount of the fund.

Councilmember Hanlon said from July 1st through June 30th, \$2429 was used for trips for seniors. They cancelled one trip which would have consumed the \$3000. The rest of the money, \$4900, that we received went into the senior account where it is then used to cover lunches, bus. It is in there and it is being used.

Mayor Arnowitz said the seniors do not want to fill out forms for the bus trips so we should use borough money. He suggested that we could use the \$7000+ a year that we are paying for the community bus that we share with Old Tappan to cover the entire grant and take trips, etc., out of borough money. He is strongly hesitant to do this is because so few seniors take advantage of the trips. There are 300 people in town and we have a bus trip with about 30 seniors and if the trip is being paid for by a county or state grant, it is a different situation.

Councilmember Frank said anytime there is a trip, forms have been filled out and all we have to do is get information from new people who are joining the group. We are using the funds for luncheons, trips and other things. He did not believe there are any open issues.

Mayor Arnowitz said we are handling this in the proper way and there is nothing more we can do. We are moving forward and we do not want to upset the trips.

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

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz removed Resolution 10131 Award Bid for Wireless Monopole at Wierimus Road. There was a question what went out with the bids and we still have not received a definitive answer if a "tree" is allowed.

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

10132 Tax Appeal Settlement Stipulation, Block 1402, Lot 21, was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

10133 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

10134 Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #09-00004 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

10135 Endorsing Community Development Funds for Senior Citizen Activities - 7/1/11 to 6/30/12 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

10136 Award State Contract Purchase, Ford F450 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

10137 Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation for Body Armor Grant was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

10138 Authorizing Borough Administrator to Search for Revaluation Firm was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

10139 Authorize Electric Provider for Borough Facilities was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Weinstein

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmembers DeJoseph and Schiavone

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS AFFIXED HERETO)

AMENDMENT

Mayor Arnowitz said we will Amend Resolution 10091 Supporting Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program.

Borough Clerk Sandt said it was brought to his attention by Councilmember Giancarlo that at least two items were omitted from the Resolution and it is required by the State. It is not a substantial change. He amended to original Resolution, the vote was left the same because it was done July 13, 2010.

LAST GO ROUND

Administrator Polce said at the next meeting he will report on the findings of the Borough Auditor as it pertains to where the

governing body is with the 2% tax levy. He has received positive feedback thus far but is still awaiting more information before he brings this to the governing body.

We are going ahead with interviewing candidates for Municipal Court. We will have coverage when the Court Administrator, Maureen Atkinson, leaves on the 1st of November. We have began the process of e-ticketing and it is something we need to be comfortable with up front and ongoing cost.

Borough Attorney Paul will look into the issue of whether the "tree" design on the Parkway might be a viable option.

Mayor Arnowitz understood that the "tree" design was a much more expensive proposition but we never received a definitive answer.

Councilmember Frank said there is a summer leadership and citizenship program sponsored by the American Legion. It is for students between their Junior and Senior year and is a week long program during the summer where the students go to Rider University and form a mock government. They create legislation and they pass it. The American Legion sponsors and pays all fees and it is an excellent way for young people to learn about government and how it functions. February is the time frame for applications and advised anyone who is a Junior in high school who is interested in applying should contact the American Legion in town. The requirement is that they are a resident of Hillsdale and can go to any high school and the application requires a composition. The website is [www.americanlegionpost 162.org](http://www.americanlegionpost162.org).

Councilmember Hanlon reminded the residents of the second flu clinic on October 19 at the Methodist Church at 6:30 in the evening. October 19 is also the date for the senior luncheon.

Councilmember Weinstein thanked the Chamber of Commerce for setting up and sponsoring the Crafts in the Park Day. It is nice to have such an event in town.

The Ragamuffin Parade will be held October 29; children gather at the ambulance building and ends at George White School. The time will be indicated on the board.

Mayor Arnowitz said Halloween is a dangerous time of the year with the weather, children out in costumes. He asked everyone to drive carefully.

Councilmember Hanlon said on Saturday we had Artistic Creations in the Park and in the morning at 11AM by the train station, the Historic Preservation Commission had a presentation. It was very informative and flyers are available for a walking tour.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

10-12-10

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
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