

Township of Hillside  
CAUCUS MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
MINUTES

September 9, 2025 @ 6:33pm \*Agenda subject to change\*

The Caucus Meeting of the Township of Hillside Township Council was held on September 9, 2025 in the Municipal Building, 1409 Liberty Avenue Hillside, New Jersey 07205 at 6:30pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Craig Epps, Council President called the meeting to order.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Craig Epps, Council President, led the flag salute.

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk read the following statement: This Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger on January 3, 2025. In addition, copies of notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, posted on the Town Hall doors, and field in the Office of the Township Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice having been given; the Township Clerk is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk, read the roll call.

**PRESENT**

Council Member Lisa Bonanno, Council Member Craig Epps, Council Member David Feuerstein, Council Member Garretson, Council Member Daryl Joyner, and Council Member Robert Rios

**ALSO PRESENT**

Hope Smith, B.A; Glynn Jones, CFO; Gracia Montilus, Township Attorney(Entered @ 6:34); Brook L. Nieves, Deputy Clerk and Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk

**EXCUSED**

Council Member Andrea Hyatt

**ABSENT**

Matthew Cove-Officer in Charge, Rashawn Carey-Fire Chief, Alfuquan Hardy-Recreation, & Anthony Russomanno-DPW Director

**MINUTES: (July 23, 2025 & September 2, 2025)**

Motioned by Council Vice President Rios; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS: May 13, 2025, June 11, 2025, June 25, 2025, & August 4, 2025**

Motioned to Table by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**ORDINANCES - First Reading & Introduction >> O-25-15****AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OUTDOOR LIGHTING TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE**

Motion by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Joyner  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**RESOLUTIONS****R-25-170 Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of a Broom Street Sweeper with Belt Conveyor to W.E. Timmerman CO. INC., (3554 Route 22 West, Whitehouse, NJ 08888)**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillside (“Township”) desires to award a contract for the purchase of a broom sweeper with belt conveyor pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2025, W.E. Timmerman Co. Inc., (3554 Route 22 West, Whitehouse, NJ 08888) was the lowest responsive bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has evaluated the submission and has determined that the price proposed is reasonable and in accordance with industry practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township desires to award the contract to W.E. Timmerman Co. Inc., for the purchase of a broom sweeper with belt conveyor pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:**

1. W.E. Timmerman Co. Inc., (3554 Route 22 West, Whitehouse, NJ 08888), is hereby awarded a contract of \$345,914.00 for the purchase of a broom sweeper with belt conveyor.
2. Upon approval of this resolution, a contract shall be executed by the Mayor and W.E. Timmerman Co. Inc., for said services, subject to approval ss to form and legality by the Township Attorney.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to Un-Table by Council Member Garretson; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios

All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

Motion to Adopt by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein

All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-185 Auth. Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation for Total Sum of \$1,594,206.74**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen wherein the appropriation set forth in the calendar year of 2025 temporary budget are insufficient to meet the financial obligation as set forth below and the payroll for municipal officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the permanent budget for the calendar year 2025 has not yet been adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary resolution adopted for the calendar year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 is \$1,582,209.00 within the Appropriations “CAPS” and \$11,997.74 excluded from the “CAPS” for the Current Fund and, for a Grand Total of \$1,594,206.74; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township of Hillside, by (not less than two-thirds (2/3) of all members of thereof affirmatively concurring), that, in accordance with the aforementioned statute, the CFY 2025 temporary budget be and the same is hereby amended to provide for an additional emergency temporary appropriation in the total amount of \$1,594,206.74 and distributed as follows:

<b>Appropriations Within "CAPS"</b>		
<b>Department</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Administration and Executive	SW	\$9,000.00
Administration and Executive	OE	\$
Economic Development	SW	\$4,750.00
Economic Development	OE	\$
Record Retention	OE	\$
Repair and Maintenance Contracts	OE	\$
Township Clerk's Office	SW	\$9,500.00
Township Clerk's Office	OE	\$
Advertising	OE	\$
Election	OE	\$
Township Council	SW	\$7,209.00
Township Council	OE	\$
Financial Administration	SW	\$19,000.00
Financial Administration	OE	\$
Annual Audit	OE	\$
Assessment of Taxes	SW	\$3,250.00
Assessment of Taxes	OE	\$
Computer Services	OE	\$
Collection of Taxes	SW	\$5,500.00
Collection of Taxes	OE	\$
Legal Service	SW	\$5,500.00
Legal Service	OE	\$

Municipal Prosecutor	SW	\$
Municipal Prosecutor	OE	\$
Engineering Service	SW	\$
Engineering Service	OE	\$
Alcohol Beverage Control Board	OE	\$
Buildings and Grounds	SW	\$
Buildings and Grounds	OE	\$
Planning Board	SW	\$
Planning Board	OE	\$
Zoning Cost	SW	\$
Zoning Cost	OE	\$
Postage	OE	\$
Unemployment Compensation	OE	\$
Workman's Compensation	OE	
Group Insurance Plan for Employee	OE	\$750,000.00
Insurance Other	OE	\$
NJSTD	OE	\$
Fire	SW	\$290,000.00
Fire	OE	\$
Fire Ambulance Service	OE	\$
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L 1983)	SW	\$
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L 1983)	OE	\$
Police	SW	\$350,000.00
Police	OE	\$
Traffic Lights	OE	\$
School Crossing Guards	SW	\$
Garage Service & Repair	SW	\$3,500.00
Garage Service & Repair	OE	\$
Office of Emergency Management	SW	\$

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Roads Repairs and Maintenance	SW	\$70,000.00
Roads Repairs and Maintenance	OE	\$
Garbage and Trash Collection	OE	\$
Sewer System	OE	\$
Sewer Pumping Station	OE	\$
Board of Health	SW	\$6,700.00
Board of Health	OE	\$
Dog License Regulation	OE	\$
Community Recreation Committee	SW	\$9,000.00
Community Recreation Committee	OE	\$
Senior Citizens Program	SW	\$8,500.00
Senior Citizens Program	OE	\$.00
Celebration of Public Events- Mayor	OE	\$
Celebration of Public Events - Municipal Council	OE	\$
Municipal Court	SW	\$10,800.00
Municipal Court	OE	\$
Public Defender	OE	\$
TV	OE	\$0
Uniform Construction Code Official	SW	\$20,000.00
Uniform Construction Code Official	OE	\$
Utilities	OE	\$
Street Lighting	OE	\$
Fire Hydrant	OE	\$
Group Insurance Waiver	OE	\$
Salary Adjustment Account	SW	\$
Accumulated Leave	OE	\$
Temporary and Summer Employees	SW	\$
Contingent	OE	\$

PERS	OE	\$
PFRS	OE	\$
Social Security (FICA)	OE	\$
Consolidated PD/FD	OE	\$
DCRP	OE	\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,582,209.00</b>

**Appropriations Excluded from “CAPS”**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Maintenance of Free Public Library	OE	\$
Joint Truck Sewer	OE	\$
Reserve for Tax Appeals	OE	\$
Union County Fire & EMS Dispatch Services	OE	\$
Matching Funds for Grants	OE	\$
Union County Health Officer	OE	\$
Capital Improvement Fund	OE	\$
Interest on Notes	OE	\$
Payment of Bond Principal	OE	\$
Interest on Bonds	OE	\$
NJIB Principal	OE	\$11,997.74
NJIB Interest	OE	\$
NJDCA Demolition Loan	OE	\$
UCIA Principal	OE	\$
UCIA Interest	OE	\$
Prior Year Bill Jen Electric	OE	\$
<b>Total Temporary Appropriation Excluded From the “CAPS”</b>		<b>\$11,997.74</b>

**Swimming Pool**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Swimming Pool S & W	SW	\$0
Swimming Pool O & E	OE	\$0
Swimming Pool Debt Services - Notes	OE	\$0
Swimming Pool Debt Service Interest	OE	\$0
<b>Total Swimming Pool</b>		<b>\$0</b>

Motion by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios  
 All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-186 Auth. an Event Application for an Open House by the Hillside Fire Department**

**WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rashawn Carey** has submitted an Event Application for an open house being held on September 27, 2025 (rain date: September 28, 2025), from 11:00 a.m. ending at 2:00 p.m. at 395 Hollywood Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey between Stone Street and Conant Street; and

**WHEREAS,** said application has been presented to the Police, Fire, Building, Recreation, and Health Departments for findings and recommendations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Clerk has reported that the requisite fee has been paid; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey that the **Hillside Fire Department** be issued an Event / Street Closure License in accordance with the Event Application provided the non-refundable application fee.

Motion by Council Vice President Rios; Seconded by Council Member Garretson  
 All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-187 Auth. a Grant Application to the Statewide Insurance Fund for the 2025 Risk Control Grant**

**WHEREAS,** the Statewide Insurance Fund (“SIF”) Executive Committee is continuing the risk control grant program for fund members in good standing; and

**WHEREAS,** SIF grants are intended to provide an extra-budgetary resource for funding purchases designed to reduce the frequency or severity of employee's injuries/illnesses and or property and liability losses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Hillside hopes to apply for this grant for bullet proof vest for the Hillside Police Department.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NJ THAT:**

1. A grant application to the Statewide Insurance Fund for the Risk Control Grant is hereby authorized.
2. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with the application documents.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Vice President Rios; Seconded by Council Member Joyner,  
 All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-188 Auth. the Acceptance of a Grant Award from Statewide Insurance Fund for the 2025 Risk Control Grant in the Amount of \$8,885.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide Insurance Fund (“SIF”) Executive Committee is continuing the risk control grant program for fund members in good standing; and

**WHEREAS**, SIF grants are intended to provide an extra-budgetary resource for funding purchases designed to reduce the frequency or severity of employee's injuries/illness and or property and liability losses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillside received a grant award in the amount of \$8,885.00 under the 2025 Risk Control Grant. This award does not require matching funds on the part of the Township of Hillside; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillside desires to accept funds under this grant for bullet proof vest for the Hillside Police Department.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NJ THAT:**

1. Acceptance of the Statewide Insurance Fund 2025 Risk Control grant in the amount of \$8,885.00 is hereby authorized.
2. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Township Clerk are authorized to execute all documents and agreements required to accept the award of funds.
3. A copy of this Resolution shall be placed in the file with the application documents.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-189 Auth. an Emergency Budget Appropriation for Grant Award from Statewide Insurance Fund for the 2025 Risk Control Grant in the Amount of \$8,885.00**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (“Local Budget Act”) permits emergency appropriations to provide for the period between the end of a Temporary budget and the adoption of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillside received a grant award in the amount of \$8,885.00 under the Statewide Insurance Fund for the 2025 Risk Control Grant. This award does not require matching funds on the part of the Township of Hillside.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE NEW JERSEY THAT:**

1. An emergency appropriation in the amount of \$8,885.00 was awarded under the Statewide Insurance Fund for the 2025 Risk Control Grant Program, which is hereby appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
2. Approval is conditioned upon an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Councilmembers.
3. Any costs associated with this grant shall be payable under the grant as appropriated to the CFY 2025 budget.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council Member Joyner  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-190 Resolution Approving The Notice In Lieu Of Deed Notice For Portions Of Bloy Street And Adjacent Right-Of-Way, Spanning Portions Of Block 509, Lot 34 And Block 509, Lot 35 (NJDEP PI G000044084), Township Of Hillside, Union County; Acknowledging The Use Restrictions On The Property And The Obligations Imposed On The Township Of Hillside Detailed Therein; And Authorizing Execution Of The Notice In Lieu Of Deed Notice, The Soil Remedial Action Permit Application, And Related Documents For The Property**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hillside is the Owner of certain real property designated as Bloy Street and adjacent right-of-way, spanning portions of Block 509, Lots 34

& 35, Township of Hillside, Union County ("Property") (as shown in Attachment A); and

**WHEREAS**, hazardous substances discharged at the real property located at 532 Bloy St, Hillside, Union County ("Site"), which DEP has designated as Site Remediation Program Interest No. PI Number# G000044084, have been identified at the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, NELI Enterprises LLC is the Person Responsible for Conducting the Remediation ("PRCR") of the Site and the PRCR's Licensed Site Remediation Professional, William Schmitt, LSRP #574151 has approved a remedial action for the Site that will result in soil contamination remaining on the Property in concentrations that do not allow for the unrestricted use of the Property and which requires the use of engineering and/or institutional controls defined by the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites, N.J.A.C. 7:26C-1.3, and the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation, N.J.A.C. 7:26E-1.8; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:26C-7.2(b)(2), the PRCR has prepared the attached Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice which documents the required engineering and institutional controls; and

**WHEREAS**, a Soil Remedial Action Permit ("RAP") issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is required to memorialize the operation, maintenance, and monitoring required by the PRCR/Owner for the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and engineering controls; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the Township of Hillside to agree to the use restriction(s) and maintenance and monitoring requirements on the Property and to execute the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and related documents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, Union County in the State of New Jersey, that:

1. The proper officials of the Township of Hillside are hereby authorized to execute a Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice, the Soil RAP Application, and all related documents required now and in the future for the Property and by attaching a copy of this Resolution to the document; and
2. The use restrictions on the Property detailed in the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and Soil RAP will be honored; and
3. Any operation, maintenance, and monitoring tasks assigned to the Owner in the Notice in Lieu of Deed Notice and/or Soil RAP will be performed in accordance with the Soil RAP and applicable statutes and requirements.

Motion by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

#### **R-25-191 Awarding Contract for Payroll Administrative Services to Primepoint**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for Payroll Administrative Services for the Township of Hillside (the "Township"), and

**WHEREAS**, qualification statements have been solicited via a Fair and Open Process through the annual issuance of a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for certain professional services, in accordance with the "New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law", N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, PrimePoint LLC had been deemed qualified pursuant to the Township's Fair and Open process in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.*, and was awarded a contract commencing on or about October 1, 2022 and terminating on September 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, PrimePoint LLC has continued to provide professional services to the Township and the Township has benefitted from PrimePoint LLC's services following the termination date of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to extend the contract of PrimePoint LLC for two additional years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, NJ THAT:**

1. The contract of PrimePoint, 2 Springside Rd., Westampton, NJ 08060 be extended for two (2) additional years effective October 1, 2024, ending September 30, 2026 pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(dd)* in that the services involve the use of proprietary computer hardware and software.
2. This contract is awarded in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq.*, subject to the execution of an appropriate Certification of Availability of Funds with respect thereto.
3. The Township Attorney is hereby directed to prepare and furnish to the entity named in Section 1, an extension Contract in accordance with the RFP and this Resolution.
4. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said Contract.

Motion by Council Member Joyer; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-192 Support of Proposed Stated of New Jersey Legislation (S3545/A4696) "Climate Superfund Act"**

**WHEREAS**, the proposed "NJ Climate Superfund Act" (S3545 / A4696), pending before the New Jersey Legislature would impose liability on large fossil fuel companies for certain climate change related damages they caused instead of imposing all those costs on New Jersey taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has experienced deaths and billions of dollars in losses from storms linked to climate change. Hurricane Sandy costs are estimated to be over \$29 billion, along with 38 deaths, while Hurricane Ida caused about \$2 billion in costs and 30 deaths. From 1980–2024 (as of November 1, 2024), there have been 74 confirmed weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each to affect New Jersey. These costs do not include many others associated with climate change listed below; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of climate change on New Jersey municipalities include but are not limited to increases in the costs of property insurance, flooding (including clean ups, property buyouts and prevention), public health care costs (costs from injuries, heat, dealing with vector borne diseases and insurance), repair to critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, sewer systems and wastewater management, installing/maintaining air conditioning in schools, costs of dealing with forest fires and resulting property damages, increased costs of water purification from droughts or floods, seawall and other protections against ocean flooding, raising roads to prevent sunny-day flooding, potential lawsuits from residents, loss of tax revenue from destroyed properties, salt water invasion of aquifers, algal blooms, loss of recreation/tourism revenue, dealing with insect and other infestations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Superfund Act seeks to hold "responsible parties," which is defined as large fossil fuel companies operating in New Jersey and were responsible more than one billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions since 1994, liable for the past, current and future costs of funding climate change adaptation and resilience projects instead of placing the burden on New Jersey taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Treasurer will be authorized under this Act to determine the cost impacts of these

greenhouse gas emissions on the State, including effects on public health, natural resources, biodiversity, agriculture, economic development, flood preparedness and safety, housing, and any other effect that the State Treasurer determines is relevant; and

**WHEREAS**, a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program will be established under this Act by the NJDEP to obtain compensatory payments from Responsible Parties and accept and collect payment from responsible parties and to disburse those funds for "climate change adaptation projects;" to project sponsors of climate change adaptation and resilience projects; and

**WHEREAS**, "climate change adaptation projects" include, but are not limited to: flood protection projects; home buyouts; upgrades of stormwater drainage systems; defensive upgrades to roads, bridges, railroads, and transit systems; preparation for, and recovery from, extreme weather events; preventive health care programs and providing medical care to treat illness or injury caused by the effects of climate change; relocation, elevation, or retrofits of sewage treatment plants and other infrastructure vulnerable to flooding; installation of energy efficient cooling systems and other weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits in public and private buildings, including schools and public housing, designed to reduce the public health effects of more frequent heat waves and forest fire smoke; upgrades to the electrical grid to increase stability and resilience, including the creation of self-sufficient microgrids; and response to toxic algae blooms, loss of agricultural topsoil, crop loss, and other climate-driven ecosystem threats to forests, farms, fisheries, and food systems; and

**WHEREAS**, any municipality in need of climate change adaptation and resilience projects will be able to apply for the funds raised by the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act would not preclude municipalities from filing and paying for their own lawsuits in order to obtain payment for damages caused by climate change emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act will make New Jersey more affordable by not saddling New Jersey taxpayers with the large and rapidly increasing costs of paying for climate damages.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, County of Union and State of New Jersey, in the interest of protecting its residents, businesses and institutions, hereby strongly express their support for passage of the NJ Climate Superfund Act.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Clerk shall forward this Resolution to New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy; Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection; NJ Senate President Nicholas Scutari; NJ Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; NJ Climate Superfund Act Senate sponsors Bob Smith, John McKeon; NJ Climate Superfund Act Assembly sponsors John Allen, Garnet Hall, Alixon Collazos-Gill.

Motion by Council Vice President Rios; Seconded by Council Member Joyner  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-193 Auth. Payment of Accumulated Severance Liabilities – Keith Ryan (Fire Department)**

**WHEREAS**, Keith Ryan has resigned effective August 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, under the applicable collective negotiated agreement between the Township of Hillside and the bargaining unit from which he is a member, he is entitled to a severance payout as indicated on the attached "Severance Pay Worksheet" in the total amount of \$178,441.91.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE THAT:**

1. The compensation set forth below is hereby approved for payment through Payroll, which must be funded from the appropriation Accumulated Severance Liabilities.

2. Payment in the amount of \$178,441.91 shall be made to Keith Ryan upon approval of this Resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately, and a certified copy shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

Motion by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**R-25-194 Auth. White & Co. LLC, Attorneys & Counsellors as Special Litigation Counsel in the Matter of Mcburrows V. Hillside Et Al.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Township of Hillside to retain outside counsel in connection with the litigation entitled *McBurrows v. Hillside Township et al.*, Docket No. UNN-L-3356-25, currently pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey Civil Division, Union County; and

**WHEREAS**, the law firm White and Co. LLC, Attorneys and Counsellors, 523 Park Ave, Suite 3, Orange, NJ 07050, is to provide legal services in connection with this litigation on behalf of the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, White and Co. LLC, Attorneys and Counsellors, has submitted a Retainer Agreement outlining the scope of representation, which is limited to the aforementioned litigation and does not include any appeals, and providing for compensation at a blended hourly rate of \$165.00 per hour plus reimbursement of expenses incurred to be paid by the Township; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that White and Co. LLC, Attorneys and Counsellors is hereby appointed as Special Litigation Counsel to represent the Township in the matter of *McBurrows v. Hillside Township*, et al., under the terms and conditions set forth in the Retainer Agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Retainer Agreement with White and Co. LLC, Attorneys and Counsellors for legal services in connection with the matter *McBurrows v. Hillside Township et al.*, Docket No. UNN-L-3356-25.

Motion by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios  
All Council Members voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Motion to Open Public Comments by Council Member Joyner; Seconded by Council Vice President Rios, **All-In-Favor**

**Larry Cohen**

- Back in February, the council passed a resolution in support of a state bill to end the retail sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores. I'm very grateful that the resolution passed, but now we need a town ordinance addressing the same issue.

**Danise Davis – 478 Conant St.**

- She wants to raise awareness about illegal dumping behind the shopping center on Liberty Avenue. She previously emailed the Department of Public Works, and they did respond. However, when she went to the bank the other day, she noticed that there is now sectional furniture dumped there as well. She also noticed clothing donation bins and is asking: Who gave permission for these to be placed there, and who is responsible for maintaining them?
- Additionally, she is asking Council Member Feuerstein whether he has received all the necessary information or budget recommendations from the council.

**Rayba Watson, 830 Jerome Ave.**

- She is requesting more information about the ordinance that was introduced, as she arrived at the meeting a little late and missed the beginning of the discussion. Regarding the budget, she would like to know if the council is accepting suggestions or input from residents.

**Bernise Crawford – 1454 Lesile St.**

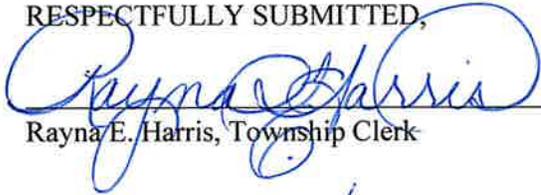
- Speaking on behalf of the voters of Hillside, she mentioned that they are preparing a mayoral forum at the high school. She went to the county to request the names of individuals running for mayor but was told she needed to go to the Hillside municipal building due to an issue. She would like to know: Is she entitled to receive a list of all the candidates running for mayor?

Motion to Close Public Comments by Council Vice President Rios; Seconded by Council Member Garretson, **All-In-Favor**

**Motion to Adjourned by Council Member Garretson; Seconded Council Vice President Rios All-In-Favor**

Adjourned at 7:08pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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 Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk

  
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 Craig Epps, Council President

DATE: 10/17/2025