

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MINUTES

July 23, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Township of Hillside Township Council was held on July 23, 2025 in the Municipal Building, 1409 Liberty Avenue Hillside, New Jersey 07205 at 6:01 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Craig Epps, Council President called the meeting to order.

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. 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 Angela Garretson, & Council Member Andrea Hyatt

EXCUSED

Council Member Daryl Joyner & Council Member Robert Rios

ALSO PRESENT

Hope Smith, BA; Glynn Jones, CFO; Gracia Montilus, Township Attorney; Brook L. Nieves, Deputy Clerk, & Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

R-25-166 Auth. the Introduction of the CY 2025 Municipal Budget

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Feuerstein

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

INTRODUCTION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2025 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Township of Hillside, Union County, New Jersey for the Calendar Year 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in the Star-Ledger and that a Public Hearing on the Calendar Year 2025 Budget will be held at the Hillside Township Municipal Building and/or via web-based conference call on August 21, 2025, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services and appropriate administrative officials.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:**April 8, 2025: April 22, 2025: May 13, 2025: May 28, 2025: June 11, 2025: & June 25, 2025**

Motion to Remove all RVE Bills by Council Member Feuerstein; Seconded by Council Member Garretson

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

Motion to Adopt as Amendment by Council Member Feuerstein; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno

All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries****RESOLUTION****R-25-167 Auth. Application to the NJ Department of Transportation's FY26 Municipal Aid Grant Program**

Motion to Accept by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Garretson

All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries****RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION'S FY26 MUNICIPAL AID GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside desires to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Summit Avenue, John Glenn Drive, & Schleifer Road Improvements project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Hillside formally approve the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as: MA-2026-Summit Avenue, John Glenn Drive, & S-00024 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Township of Hillside.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor and Council and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of Township of Hillside and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTSMotion to **OPEN** Public Comments by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Garretson,**All-In-Favor**

NO COMMENTS

Motion to **CLOSE** Public Comments by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Garretson,**All-In-Favor****Motion to Adjourned by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded Council Member Feuerstein, All-In-Favor**

Adjourned at 6:23pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk
Craig Epps, Council PresidentDATE: 09/12/2025