

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MINUTES

November 26, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Township of Hillside Township Council was held on November 26, 2025, on Zoom via 2:00 p.m.

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 on November 24, 2025. In addition, copies of notice were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and on the Township's website Clerk. A copy of the notice is available to the public and is on file in the Office of the 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

The Township Clerk, read the roll call.

PRESENT

Council Members: Lisa Bonanno, Craig Epps, David Feuerstein, Angela Garretson, Andrea Hyatt, Robert Rios

EXCUSED Council Member Daryl Joyner & Hope Smith, BA,

ALSO PRESENT

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS (November 25, 2025)

Motion by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council Member Bonanno

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

RESOLUTIONS

R-25-247 Auth. Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation for Total Sum of \$980,000.00

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 **\$975,250.00** within the Appropriations "CAPS" and \$0 excluded from the "CAPS" for the Current Fund and, for a Grand Total of **\$975,250.00**; 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 **\$975,250.00** and distributed as follows:

Appropriations Within "CAPS"		
<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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	\$
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	\$10,000.00
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	\$40,000.00

Insurance Other	OE	\$
NJSTDI	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	\$20,000.00
Traffic Lights	OE	\$
School Crossing Guards	SW	\$50,000.00
Garage Service & Repair	SW	\$3,500.00
Garage Service & Repair	OE	\$5,000.00
Office of Emergency Management	SW	\$
Office of Emergency Management	OE	\$
Roads Repairs and Maintenance	SW	\$70,000.00
Roads Repairs and Maintenance	OE	\$10,000.00
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	\$0.00
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	\$
Total		\$975,250.00

Appropriations Excluded from “CAPS”

<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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	\$
NJIB Interest	OE	\$
NJDCA Demolition Loan	OE	\$
UCIA Principal	OE	\$
UCIA Interest	OE	\$
Prior Year Bill Jen Electric	OE	\$
Total Temporary Appropriation Excluded From the “CAPS”		\$

Swimming Pool

<u>Department</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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
Total Swimming Pool		\$0

Motion to Amend by Removing Economic Development & Reduce Amount to \$975,250.00 by Council Member Bonanno; Seconded by Council President Epps
 All Council Member voted in the Affirmative. **Motion Carries**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion to **OPEN** Public Comments by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded by Council President Epps,
All-In-Favor

No comments were made.

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

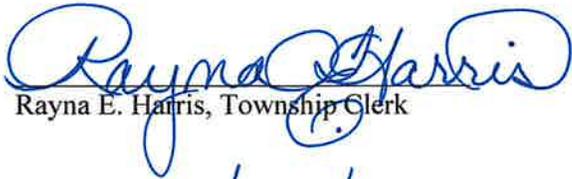
Motion to Adjourned by Council Member Hyatt; Seconded Council Member Bonanno, **All-In-Favor**

Adjourned at 2:18 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Craig Epps, Council President



Rayna E. Harris, Township Clerk

DATE: 12/23/2025