

Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus  
County of Bergen  
Mayor and Council Public Meeting  
February 28, 2023 7:00 p.m.

The Public Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus was held in the Municipal Building at 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ on February 28, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randall who asked the Clerk to read the open a public meeting statement:

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is now in session in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, adequate notice of this meeting has been posted in the front lobby entrance to the Borough Hall and Council Chambers, a copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies of the Annual Notice of Meetings, of which this is a part, have been heretofore sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mayor.....	Thomas W. Randall
Council President.....	Douglas Troast
Councilman.....	Steven Shell
Councilman.....	Edward Iannelli - <b>Absent</b>
Councilman.....	Kevin Crossley
Councilman.....	Dane Policastro
Councilwoman.....	Kathleen Moran

Also, in attendance: William Jones Administrator; Timothy Wiss, Borough Attorney, Joan Herve, Borough Clerk, Police Chief LaCroix, Police Captain McBain and Library Director, Morgan Taylor

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Randall led those present in the salute to the American Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was offered by Councilman Policastro, seconded by Councilwoman Moran to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023 Public Meeting of the Mayor & Council – Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Ayes

A motion was offered by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilman Crossley to approve the minutes of January 31, 2023 Special Meeting of the Mayor & Council – Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Ayes with the exception of Councilman Policastro who abstained.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Reports on file in the Clerk’s Office

- Police – January 2023
- Court Report– January 2023
- Library Board – February 2023
- Health Report – January 2023
- Ambulance Report – January 2023
- Arborist Report - January 2023

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard, please raise your hand to be recognized, and state your name and address for the record.

**Patty Walker, 11 Sutton Drive**

Ms. Walker had three on going issues of concerns; 1<sup>st</sup> issue she discussed was the water; regarding the increase in her water bill & the safety of the water. 2<sup>nd</sup> issue is her street, requesting to have her street repaved as there are many

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potholes and she cannot repave her driveway until the street is done. Also; she is concerned about the safety for residents on the street since there is no street light. At one time there was a street light on the corner of Ackerman & Sutton however it was removed when PSE&G replaced the pole. She was told by Administrator Jones at that time everyone in the neighborhood would need to sign a petition and agree to a light, however there was one person who was not in favor and Ms. Walker asked why can't they get a light someplace else on the block. 3<sup>rd</sup> issue – two weeks ago it was found on a neighbor's doorbell camera that an employee of the garbage company was urinating on her bushes. She asked for people to just do better.

Mayor responded; thank you for coming and sharing your concerns, he shares the same concerns regarding the garbage issues. He explained they are not happy either and they are working on rectifying the situation. The issue on the light, we have a long standard policy that you do get the consent of neighbors to put a light in a certain area. He suggests reaching out to PSE&G for another location and start the process again, himself & the council would support another street light. Regarding the paving, we have our DPW assess the street on a number of matrix including how much usage, we only have a limited amount of streets we can do every year. Regarding the water, as far as the quality of the water, the borough has been very proactive in terms of getting our filtration system in place and is tested better than most of the area. We take this very seriously and we are proud of our water system and we are the process of trying to get that next phase in getting those containment's out of the water.

Administrator Jones responded as well; regarding the water issue – as far as the letter that is sent out to residents, the language is dictated by the State and it's been the same letter since the beginning of the process. The borough started the Water Filtration System process back in 2019 with the goal of have it completed by 2020. The NJDEP offices are still working from home and held our project up approximately 18/24 months. We remain the number 2 project in the State que out of 570 municipalities. February 10<sup>th</sup>, we are out to bid as we finally got the approval we have been waiting for over two years. We have our bid opening on March 10<sup>th</sup> where we hope to award the contract at our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Expecting a six month delay on getting the necessary equipment, however, our permit has been extended to the end of this year. Once this project is complete all the containments will be brought down to zero. As far as your concern for the increase in your water rates, that is to off-set this project as it started out as a million dollar project it is now a 4 million dollar project. However, during the summer when residents were complaining about their high water bills, it was found that the homeowners were over watering or a leak was undetected, or a toilet was running and the data logs that were done prove that.

Administrator Jones addressed the paving issues and explained the process of how they decided what streets get paved in any given year. The Police, DPW & Residents give us streets they feel are in need of work. Then the Engineer goes out and evaluates them to see what needs the most repairs. At which time we budget the money to see as far as we can go. After they finalize this year's list, he will let Ms. Walker know if her street will be one of the ones that get repaved.

Carol Tyler, 1 Stouts Lane

Ms. Tyler thanked the Mayor & Council for the attention to VIP (Volunteer Incentive Program) it is very much appreciated.

Dennis Branca, 18 Saddle Ridge Road

Ms. Branca discussed the volunteer organizations and asked the Mayor & Council to asked themselves what they can do to continue to create a bridge to bring people together in unity and help restore relationships. Ms. Branca also expressed her displeasure on what happened at the Woodlands adjacent to Saddle River Road property where they clear cut all those trees. She would like the town to established a preservation of our beautiful trees. Ms. Branca requested what are the qualifications needed to be on the Shade Tree/Beautification Committee & she asked for Mayor & Council to define Commission vs. Committee. Lastly, she asked if the pending issues with the Fire Department has been resolved. Mayor suggested she email her listed of questions and he would address them. Administrator Jones added we do have a borough arborist (who is a certified tree expert) who handles all inspections and has the final say the matter of concerns, which has improved communication with our residents. All former members of the shade tree were offered membership to the newly formed Shade Tree/Beautification Committee, which some members decided to join. The concerns regarding the heritage trees & clear cutting in a development is going to be addressed,

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we expect to introduce an ordinance next month. Mayor Randall added the difference between a committee and a commission is a committee there is better oversight because a committee deals directly with the town as opposed to the commission which operates independently. Regarding the Fire Department our position is the matter has been concluded and we are working on getting our relationship back on track.

Karen Zatorski, 45 Wearimus Road

Ms. Zatorski stated her question is about communication, she questioned whether the meeting is being recorded and when are the minutes posted, she suggested posting the agenda of the meeting on the website. Borough Clerk responded the meetings are always being recorded and minutes are posted on the website once they are approved by the Mayor & Council. The Agenda of all meetings is always posted on the website before the meeting. Ms. Herve also stated the minutes is not a transcript, meeting minutes summarize the key issues discussed and will note any action taken. Ms. Zatorski suggest the Mayor & Council post the things that they are proud of on the website (such as the purchase of the Bank of American Building) and on the borough's social media sites as that is where most people look for information. Attorney Tim Wiss stated we a government agency and we are govern by where we have to publish certain information which is the official newspaper of the borough. The reason we do not use Facebook or other social media sites is it not an appropriate legal avenue for publishing. Ms. Zatorski added she feels the Mayor & Council can do better communicating. She also questioned what is happening with Bank of American Building & the Library. Mayor responded stating there was a public meeting and we were encouraged to move forward with the focus on moving the library to that location.

Richard Branca, 18 Saddle Ridge Road

Mr. Branca also expressed his displeasure with the clear cutting of trees and questioned if a construction official has the power to request from a developer to leave certain amount a trees alone. Mayor responded there are certain things that can be done with the contexts of a subdivision, however if someone has a conforming lot that person has the right to cut down the trees they want. Attorney Wiss added one of the reason the change from a Commission to a Committee is to more accountable and pass more legislation to stop the issues the residents are concerned about.

Patty Walker, 11 Sutton Drive

Ms. Walker feels the integrity of the town went downhill for what we are allowing to build on these properties. She asked is there any way of preserving what makes Ho-Ho-Kus a special town. Mayor stated that it may be the people moving-in does not share the same appreciation for the town as we did when we all came here and they have own vision on want to do with their property. He does want to see the town preserved, however legally we can only go to a certain point.

Mayor closed the meeting to the public

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

**Unfinished Business**

Water Filtration System Project - February 10<sup>th</sup>, we are out to bid as we finally got the approval we have been waiting for over two years. We have our bid opening on March 10<sup>th</sup> where we hope to award the contract at our March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Expecting a six month delay on getting the necessary equipment, however, our permit has been extended to the end of this year. Once this project is complete all the containments will be brought down to zero.

Budget – Budget presentation is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Mayor & Council work session meeting. Introduction scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> and adoption on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Go the Distance for Autism Charity Bike Ride – Schedule for Sunday, June 4, 2023
- b) PB Approved Sign Application for “Ho-Ho-Kus Dental Associates”
- c) PB Approved Minor Site Plan Waiver/New Business Application for “Travmark”
- d) PB Approved Minor Site Plan Waiver/New Business Application for “Gain Ville Learning Center”

### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES and PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **ORDINANCE #2023-78**

##### **AN ORDINANCE TO ACQUIRE BLOCK 1014, LOT 3, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 620 CLIFF STREET FROM VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5.**

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (“VFW”) is the fee simple owner of real property known as Block 1014, Lot 3 a.k.a. 620 Cliff Street and which piece of said real property is about to be conveyed to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus; and

**WHEREAS**, a contract for the purchase of the subject premises has been negotiated and prepared and is now ready for execution by the proper Borough Officials; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the proposed contract of sale is on file with the Borough Clerk and same is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus desires to acquire part of the subject premises in accordance with the provisions set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5; and

**WHEREAS**, the laws of the State of New Jersey permit a municipality by ordinance to authorize the acquisition of private and/or public property by purchase and/or gift.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus wishes to ratify the actions of the Borough Officials in negotiating the contract to acquire the subject property;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** and enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus as follows:

1. The Mayor, Clerk and Borough Attorney are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents in order to acquire the said real property;
2. The actions of the Borough Officials in negotiating the subject contract are hereby ratified;
3. The Borough shall accept an appropriate Deed and such other documents as may be reasonably required to acquire marketable Title in accordance with this ordinance.
4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
5. If any part, sections, provisions, or the total of any of the abovementioned publications are held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, the findings or judgments of which court are applicable in the State of New Jersey, that the balance and remainder of such publication shall remain in full force and effect as an Ordinance of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication according to law.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated this is the time and place for the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-78 and all persons who wishes to be heard, please state your name and address before making your statement. Seeing none, Mayor Randall closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was offered by Councilman Policastro and seconded by Councilman Shell to adopted Ordinance #2023-78. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”.

#### **ORDINANCE #2023-79**

\*\*This Ordinance was tabled and the Mayor read the following statement:

##### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTERS 25 OF CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS**

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus held on January 24, 2023 and was read for the first time. This ordinance **has been tabled and** will be further considered for final passage by the said Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus at the Municipal Building, 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus 07423-1547 at a meeting **originally scheduled for February 28, 2023, will now be heard on March 28 at 7:00 PM**, or at any time and

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place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the Municipal Clerks Office, 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus 07423.

A motion was offered by Councilman Shell and seconded by Councilwoman Moran to table Ordinance #2023-79. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”, with the exception of Councilman Policastro who abstained.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

### **ORDINANCE #2023-80**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 3 OF CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough to repeal Section 3-5 of the Code of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and replace it with a more streamlined process, which still provides for notice and an opportunity to be heard to an accused member or officer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that Chapter 3-5 of the Code is hereby amended as follows (deletions in ~~strike through~~ and additions in **bold**):

**Chapter 3-5 is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:**

#### **§ 3-5 Suspension or expulsion of members or officers.**

- A. In addition to such disciplinary process as may be provided under the Volunteer Ambulance Corp’s bylaws, and notwithstanding the same, any Ambulance Liaison of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus shall have the right to expel or suspend any member or line officer as set forth below.**
- B. In event of any accusation of any allegation of misconduct, violation of Borough Ordinance, or action effecting the health, safety or welfare of the residents of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus by any member or officer, any person may issue a written complaint, which shall be referred to any Ambulance Liaison or his designee. Such Ambulance Liaison shall consult with any other Ambulance Liaison, and such Liaisons shall review the matter and may proffer charges against such member seeking the members expulsion or removal. In the event of a tie or disagreement between the Liaisons, the Mayor shall have the ability to break the tie.**
- C. Upon proffering such charges, the Ambulance Liaisons shall provide such member or officer with notice of the charges and an opportunity to provide a written response to the charges. The Ambulance Liaisons shall thereafter recommend sustaining, not sustaining, or modifying the charges, without a further hearing. Any member or officer shall have no greater rights than an “at-will” non-paid volunteer and nothing herein shall be read to provide any greater rights to such member or officer. In the event of a tie or disagreement between the Liaisons, the Mayor shall have the ability to break the tie.**
- D. If any charges are sustained or modified, the Ambulance Liaisons shall inform the Borough Council, which shall determine whether to suspend or expel such member or officer from the Ambulance Corps or take such other action as it deems appropriate, without a further hearing.**
- E. Notwithstanding the above, any Ambulance Liaison, acting alone, may immediately suspend any member or line officer prior to receiving the member’s written response should he or she deem such suspension in the best interest for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus.**
- F. In the event of any conflict between the Ambulance Corp’s By-laws and this Chapter, the provisions of this Chapter shall control.**

All other sections not heretofore amended shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **SECTION II: Repealer.**

All other ordinances of the Borough, or parts thereof, which are in conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

#### **SECTION III: Severability,**

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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**SECTION IV: Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

A motion was offered by Councilman Crossley and seconded by Councilwoman Moran to Introduce Ordinance #2023-80. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”.

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS** (23-43 thru 23-44 &23-29)

All Items listed were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and were approved by one motion.

Resolution #23-43

A Resolution - Payment of bills – January

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the amount of \$2,626,634.15; and WHEREAS, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Council; and, WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Mayor and Council, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the claims totaling \$2,626,634.15; be approved and ratified respectively

**BILL LIST:**

22-01001	06/28/22	03212	ESS,INC.	S.QUADPAGERCHARGER-FIREDPT	Open	52.25
22-01153	07/22/22	00777	CLEANAIRCOMPANY	INSPECT/MAINTEXHAUSTSYST-DPW	Open	764.50
22-01190	07/29/22	03212	ESS,INC.	PAGERREPAIR-FIREDEPT.	Open	150.00
22-01693	10/27/22	03056	MOTOROLASOLUTIONS,INC.	6APX6000VHFMODEL2.5PORT	Open	22,590.00
22-01881	12/06/22	01073	DOWNESTREESERVICE	PLANTINGOF30TREES-SHAD.TREE	Open	4,850.00
22-01923	12/13/22	03298	PASCACK DATASERVICES,INC	TAPEDRIVESANDPRINTER	Open	8,071.98
22-01970	12/20/22	03060	THEHONCOMPANY	3SOLUTIONS4000CHAIRS-POLDP	Open	730.62
22-02013	12/29/22	02783	A.P. CERTIFIEDTESTING,LLC.	MISCTOOLS-DPWATERTRUCKS	Open	2,573.50
23-00004	01/09/23	00001	HOMEHARDWARE	JAN PURCHASES -DPW	Open	579.04
23-00006	01/09/23	00056	TYCO ANIMALCONTROLSERVICES	ANIMALCONTROLSVCJAN2023	Open	500.00
23-00009	01/09/23	02686	ONECALLCONCEPTS	ONECALLMESSAGES-JAN2023	Open	30.03
23-00012	01/10/23	00023	GANNLAWBOOKS	NJZONING/LANDUSEADMINBOOKS	Open	350.00
23-00053	01/11/23	02877	LAWSOFTINC	SUPPORT/MAINTCAD/RMSSYST.-PD	Open	9,250.00
23-00057	01/11/23	02283	DRAEGER,INC.	CERTIFIEDSOLUTION-POLDPT	Open	180.00
23-00069	01/12/23	01862	COTTRELL,SEAN	RETURNZBAESCROW-1202/21	Open	468.30
23-00098	01/13/23	01938	INTERNATIONALCODECOUNCIL	CODEBOOKS-CONSTRUCTIONDEPT	Open	842.10
23-00123	01/18/23	01051	V.E.RALPH&SON	100BOXES-NITRILEGLOVES-AMBUL	Open	1,425.00
23-00141	01/24/23	02899	OFFICECONCEPTSGROUP	TONERCARTRIDGES/PAPER-FIREDP	Open	955.86
23-00142	01/24/23	00052	NORTHWEST BERGENMUTUALAID	MUTUALAIDDUES2023 FIREDPT	Open	500.00
23-00143	01/24/23	02879	ALLDATALLC	RENEWVEHICLEMAINT.SOFTWARE	Open	1,500.00
23-00144	01/24/23	02296	ARROWTREESERVICEINC	2EMERGENCYTREEREMOVALS	Open	5,215.00
23-00145	01/24/23	00329	RGGROUP	COUPLERS/FITTINGS -DPW	Open	58.62
23-00146	01/24/23	00082	CHIEFFIREEQUIPMENT&SERVICEFIREEXTINGUISHERSVCFORBORO		Open	2,209.32
23-00149	01/25/23	01840	OPTIMUM	POLICE/CADCABLE2/16-3/15	Open	93.44
23-00150	01/25/23	00030	HO-HO-KUS BOARDOFEDUCATION	SCHOOLTAX-MONTHOFFEB.	Open	1,253,689.16
23-00152	01/25/23	02965	CORE &MAINLP	COPPERTUBES/ADAPTORS-WATERDP	Open	1,701.17
23-00153	01/25/23	03319	AGRAENVIRONMENTAL&LABSVCS2COLIFORMTESTS1/17-WATERDP		Open	158.00
23-00154	01/25/23	00157	TREASURER-STATEOFNJ	AIRQUALITYPERMIT-DPWGARAGE	Open	1,370.00
23-00155	01/26/23	03239	AT&TMOBILITY	IPAD/CELLPHONESV1/12-2/11	Open	1,350.64

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23-00156	01/26/23	80220	CARROLL,JOANN	REIMB.EYEGASSES-2023	Open	300.00
23-00157	01/26/23	00132	BCLEAGUEOFMUNICIPALITIES	2023 ANNUALDUES	Open	150.00
23-00158	01/26/23	00044	BCMUNICIPALCLERKSASSOC	2023ANNUALDUES-JOANHERVE	Open	100.00
23-00159	01/26/23	01662	AAAEMERGENCYSUPPLY	INSPECT/RECHARGES/SCOTTPARTS	Open	919.25
23-00160	01/26/23	03525	CALMSTRIPS	500CALMSTRIPSSOFTSAND	Open	625.00
23-00161	01/27/23	03144	UNTOUCHABLESOUNDS	WINDOWTINTS-POL.LOCKERROOMS	Open	450.00
23-00162	01/27/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDDE/HALS&VINCE	PLREVDISHWIRELESS-DPWPOLE	Open	232.50
23-00163	01/27/23	03164	RIDGEWOODTREECORP.	TREEREMOVALFORWATERTANKS	Open	5,100.00
23-00164	01/27/23	03164	RIDGEWOODTREECORP.	TREEREMOVALBRIDALWAYTANKS	Open	5,350.00
23-00165	01/27/23	02285	HAWTHORNEHITCH&TRAILER	MTBALLHITCH/CONNECTOROCKET	Open	765.20
23-00166	01/27/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	DCRP - JAN2023	Clsd	273.57
23-00167	01/27/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	CURRENTSOCIALSECURITY-JAN	Clsd	13,906.55
23-00168	01/27/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	WATERDPTSOCIALSECURITY-JAN	Open	1,159.29
23-00169	01/27/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	SOLWASTESOCIALSECURITY-JAN	Open	809.72
23-00170	01/27/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLLCURRENT1/2MNTH1/31	Clsd	176,250.45
23-00172	01/27/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLL-WATER1/2MONTH1/31	Open	8,673.29
23-00173	01/27/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLL-SWASTE1/2MNTH1/31	Open	5,139.78
23-00175	01/27/23	02296	ARROWTREESERVICEINC	TREEPRUNING-14PITCAIRN	Open	600.00
23-00176	01/27/23	00936	PATTMAN,JEFFREY	RIMB. BRAKEPADS-DPW	Open	42.71
23-00177	01/27/23	02271	H2MASSOCIATESINC	WATERENG.SVCSTHRU12/30	Open	665.00
23-00178	01/27/23	03228	HACKENSACKAUTOSPRING	FRONTALIGNMENT-DPW	Open	70.00
23-00179	01/27/23	01565	MINUTEMANPRESS	200POSTCARDS-STIGMAFREE	Open	116.09
23-00180	01/27/23	03298	PASCACK DATASERVICES,INC	AWSOFFSITEBACKUP1/1-3/31	Open	1,779.00
23-00181	01/27/23	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'SOILCO.	1632GALSGASDELIVERED1/9/23	Open	3,833.89
23-00182	01/30/23	03247	JEMINDUSTRIALSERVICES,INC.	ASPHALTREMOVER/GLASSCLEANER	Open	337.08
23-00183	01/30/23	02285	HAWTHORNEHITCH&TRAILER	SAEFTY RACK -DPW	Open	450.00
23-00184	01/30/23	02297	THESHARPSHOP	BAROIL-LANDSCAPEEQUIP.	Open	13.98
23-00185	01/30/23	03158	WMRECYCLEAMERICA	RECYCLINGPICKUPSDEC-DPW	Open	673.15
23-00186	01/30/23	00329	RGGROUP	SEALANT/BRASSFITTING-DPW	Open	29.93
23-00187	01/30/23	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES,INC.	REVREVISEDPLANS-225WEARIMUS	Open	465.00
23-00188	01/30/23	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES,INC.	REVAFFHOUSINGMATTER-20RVIL	Open	426.25
23-00189	01/30/23	01938	INTERNATIONALCODECOUNCIL	CODEBOOKS-CONSTRUCTIONDEPT	Open	58.00
23-00190	01/30/23	00105	P S E&G	DEC/JANGAS/ELECT.-CURRENT	Open	10,725.01
23-00191	01/30/23	00105	P S E&G	DEC/JANGAS/ELECT.-WATERDEPT	Open	8,814.04
23-00192	01/30/23	02590	AMERICANWEAR,INC.	JAN2023UNIFORMS-ROADS2/3	Open	189.68
23-00193	01/30/23	02590	AMERICANWEAR,INC.	JAN2022UNIFORMS-WATER1/3	Open	94.84
23-00194	01/31/23	02069	PATTMANPLUMBING	BOILERREPAIR-FIREDEPT	Open	1,465.00
23-00195	01/31/23	00022	STONEINDUSTRIES,INC.	CRUSHEDSTONE/BLEND-WATERDPT	Open	417.77
23-00196	01/31/23	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA	PLANNINGBDLEGALSVCs.-DEC	Open	420.00
23-00197	01/31/23	02863	LAW OFFICES OF GARY CUCCHIARA	ZBA LEGAL SVCs - DEC	Open	465.00
23-00198	01/31/23	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA	REVCORRESPONDENCE-ORVILCT	Open	45.00
23-00199	01/31/23	02899	OFFICECONCEPTSGROUP	OFFICESUPPLIES-POLDPT	Open	264.96
23-00200	02/01/23	02899	OFFICECONCEPTSGROUP	OFFICESUPPLIES-DPW	Open	317.29
23-00201	02/01/23	00610	NJDEPTOFHEALTH	1/1-1/31DOGLIC#1-158	Open	255.60
23-00202	02/01/23	00936	PATTMAN,JEFFREY	REIMB-TITLE/REGIST-NEWDPWTRK	Open	60.00
23-00203	02/01/23	00359	EDMUNDSGOVTECH	CON.METERSTONEPTUNESOFTWAR	Open	900.00
23-00204	02/01/23	00001	HOMEHARDWARE	JANPURCHASES-WATERDEPT	Open	107.53
23-00205	02/01/23	02877	LAWSOFTINC	EDISPATCHINTERFACE-FIREDEPT	Open	750.00
23-00207	02/02/23	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA	REVAPPLICATION-520BRAEBURN	Open	165.00

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23-00208	02/02/23	00201	GARBARINI&COPC	2022UNAUDITEDF/S-CURRENT	Open	6,200.00
23-00209	02/02/23	00201	GARBARINI&COPC	2022UNAUDITEDF/S-WATERTRUST	Open	3,800.00
23-00210	02/02/23	00201	GARBARINI&COPC	2022UNAUDITEDF/S-SOLIDWASTE	Open	3,800.00
23-00211	02/02/23	03208	MONMOUTHTELECOM	TELECOM SERVICE-JAN/FEB	Open	798.16
23-00212	02/02/23	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES, INC.	REV/EVALUATESPCS-BEAUTCMTTE	Open	80.00
23-00213	02/03/23	00372	REGIONALCOMMUNICATIONSINC	3VHFANTENNAS-DPW	Open	43.65
23-00214	02/03/23	00142	T.C.T.A.OFBERGENCOUNTY	2023MEMBERSHIP-JKROPIEWNICKI	Open	75.00
23-00215	02/03/23	00031	T.C.T.A.OFNJ	2023MEMBERSHIP-TAXCOLLECTOR	Open	100.00
23-00216	02/03/23	00926	IPD	SEMINARSFORTAXCOLLECTOR	Open	200.00
23-00217	02/03/23	00109	BOROOFWALDWICK	WELLCHILDCARESVCs-2023	Open	125.00
23-00218	02/03/23	02983	NJSTASSNOFCHIEFSOFPOLICE	2023MEMBERSHIPDUES-POLDPT	Open	275.00
23-00219	02/03/23	02478	QUENCHUSA	2/1-4/30WATERCOOLERMAINT.	Open	100.95
23-00220	02/03/23	00106	MGLPRINTINGSOLUTIONS	BDOFHEALTH-LICENSES	Open	399.00
23-00221	02/03/23	02331	WISS&BOUREGYP.C.	BOROATTYRETAINER-1STQTR	Open	3,000.00
23-00222	02/03/23	02331	WISS&BOUREGYP.C.	BOROATTORNEYLEGALSVCS-JAN	Open	5,275.00
23-00223	02/03/23	02331	WISS&BOUREGYP.C.	LEGALSVCSRE:TAXAPPEALS-JAN	Open	1,587.50
23-00224	02/06/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	PLANREV/SOILMOV-62EDGEWATER	Open	650.00
23-00225	02/06/23	02711	OPTIMUM *	OPTIMUMSVCBOROH2/1-2/28	Open	29.95
23-00226	02/06/23	02671	SUBURBANDISPOSALINC.	SOLIDWASTE/RECYCLINGJAN2023	Open	68,218.08
23-00228	02/07/23	02380	I.D.M.MEDICALGASCO	REFILL2OXYGENDCYL-AMBULANC	Open	103.26
23-00230	02/07/23	01088	DEPOSITORYTRUSTCOMPANY	BOND&INTERESTPAYMENT2/15	Open	554,187.50
23-00231	02/07/23	03098	KONICAMINOLTA***	SCANLARGESIZEDOCS-CONSTRUCT	Open	1,120.00
23-00232	02/07/23	03041	STATEOFNEWJERSEY	WORKERUNEMPLOYMENT	Open	1,641.11
23-00233	02/07/23	99912	KROPIEWNICKI,JEFF	REIMB-2022TAXFORMS	Open	170.55
23-00235	02/08/23	03004	WYCKOFFWASH	CARWASHES-POLVEHICLES-JAN	Open	5.50
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23-00236	02/08/23	00886	SCHWANEWEDE/HALSEENGINEERING	ENG.PLANREVIEW-35BRANDYWINE	Open	400.00
23-00237	02/08/23	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES, INC.	PLANNERZBAMTG-58JACQUELIN	Open	310.00
23-00238	02/08/23	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES, INC.	EVALUATE ZBAREOLUTION	Open	77.50
23-00239	02/09/23	03228	HACKENSACKAUTOSPRING	FRONTALIGNMENT-FORDF350	Open	79.95
23-00240	02/09/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	MEDICAL/PRESCRIPT/DENTAL-FEB	Clsd	81,636.52
23-00241	02/09/23	02902	COVANTA	SWEEPERDUMPINGS-6.54TONSDPW	Open	575.52
23-00242	02/09/23	02285	HAWTHORNEHITCH&TRAILER	REDUCER/HITCHPIN-DPW	Open	115.83
23-00243	02/09/23	03118	REDICARELLC	FIRSTAIDSUPPLIES-DPW	Open	105.98
23-00244	02/09/23	02551	TURN-OUTUNIFORMS	SAFETYVESTS/RAINCOAT-XGUARDS	Open	144.99
23-00245	02/09/23	00827	HHK/SRFOOTBALLASSOCIATION	RETURN2023JIFINSUR-FOOTBALL	Open	4,800.00
23-00246	02/09/23	00282	TANISCONCRETE, INC.	7CONCRETEBLOCKSFORDPWWALL	Open	480.00
23-00247	02/09/23	02965	CORE &MAINLP	GASKET&PIPEFITTINGS-WATER	Open	529.44
23-00248	02/09/23	02297	THESHARPSHOP	REPAIRTOCHAINSAW-DPW	Open	59.73
23-00249	02/09/23	00106	MGLPRINTINGSOLUTIONS	1099LASERFORMS/ENVELOPES	Open	115.50
23-00250	02/09/23	01919	ULINE	TOWEL DISPENSER/PAPERTOWELS	Open	368.07
23-00251	02/09/23	02429	GRAINGER	HANDDRUMPUMP, LEVER-DPW	Open	52.23
23-00252	02/09/23	03527	BOTTAANGELI, L.L.C.	PROFSVCSPROSECUTOR-JAN&FEB	Open	1,833.32
23-00253	02/09/23	80108	ADAMS, NORA	SPANISHINTERPRETER-COURT2/1	Open	150.00
23-00254	02/09/23	02845	CARINO, TATIANA	RUSSIANINTERPRETER-COURT2/1	Open	130.00
23-00256	02/09/23	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'SOILCO.	501GALSDIESELDEL1/9	Open	1,736.83
23-00257	02/09/23	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'SOILCO.	806GALSGASDELIVERED1/17/23	Open	2,082.16
23-00258	02/10/23	01918	POLICETRAFFICOFFICERSASSOC.	2023DUESFORHHKPOLICEDEPT	Open	250.00
23-00259	02/13/23	00821	AT&T	JAN2022FAX/LONGDISTANCE	Open	96.15



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23-00260	02/13/23	02435	RIOSUPPLY,INC.	1 1/2" WATERMETER	Open	994.70
23-00261	02/13/23	03205	NORTHJERSEYPUMP&CONTROLS	2 TRANSDUCERS -DPW	Open	2,111.73
23-00262	02/13/23	03267	ELIZABETHSTEWART,LLC	ARBORISTSVCSJANSHADETREE	Open	1,755.00
23-00263	02/13/23	03192	PIAZZA&ASSOCIATES,INC.	COAHCONSULTINGFEE-FEBADMIN	Open	100.00
23-00264	02/13/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLLCURRENT1/2MNTH2/15	Clsd	234,226.41
23-00265	02/13/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLL-WATER1/2MONTH2/15	Open	6,760.73
23-00266	02/13/23	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLL-SWASTE1/2MNTH2/15	Open	5,894.78
23-00267	02/14/23	02474	KONICAMINOLTA	BHMAINT./COPIES11/12-5/11	Open	1,165.55
23-00268	02/14/23	00255	NORTHJERSEYMEDIAGROUP	BOROLEGALADS-JAN	Open	594.51
23-00269	02/14/23	00255	NORTHJERSEYMEDIAGROUP	ZBA&PLANBDLEGALADS-JAN	Open	192.54
23-00270	02/14/23	00038	VERIZON	WATERDEPTPHONESJAN/FEB	Open	85.51
23-00271	02/14/23	00038	VERIZON	BORODEPTS.PHONES-JAN/FEB	Open	355.78
23-00272	02/14/23	03048	QUALITYAUTOMALL	HUB&ROTOR-DPWVEHICLE	Open	379.57
23-00273	02/14/23	01201	PROGRESSIVEBRICK	PIPE/CATCHBASIN/GRATE-WATERD	Open	823.78
23-00274	02/14/23	03319	AGRA ENVIRONMENTAL & LAB SVCS	WATER SAMPLES 2/7 & 2/8	Open	700.00
23-00275	02/14/23	03298	PASCACK DATASERVICES,INC	COMPUTERSUPPORT3/15-6/14	Open	6,750.00
23-00276	02/15/23	03528	BCSOILCONSERVATIONDISTRICTSOILEROSIONAPPLICATIONFEE		Clsd	925.00
23-00277	02/15/23	02900	EAGLEPOINTGUN-TJMORRIS	19CASES-AMMUNITION-POLDPT	Open	3,430.00
23-00278	02/15/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	ROADOPENING-SADDLEBROOKDR	Open	250.00
23-00279	02/16/23	03218	NEWJERSEYREGISTRAR'SASSOC*	2023REGISTRARCONFERENCE	Open	50.00
23-00280	02/16/23	00555	PSE & G *	ELECT.SVC-EASTGATETHRU2/8	Open	65.76
23-00282	02/16/23	80317	DESANTO,JOSEPH	SVCS.RABIESCLINIC2/15/23	Open	200.00
23-00283	02/16/23	00012	PROSTOCKMIDLAND	TIERODFORDPWVEHICLE	Open	53.79
23-00284	02/16/23	01779	OUTSTANDINGSERVICE	CHECKTANKS/BIOCIDETREATMENT	Open	182.90
23-00285	02/16/23	02965	CORE & MAINLP	WEDGESFORDIEPIPE-WATERDPT	Open	15.00
23-00286	02/16/23	00952	USABLUEBOOK	FREECHLORINEREAGENTSET-WTR	Open	1,801.43
23-00287	02/16/23	03319	AGRA ENVIRONMENTAL & LAB SVCS	PFAS WATER TEST SAMPLES	Open	2,400.00
23-00288	02/16/23	03280	CLEANINGWORLD,INC.	CLEANING SVC -FEB	Open	1,775.00
23-00289	02/16/23	03342	SPECTROTEL	INTERNETACCESSOVERFIBER-FEB	Open	390.04
23-00290	02/17/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	ENGLPREV/SOILMVG-790WSRR	Open	650.00
23-00291	02/17/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	ENG-SITEPLANREV-58JACQUELIN	Open	800.00
23-00292	02/17/23	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	PLREV/SOILMVG-7BOILINGSPRG	Open	1,300.00
23-00295	02/17/23	00226	BCASSOCOFASSESSORS	2023ANNUALTAXASSESSORDUES	Open	130.00
23-00296	02/17/23	03337	INTERACTIONINSIGHTCORP.	POLEVENTIDERECDINGSYS-POL	Open	1,675.00
23-00297	02/17/23	03215	STATETOXICOLOGYLABORATORY	2DRUG TESTS-POLDPT	Open	90.00
23-00298	02/21/23	80318	ALZHEIMER'SASSOCIATION	DONATION-MEMORY-BARBARA HANLON	Open	100.00
23-00299	02/21/23	80319	PARKINSON'SFOUNDATION	DONATION-MEMORYOFROBERTRE	Open	100.00
23-00300	02/21/23	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA	REVAPPLICATION-33JACQUELIN	Open	880.00
23-00301	02/21/23	01565	MINUTEMANPRESS	COPIESFORBUDGETPRESENTATION	Open	19.57
23-00302	02/21/23	03183	HERVE,JOAN	REIMBURSEYEWEAR-2023	Open	133.00
23-00303	02/21/23	02723	CLARKECATONHINTZ	AFFORDABLEHOUSINGSVCS-JAN	Open	1,535.25
23-00304	02/21/23	02723	CLARKECATONHINTZ	REVCORRESPONDENCE-2ORVILCT	Open	25.50
23-00305	02/21/23	03128	PSE & G **	ELECT/GASORVILCT1/18-2/14	Open	360.61
23-00308	02/21/23	03158	WMRECYCLEAMERICA	RECYCLINGPICKUPSJAN-DPW	Open	258.24
23-00309	02/21/23	02271	H2MASSOCIATESINC	WATERENG.SVCSTHRU12/30	Open	1,591.50
23-00310	02/21/23	03239	AT&TMOBILITY	IPAD/CELLPHONESV1/12-2/11	Open	1,999.63
23-00311	02/22/23	01662	AAAEMERGENCYSUPPLY	REPAIRGMIGASMETER-FIREDPT	Open	25.00
23-00312	02/23/23	03531	PSE & G ***	ELECT/GASCLIFFSTTHRU2/13	Open	662.24
23-00313	02/23/23	03334	HARWOODLLOYD,LLC	FINALREV&OPINION-HEARING	Open	13,860.00

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23-00314	02/23/23	03530	ONESOURCEOFNEWJERSEYLLC	FUSES/WASHERS-DPWVEHPARTS	Open	244.24
23-00315	02/23/23	00160	CERTIFIEDSPEEDOMETER	CALIBRATIONFOR5POLICECARS	Open	220.00

Resolution #23-44

A Resolution - Forgiveness of water 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. 2022 bill

WHEREAS, resident and volunteer fireman Michael Medico located at 609 W Saddle River Rd, Block 1205 Lot 3 for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 in the amount of \$149.06 for consideration of VIP

WHEREAS, the above residential property will be credited accordingly

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus hereby authorizes that the bill in question be cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Water & Solid Waste Registrar.

Resolution #23-29

A Resolution - Borough Employee Salaries & Wages

WHEREAS, Ordinance # 2019-31 establishes salary ranges for employees; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance requires that individual salaries be set by Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the following pensionable salaries are hereby authorized for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Those not here listed are unchanged, unless otherwise noted or set by agreement and / or contract under separate Resolution, and are inclusive of stipends\* where applicable.

<u>Position</u>	<u>2023 Salary/Rate</u>
Borough Administrator/ Human Resources Director	\$156,015
Borough Clerk/ Registrar of Vital Statistics & Elections, et al.	\$93,804
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer/QPA	\$42,081
Tax Collector/Deputy Treasurer/Payroll/IT Officer*	\$106,308
Tax Assessor	\$25,371
Finance Clerk	\$63,965
Municipal Court Administrator	\$79,448
Solid Waste/Water Registrar/Deputy Tax Collector	\$56,219
Planning/Zoning Board Secretary/Construction Office T/A	\$78,198
Public Works Superintendent*	\$122,355
Water Licensed Operator of Record/Public Works Forman	\$103,225
Administrative Assistant, Police Records Clerk	\$52,250

A motion was offered by Council President Troast and seconded by Councilman Policastro to approve Resolutions 23-43 through 23-44 & resolution #23-29. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

Recreation - No Report

Library – Councilman Policastro reported circulation in the month of January increased 5.9% from the previous month and increased 6.6% from the previous year. The Director is interviewing candidates for the Circulation Assistant position and the Marketing & Adult Program Coordinator. Two high school students are now helping as weekly volunteers. During the first week of February, one of the tarps on the library roof became loose. The DPW temporarily refastened it until they were able to acquire a new tarp.

Board of Education – no report

Ambulance Corps – Councilman Crossley reported they have four new EMT’s that are attending classes. Bergen County has three new rigs, they are all paid EMT’s. If we can’t make a call, they will be filling in if they are in the area.

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Beautification – Committee Member Danny Chase reported on some of the improvements they plan for in their next phase which includes the front & back of Borough Hall.

Fire Department - Councilman Shell thanked the Volunteers of the Fire Department for all their hard work & dedication to responding to calls.

Chamber of Commerce - Councilman Shell reported they decided no to pursue restaurant week. They continue to be very excited about HHK Day.

Police - Police Chief LaCroix thanked the fire department, ambulance corp. & DPW for helping the day of the funeral to pay tribute for former Police Chief Bobby Re.

DPW – Police Chief spoke on behalf of DPW Supervisor Jeff Pattman and reported it snow last night, and they had no accidents and as usually they did a phenomenal job.

10 Orvil Court Improvements Committee – Councilman Policastro report, they held their first meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>, the Committee toured the building and discussed finding qualified firms to assess the structural and architectural potential of the building. He worked with both Doug and Morgan to narrow down the possibilities and yesterday a letter was sent to four firms we identified seeking their interest and qualifications. A deadline date for an answer back was set for March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **MAYOR'S REMARKS**

**CLOSED SESSION** - On a motion by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Shell, the Mayor and Council approved entering into Executive Session closed to the public. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

A Resolution - providing for a meeting not open to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. NJSA 10:4-12

Whereas, the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6; and

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 provides that an Executive Session not open to the public may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by NJSA 10:4-12 (b) as follows:

7-Pending or anticipated litigation

7- Attorney-Client Privilege

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus assembled in public session on February 28, 2023 that an Executive Session closed to the public be and the same is hereby authorized for discussion of matters relating to the specified items designated above.

Closed Session began at 8:40 p.m. and ended at 8:52 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Shell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herve RMC/CMR  
Borough Clerk