

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL'S 1989 BUDGET MESSAGE

The 1989 proposed budget has provided for continued reinvestment in the Borough's assets. We will proceed on schedule with the third year of the road improvement program to eliminate unimproved roads in the Borough. We will also proceed with the engineering design for the scheduled drainage improvements along Broadway. The actual work on this project will be performed with county funding next year (1990).

The Mayor and Council are committed to continue in 1989 the redevelopment and improvement of the business section, and to enhance in every way possible our rare and unique recreational facility, Stonybrook.

The Borough will replace the radio system which serves the Police and Fire Departments and the Hillsdale Volunteer Ambulance Squad. The present system is over 20 years old and has become inadequate and unreliable.

A restructuring of the Police Department will include a change from civilian dispatchers to the addition of two police officers. This change will make it possible to give greater attention to juvenile problems within the Borough. Since the children of Hillsdale are not immune to the problems of youth

that are facing the rest of the country, the Borough requires a Juvenile Officer whose sole responsibility will be to resolve juvenile problems in their early stages, and who is familiar with and can implement the statewide drug-abuse program. This restructuring will allow the Department to provide this added service.

At this point we would like to call your attention to the reasons for some of the increases that appear in the 1989 budget.

Despite a considerably lesser volume of sewage, and the need for less intensive cleaning of that sewage, the Borough's sewage treatment costs have increased by \$73,479.57. The reasons for this increase are the capital program undertaken by the Bergen County Utilities Authority to accommodate growing areas in the county, and the lack of stringent cost control efforts by the BCUA.

Our health benefits costs have increased by \$44,308. This is an increase of 42% over last year. It is, however, consistent with the increases being experienced by all employers -- public and private -- in business and industry. It has been attributed to the ever rising cost of medical malpractice insurance as well as to costs created by the fact that medical

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COST OF TAX INCREASE BY PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Assessment	'88 Taxes	Estimated '89 Taxes
\$125,000	\$2,838.00	\$ 3,063.00
150,000	3,405.00	3,675.00
200,000	4,540.00	4,900.00
225,000	5,108.00	5,513.00
300,000	6,810.00	7,350.00
400,000	9,080.00	9,800.00
500,000	11,350.00	12,250.00

Your 1989 Estimated Tax	1989 ESTIMATED		1988 ACTUAL	
	Tax Levy	Tax Rate	Tax Levy	Tax Rate
Borough Appropriations	\$ 6,370,337.88		\$ 5,988,817.60	
- Borough Revenues	\$ 1,945,461.97		\$ 1,935,768.29	
Net Borough	4,424,875.91	.706	4,053,049.11	.652
*Hillsdale Schools	5,536,028.40	.883	5,108,031.00	.818
*Pascack High Schools	3,411,364.90	.545	3,202,941.55	.515
*Bergen County	1,950,000.00	.311	1,793,697.83	.287
Total	\$15,322,269.21	2.450	\$14,157,719.49	2.270
*Estimated				

Borough Budget Hearing
March 14, 1989
Borough Hall, 8 P.M.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER NAMED BY MAYOR

Fulfilling a promise to put an end to recurring violations of the Borough's zoning code, Mayor Robert Elder has announced the appointment of George E. Lucia as Hillsdale's first full-time Code Compliance Officer.

"I have promised that there will be absolute compliance with our zoning ordinances and that no violations of any kind will be permitted," the Mayor said. "Mr. Lucia has already begun daily, detailed inspections and has been giving full reports to the Mayor and Council. Every report is in the record and where any violations have been found we will see that they are corrected in strict compliance with all statutes."

The new Code Compliance Officer is trained and

experienced in the field of code enforcement and public safety. A graduate of courses in Fire Science and Public Safety at Bergen Community College and Rutgers University, Lucia has spent more than 17 years in promoting and policing the strict application of building and construction codes. At present he is the borough's Fire Official and a member of the Planning Board.

(Included as an insert in this edition of the newsletter is Mr. Lucia's treatise on the importance of obtaining construction permits. Entitled, "Life or Death," it is a graphic illustration of the need for strict adherence to all construction codes and should be read and remembered by every resident.)

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advances continue to reduce the mortality rate.

The 1989 Hillsdale Library appropriation has been increased by \$29,286 over 1988. This increase is the result of a State mandate requiring every free public library with an appropriation of less than one-third mil to be increased by 15% annually.

Another State-related increase in the municipal budget is due to the fact that the Governor's proposed budget eliminates \$94,000 in revenues which Hillsdale has been receiving for several years. This year that money must be recaptured from our municipal budget. Consequently, we are asking all residents to write to our State Senator and Assemblywoman to ask them to initiate legislation to reinstate these monies for 1990. Also, residents of Hillsdale should know that notice of this reduction of funds (\$94,000) was received by the Mayor and Council only 24 hours before we were to

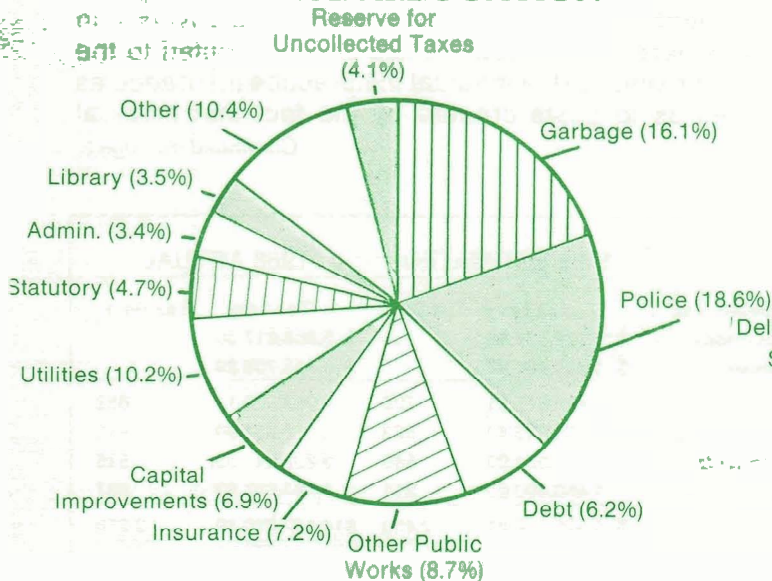
introduce this 1989 budget.

The cost of services you receive from the Borough is 29 cents of your tax dollar, which equals \$3.94 per day for the average assessed home (\$200,000).

A hearing on the entire budget will be held at Borough Hall on Tuesday evening, March 14. The Mayor and Council would like all Hillsdale residents to know of the time and effort we have given in an attempt to reduce its cost to the taxpayers, and, at the same time, to provide superior service to our residents. The inexorable effect of inflation, the increasing cost of insurance and the cost of living, and the reduction in State aid are, of course, reflected in the figures. However, we feel we are presenting a responsible budget for the year 1989.

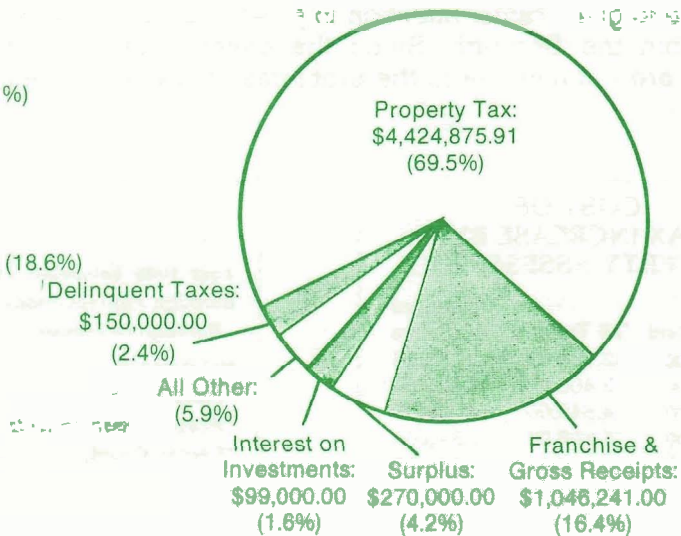
Sincerely,
The Mayor and Council

EXPENSE ALLOCATION



REVENUES

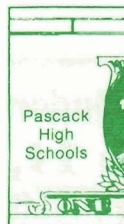
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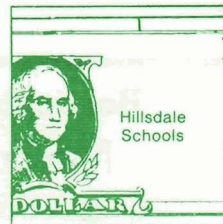
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PLAY YOUR PART IN HILLSDALE'S HISTORY

The glimpses of history that appear in your Newsletter come from your Local Historian -- who also needs your help.

A Local Historian? An ancient academic dodderer probing long-forgotten minutiae?

Not at all. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Hillsdale's Local Historian is a State-authorized activist in an office established by the Legislature in 1979. His purpose, to promote activity and interest in local facets of State history just as the Legislature has also mandated the teaching of local history in local schools.

But your Local Historian is not just an accumulator and collater of bits of history, he is also a liaison to all municipal boards, the library, the schools, youth groups, and historical organizations and academic historians -- a synthesizer of historical awareness.

The Pascack Valley has been exceptional in its support and its use of the office of Local Historian. Eight of its towns have appointed Historians and they are active in different kinds of projects, at the same time interacting among themselves.

How does the Local Historian need your help?

Much of what our children and grandchildren will find fascinating is in the memories of our eldest residents. And these detailed memories, when lost, take pieces of history with them. Hillsdale's Local Historian would like to capture these memories on tape and on paper and is very anxious to hear from local residents who will share their experiences and memories of the past.

Next, the Historian welcomes contacts with all local bodies and civic organizations that take an interest and concern in what Hillsdale was in the past, and what it will be in the future -- for the roots of the future lie in the past.

Hillsdale's residents are invited to contact our local Historian, J. Stanley Nants, Jr., who would be delighted to receive your information and background material as well as discuss any questions you may have. Mr. Nants may be reached at 664-3767.

Editor's Note: J. Stanley Nants, a retired architect, has been a resident of Hillsdale for 42 years. He is a past president and Trustee of the Pascack Historical Society and a member of the New Jersey Historical Society, the Bergen County Historical Society, and chairman of the Freeholders' Historic Sites Board. He was named Hillsdale's first Local Historian in January of 1988.

If You Should Have A Sewer Problem—

Hillsdale's sanitary sewer system is maintained on a regular basis by the Department of Public Works. However, there are times when an obstruction in one of the lines can cause a blockage. When that happens the obstruction is removed and the line is flushed out to remove any remaining debris.

If you should have a problem with the sanitary sewer at your home, please call the Department of Public Works first (358-5053). We will investigate the problem and, hopefully, correct it before it is necessary to call a plumber.

IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE

Have you changed residence? Changed your name? Moved within Hillsdale? Failed to vote in four (4) years?

If the answer is "yes" to any of these questions, then you must register to be eligible to vote in future elections.

1. Voting Dates:	2. Last Day To Register:
School Election-April 4	March 6
Primary Election-June 6	May 8
General Election-Nov. 7	October 10

If you will be 18 years old on or before one of the above voting dates (See 1 above) you must register to vote on or before the last day of registration (See 2 above).

If you are disabled, ill or handicapped and cannot come to the Municipal Building to register, call Elizabeth Rotar, Borough Clerk, at 666-4800 and arrangements to come to your home or hospital will be made for you. Applications for absentee ballots will be provided upon registration.

"SAP'S UP..."

Children Tapping Trees For Maple Syrup Festival and Pancake Breakfast

Warm days and cool nights are a signal for Hillsdale school children to start tapping Sugar Maples in anticipation of the annual Maple Syrup Festival sponsored by the Environmental Commission. The Festival, which is held in Beechwood Park, will include a Pancake Breakfast cooked by Mayor Robert Elder and Council Members.

Each year students from each of the schools in town tap nearby sugar maples under the guidance of their teachers. After a few weeks of gathering sap, it is boiled down to make a good tasting syrup which is used at the Pancake Breakfast.

Students also prepare related educational projects which go on display in the Park on Festival Day.

The Breakfast is free. Festival Day is Saturday, April 29th. Pancakes 9:45-11:30.

HELP IS ONLY A CALL AWAY

When you have a problem, need help in an emergency, an answer to any question, require information or referral for services, the Information & Referral Service Helpline is ONLY A CALL AWAY. We will help you find the service to meet your special need. Helplines are staffed from 9AM-9PM.

Assistance and information are provided FREE OF CHARGE. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. Just call:

6-INFORM
646-3676

Information and Referral Service of the
Health & Welfare Council of Bergen County

BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE DIRECTORY

Borough Government

MUNICIPAL BUILDING 666-4800

MAYOR: Robert T. Elder

COUNCILMEN

Max L. Arnowitz Douglas A. Groner Michael Shabo
James W. Bogle, III Dennis Mac Farlane Joseph J. Tedona

Emergency Telephone Numbers

POLICE 664-4200 HOSPITAL 358-3000
FIRE 664-4200 EMERGENCY ROOM ... 358-3100
AMBULANCE ... 664-4200 POISON 1-800-962-1253

Borough Management

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR: Joseph S. Rompala 358-5077
BOROUGH CLERK: Elizabeth F. Rotar 666-4800
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: Paula Huhn 358-5006

Finance

TREASURER: Joseph S. Rompala 358-5077
BOOKKEEPER 358-5005
PURCHASING AGENT: Joseph S. Rompala 358-5077
CLERK: 358-5002
TAX COLLECTOR: Lorraine M. Shoop 358-5000
ASSISTANT: 358-5001
TAX ASSESSOR: Marie Meehan 358-5010
ASSISTANT: 358-5009

Police Department

MUNICIPAL BUILDING - LOWER LEVEL 664-4200
POLICE CHIEF: Ronald Schramm 358-5040
SCHOOL CLOSINGS 358-5079
TTY-TTD DEAF/HEARING IMPAIRED 358-5078

Municipal Court

Municipal Building

JUDGE: 358-5011
COURT CLERK: 358-5011
ASSISTANT COURT CLERK: 358-5001

Fire Department

EMERGENCIES 664-4200
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU 358-5016

Department of Public Works

371 Washington Avenue 358-5053
SUPERINTENDENT: Keith Durie 358-5055
SECRETARY: 358-5052

Code Enforcement Dept.

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER: George E. Lucia 358-5016

Construction Code Agency

LAND USE OFFICER 358-5013
SECRETARY 358-5012

Planning Board

SECRETARY 358-5014

Zoning Board

SECRETARY 358-5012

Health and Welfare

Municipal Building — Lower Level

SECRETARY & REGISTRAR: 358-5025
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: 358-5028
HEALTH OFFICER: 358-5026
SANITARIAN: 358-5027

Local Assistance (Welfare)

WELFARE DIRECTOR: 666-4800

Library

509 Hillsdale Avenue

MAIN DESK: 358-5072
CHILDREN'S ROOM: 358-5073
REFERENCE AREA: 358-5074

Historian

J. Stanley Nants, Jr. 664-3767

Swimming Pool Commission

Stonybrook Field Club

DURING SEASON: 358-5065
MUNICIPAL BUILDING: 358-5023

Recreation Commission

CHAIRMAN: Valerie Robinson 664-6995
DIRECTOR: Edward Baumback 664-3325

Environmental Commission

CHAIRMAN: John Stubbs 666-9008
SECRETARY 664-8080

Our Town Committee

CHAIRMAN: Robert Hewitt 664-5063

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