



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 remotely through a ZOOM Conference call at 7:00 pm with the following members present:

PRESENT:	Deputy Supervisor	Jill Sims
	Councilperson	Tom Carty
	Councilperson	Steve Tiger
	Councilperson	Robina Ward

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk, Shannon May, Toby Butterfield and other members of the public.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Supervisor Sims.

Resolution #56 Accept Minutes

The Minutes of September 14 meeting are not available. Zoom recording did not work. On a motion by Steve Tiger and seconded by Tom Carty to table the Minutes of the September 14 meeting until the November meeting.

Adopted Vote:

Ayes - 4

Nays - 0

Public Comments – Steve Tiger complimented the Hamlet Committee on the success of the Pumpkin festival. Surveys were handed out asking what the public would like to see in the Hamlet Park restoration. There was Good community participation. Tom Carty added his second.

Columbia County Land Conservancy. Christine Vanderlan, Community Project Manager introduced Beth Mills, Director of Conservation programs and together presented a project on the Watershed area related to the Upper Taghkanic Creek and how surrounding towns of Hillsdale, Copake, Claverack and Taghkanic can work together to support water quality and water sources.

The Land Conservancy has a Grant to support this effort. Looking for people to join a committee to meet once a month and help write the Grant. Last year met with Hillsdale's CAC committee. The Town Supervisor gave a letter of support. They have hired Consultants to meet with the individuals interested in joining the committee. Support from Hudson River Estuary program. Taconic Creek is the drinking water supply for the city of Hudson and County wide.

This is a way to work across the boundaries of the towns and focus on the potential of sustaining water quantity and quality and plan for the future. Discussion.

Tom Carty offered that there are many committees in Hillsdale as well as Town committees and he will generate information to see which members may be interested.

Robina Ward also suggested contacting the Zoning and Planning committees and Post on the website and in the newsletter. The Columbia Land Conservancy is looking for two people from each town and hope to have the first meeting before Thanksgiving.

Newsletter Guidelines. Steve Tiger proposed a list of Guidelines for the Newsletter which he sent to the Board and to Meg Wormley who is creating the Newsletter. The Board members agreed on the Guidelines.

Motion. On a motion by Steve Tiger and seconded by Robina Ward to adopt the Newsletter Guidelines.

Motion Vote:

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Motion Carried.

Steve added that at the last meeting he requested changes to the September newsletter which have not been made. Jill Sims responded she is looking into the notes.

Town Clerk – Kathi Doolan requested the Board pass a Standard Retirement Resolution for NYSLRS to add Kyle Miller, the Animal Control Officer and update Records of Activity for the members. She attended a two-hour webinar to be updated on the on-line requirements.

Resolution #57 Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials in the NYSLRS Retirement System

On a motion by Steve Tiger and seconded by Tom Carty

Adopted Vote

Ayes – 4

Nays - 0

Resolved: to establish six (6 hours) per day on the basis of participation in the NYSLRS Retirement Plan for the following members:

Pamela Cook, Assessor

Lee Heim Building Inspector

Kyle Miller, Animal Control Officer

Eight (8 hours) per day for the basis of participation in the NYSLRS Retirement Plan for the following member:

Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent

Kyle Miller, Animal Control Officer, sent a note concerning the leash law in the Roe Jan Park. The Park is problematic with dogs on and off the leash. He would like more signs stating the rules. Jill Sims said she will get some signs.

The Town Clerk also reported that a check in the amount of \$437.80 was received for taking one of the Highway trucks off the insurance.

Fire District/Tax Collector – Joe Hanselman, not in attendance

Committee Reports:

Broadband – Nothing to report

CAC- Not in attendance

Clean Energy – Tom Carty reported that NYSEG sent two proposals for the sale of the street lights. In February the proposal was for the Town to pay \$7,000 for the lights. The proposal in October was \$3,200 less. New Purchase price \$3,700.00. Tom will email the three documents to Jill for review and signatures and she will forward to the Town Attorney.

Climate Smart –Tom reported that the committee run by DEC would like the Town to be more involved in their activities and he is going to reenergize the Climate Smart committee.

ChargePoint. Tom received a call from the manufacturer of the Town's Electric Charging Station. All of the ChargePoint stations have to be upgraded by the end of 2021. Question whether this should be in the 2020 budget or 2021. Tom thinks we have money in the 2020 budget. Robina Ward agreed. Jill suggested we look at September financials. The cost is \$650.00

Economic Development – The HECDC had a meeting and agreed that they would use PayPal to gather funds and donations through the website. All the committees will appear on the website page.

Hamlet Committee – Shannon May thanked Steve and Tom for comments on the success of the Pumpkin Festival and for their help. Hamlet Park project. Plan to have Chazen complete master plan by end of year. First public meeting October 24 at 2:00 pm in the Upper barn of Roe Jan Park. Have a survey to start getting input from the community for what they would like in the Hamlet Park. Print copies of the survey are available in the Library. Have received 100 surveys so far. Shannon requested a special Newsletter to communicate the Public meeting. Jill will advise Meg to include it in the newsletter and Shannon will send the latest version of the flyer.

Shannon asked about the Board's decision about Maple Street. Chazen sent two options. One way going South or closing Maple Street completely. Toby Butterfield offered that he understands the Board has not decided, but the committee would like to know what kind of plan to suggest Chazen recommend. Steve looked at both options and recommended leaving Maple Street open toward the South. In both plans there is an exit from the gas station which he believes is dangerous. Discussion. Robina suggested getting touch with the DOT. Steve Bluestone said there is a new contact at the DOT for this area, Tina Riley. Discussion. Robina to get in touch with new person regarding the intersection.

Jill questioned which should be the priority, Maple Street or Whippoorwill? Steve and Robina agreed Maple Street. When asked by Steve if this answers Shannon's question, she asked for guidance to give Chazen. The response is to Maintain Maple one way South and meet with the DOT.

Town Board Reports

Steve Tiger— Farmer's Market. Ron Bixby asked if the Farmer's Market can add the week of November 23.

Motion. On a motion by Steve Tiger and seconded by Robina Ward to amend the current Farmer's Market agreement to add an additional week, November 23

Motion Vote:

Ayes – 4

Nays - 0

Motion Carried

Robina Ward – Infrastructure. Robina received an email from the Boy Scouts asking if they can use the Roe Jan Park for an event collecting food for the Food Pantry. The Board agreed.

Parks – Jill Sims reported Taconic Hills School has been having Track & Field events in the Roe Jan Park, giving young people an opportunity to get out.

Resolution #58 Rescue Squad Service Agreement.

Jill reported it is the same as last year and needs to be signed and sent to Columbia County Treasurer.

On a motion by Steve Tiger and seconded by Tom Carty to allow Jill Sims to sign the Rescue Squad Service Agreement.

Adopted Vote:

Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

Resolved to allow Jill Sims to sign the Rescue Squad Service Agreement.

Amendments – None

Public Comments – None

Resolution #59 Pay Bills as presented:

Abstract #10, 2020

General	\$ 8,117.86
Highway	25,548.34
Parks	5,172.80
Lights	722.96
Sewer	6,734.15

Vouchers

239-258
144-160
32-36
12
49-55

On a motion by Councilperson Ward and seconded by Councilperson Tiger, the following resolution was

Adopted Vote:

Ayes – 4

Nays - 0

Resolved to pay the bills as presented. They will be available for signing on the table in Town Hall Wednesday morning.

On a motion by Councilperson Carty and seconded by Councilperson Tiger to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Motion Vote:

Ayes - 4

Nays - 0

Motion Carried

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10 via ZOOM at 7:00 pm.

The next Budget meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, October 20 via ZOOM at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan
Town Clerk