An impressionistic painting of a barn. The barn is rendered in warm, earthy tones of red, orange, and brown, with a dark blue roof. The background is a mix of green and yellow, suggesting a field or sky. The style is soft and painterly, with visible brushstrokes. The text 'HILLSDALE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT' is overlaid in white, serif font in the upper center of the image.

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Cover painting "Barn" by Robert Crimi, Crimi Gallery, Taghanik

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT



Hillsdale Town Board: L to R, Julie Kane (Town Clerk), Augie Sena, Peter Cipkowski, Art Baer (Supervisor), Christian Kersten, Carmen Barbato.

2009 was another productive year for Hillsdale. Highlights of the year's accomplishments include:

- The Town tax levy increased by just slightly more than 4 percent, despite significant increases in our employee healthcare premiums and reductions in sales tax, mortgage tax and other fees resulting from the recessionary economy.
- The Town Board passed a resolution, subsequently endorsed by a public referendum, to acquire the current library building for \$245,000. This acquisition would be funded by existing building reserve funds and would require no new taxes.
- Perhaps one of the most impressive war memorials in the northeast was designed and built in Hillsdale through grants and private donations.
- The Summer Youth Program was successfully relocated to the Roe-Jan Park and participation in the program tripled prior year levels.
- Over \$45,000 in grants were obtained for civic projects, including:
 - Repair of Roe-Jan Park buildings.
 - Historic Preservation surveys
 - A housing needs study
 - Retention of a Hamlet Planner
- The Town Board adopted a new ethics policy.

- The Town signed a new 20-year co-operative lease of the Roe-Jan Park with New York State.
- The Town signed a 10-year extension for Charter Communications cable service.
- A Local Law was passed to prohibit parking on Town highways between November 1 and April 15.
- The Town Newsletter and calendar are now being distributed electronically as well as by written copy.

Many of the above activities will be discussed in more detail later in this report. As always, the Town Board would appreciate your feedback and input on our efforts to continue to better serve our residents.

TOWN CLERK

ORGANIZATION:

Julie Kane is an elected town official who took office as Town Clerk on January 1, 2008. Her term of office is four years. She also serves as Registrar of Vital Statistics, Records Management Officer, and Information Access Officer.

Office hours are Tuesdays 10 am to 5 pm, Saturdays 9 am to 1 pm, and 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Appointments can be arranged at other times, as well.



Julie Kane

MISSION:

The Town Clerk serves the people of Hillsdale by acting as a bridge between each citizen and the Town government. Because access to information is essential in a democracy, the Town Clerk maintains and makes available the records of the Town. Because certain licenses and permits are required by State and local agencies, the Town Clerk assists in filing applications and issuing licenses. In every interaction, the Town Clerk strives to provide clear communication, open access, and respectful service.

OPERATIONS:

In many ways, the Town Clerk is the “face” of the Town of Hillsdale. As recording secretary of the Town Board, she authors the official record of Town governmental activities: laws, resolutions, and minutes. As Records Management officer, she keeps legal records and the archives of the Town safe, complete, and organized. As Town Information Access Officer, the clerk makes the Town’s public records available to citizens upon request under the Freedom of Information Act. As Registrar of Vital Statistics, the clerk records births and deaths that take place in the Town and issues marriage licenses. The clerk also provides handicapped parking permits, hunting and fishing licenses, and licenses dogs.

In addition, the Town Clerk is the coordinator for Primary and General Elections, advising the State of vacancies for elections, overseeing polling places, and filing the boundaries of election districts. The clerk also notifies the public of registration day and polling places. Any special elections are also coordinated through the Town Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications and voter registration forms are available at the Town Hall.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2009:

In 2009, the Town Clerk and the Animal Control Officer undertook a Town-wide dog census, the first in over twenty years. This is an activity that the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets asks all towns to do on a regular basis. As a result of our census, over 100 new dog licenses were issued and, more importantly, many rabies vaccinations were brought up to date.

Results by the numbers:

- 222 dog licenses issued or renewed;
- 32 dog enumeration fees assessed;
- 132 hunting and fishing licenses totaling \$9,476 issued;
- 29 handicapped parking permits issued or renewed;
- 8 deaths recorded;
- 6 marriage licenses issued;
- 1 birth registered;
- 77 certified copies of vital records made;
- 6 genealogical searches completed;
- 6 records supplied under the Freedom of Information Act;
- 5 copies of the Town's Comprehensive Plan provided;
- 152 garbage bags sold.

GOALS FOR 2010

During the next year, the Town Clerk will:

- establish a Town schedule of records retention and disposition. (This tells us how long to retain each kind of record created by Town government; the guidelines are set by the State.) Compile a list of the types of records maintained by each Town office and determine storage needs.
- Provide Internet access to forms and instructions for licenses and permits on the Town's redesigned web site.
- Continue the process of indexing and archiving the Town's historical records.



Town Court Officers, L to R: Juliette Crill, Jan Keefner, Russ Immarigeon
Photo by Sabina Curti

HILLSDALE TOWN COURT

ORGANIZATION:

Justice Juliette M. Crill
Justice Russ Immarigeon
Court Clerk Jan Keefner

Court is in session every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the Hillsdale Town Hall. Cases involving the Columbia County District Attorney are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced.

MISSION:

The Hillsdale Town Court is the first level trial court in the New York State Court System. The Court has jurisdiction over vehicle and traffic matters, small claims (up to \$3000), tenancy, civil and criminal matters. It has the authority to arraign persons on all charges, but is generally limited to violations and misdemeanors. The Town justices are also empowered to officiate at weddings of all who possess a valid marriage license, in the State of New York.

OPERATIONS:

The Town of Hillsdale funds the Court and receives a flat fee of \$15 for each fine levied for the vehicle and traffic convictions. The Town's share of penal and local law violations var-

ies, according to the infraction. Each justice must complete a mandatory certification program and attend bi-annual advanced training courses. Both justices were fully certified during the 2009 calendar year.

The voters of Hillsdale elect the Town Justices to four year terms.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Court handled a record number of cases in the calendar year of 2009 totaling 607 (in 2008 the Court handled 450 cases). The cases consisted of 558 vehicle and traffic cases, 16 criminal cases, 30 civil cases and 3 misc. cases.
- Total fines, surcharges and civil fees collected in 2009 were also up totaling \$45,418.06 (in 2008 the Court collected \$35,792.40).
- The Court continues to use the electronic traffic ticket software program or E tickets. The New York State Police and Columbia County Sheriff's Department scan data from the driver's licenses and registrations directly into an in-vehicle computer, which electronically transmits the citation to the Court. It provides more timely data than the old paper ticket system.
- The Court also continues to send the judge's monthly reports to the State Comptroller electronically which allows the town to receive the Court's money on a much more timely basis.
- The Court still continues to digitally record all proceedings that take place in Court. In 2009.
- The Court began taking payments by credit card in December which is convenient for all parties and allows the Court to receive it's money in a more timely manner.



Dedication of Veterans of Foreign Wars monument on Veteran's Day, November, 2009.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZATION:

Richard Briggs: Highway Superintendent
Daryl Waite: Deputy
Dave Hall: Foreman
Robert Burns
Joe Regina
Robert Briggs Jr .
Shad Pulver (also working for the Sewer District)
Joe Ham (also working for the Sewer District)

MISSION:

The Hillsdale Highway Department maintains some 76 miles of roadways. Of those, less than half (35 miles) have a blacktop surface. The majority of Hillsdale's roads (41 miles) are still unpaved. Our goal is always safety but we also work hard to maintain the rural, agricultural character of our community.

OPERATIONS:

The 2009 Highway budget was \$912,039.00, of which all was not spent. The money was appropriated primarily for snow removal, general maintenance, salaries, and employee benefits. The highway Department was reimbursed from FEMA for 87.50 % the cost associated with the ice storm which totaled about \$430,000.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS:

In addition to snow removal, mowing and general road maintenance the highway department completed the following projects:

- Completed all cleanup associated with the December Ice storm
- Shimmed and sealed 4+ miles of road, including Craryville Road, Lockwood Road, Rockledge Road and part of West End Road.
- Purchased and installed two more calcium systems on two other trucks. Adding this with salt helps to clear hard surface roads at colder temperatures.
- Purchased a 2009 Ford 1 dump truck with an all season body that replaces the 1995 Chevy 1 ton.

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GOALS FOR 2009:

- Proper maintenance of all town roads
- Additional major drainage installations
- Seal 5 more miles of hard surface road

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Organization:

Carmen Barbato (Chairman)
Bud Atwood
Richard Briggs (Highway Superintendent)

Mission:

The purpose of the Committee is to be a liaison between the Highway Department and the Town Board, and to oversee the expenditure of Town funds by the Department.

2008 Activity:

Advised when purchasing new or used trucks or equipment.
Participated in reporting the highway department activities to the town board.

SEWER DISTRICT COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION:

August Sena, Chairman
Committee Members:
Bud Atwood
Joe Hanselman Jr.
Bob Hopkins

August Sena is an elected Town Councilman, the other Committee Members are community volunteers.

MISSION:

Eliminate public health hazard.

December 6, 2008 the Hillsdale sewer system officially began operations.

In 2008 all contractors completed the main portions of their contracts. The testing of the system began in October; operations began in November. Throughout November and December the individual sites were made operational. After 40+ years, the health hazard has been eliminated and the quality of life improved for all the residents.



The Sewer Committee, L to R: Joe Hanselman, Bud Atwood, Bob Hopkins, August Sena
Photo by Sabina Curti

2009 HIGHLIGHTS:

- We are pleased that the goals we set for 2009 have been met
- Site restoration was completed
- All tanks and connections have been made and are operational
- Abandonment of old tanks per DEC regulations
- Training of staff
- Evaluation and testing of the system

GOALS FOR 2010:

- Continue training of staff
- Continue evaluation and monitoring of system and operations
- Explore expanding the district per residents request
- Continue preventative maintenance outreach
- Continue routine inspections and maintenance

PARKS AND RECREATION

MISSION:

To oversee the development and maintenance of the Hamlet Park and the Roeliff Jansen Park and ensure their prominent role in the Hillsdale and “Roe Jan” area as a place of community, open space, learning, recreation, agriculture, and scenic beauty.

Peter Cipkowski – Chairman

Hamlet Park

Over the years, the park behind Hillsdale Town Hall has been home to countless community day celebrations, summer youth programs, softball games, Easter-egg hunts and many other events, often coordinated by Hillsdale’s families.

In 2009, the Hamlet Park was home, for the fourth year in a row, to the Hillsdale Farmer’s Market.

Approximately 2500 people attended the 2009 farmer’s market – 13 markets in total, featuring about 16 local vendors.

Markets operated on the first and third Saturdays from 9-12, starting in June and ending in October.

In addition to abundant local produce, the market featured whoopee pies, breads and beautiful baked goods. A local winery and cheese producer also joined in mid-season. Meat including lamb, pork, grass-fed beef, as well as a local hot dog product. Numerous vegetables, fruit and flowers of all types were always available.

The market also offered a community table for all types of information which was staffed by the Hamlet committee. Another area featured live music orchestrated by Fred Laing and many of his musical friends. Activity tables attracted many children and were sometimes led by our girls scout troop who offered face painting, beading and other craft projects.

Bruce Robertson of Cornell Cooperative Extension came and demonstrated cooking local types of food and canning several times over the summer.

We also had our own green cloth market bags that people used instead of plastic bags.

We’re looking forward to a busy 2010 season.

Roeliff Jansen Park

A 300-acre farm and four-season park with trails, alfalfa fields, public parking and gorgeous views. Located just south of the Hamlet of Hillsdale, look for the entrance sign on the east side of Route 22 after a small bridge that crosses the Roeliff Jansen Kill.

Visit www.roejanpark.org for more information.

RJP Steering Committee:

Art Baer

Sue Delamater

Ira Halfond

Ed Herrington

Maj Kalfus

Peter Cipkowski

Joyce Lapenn

Todd Mitchell

Patricia Rohrlich

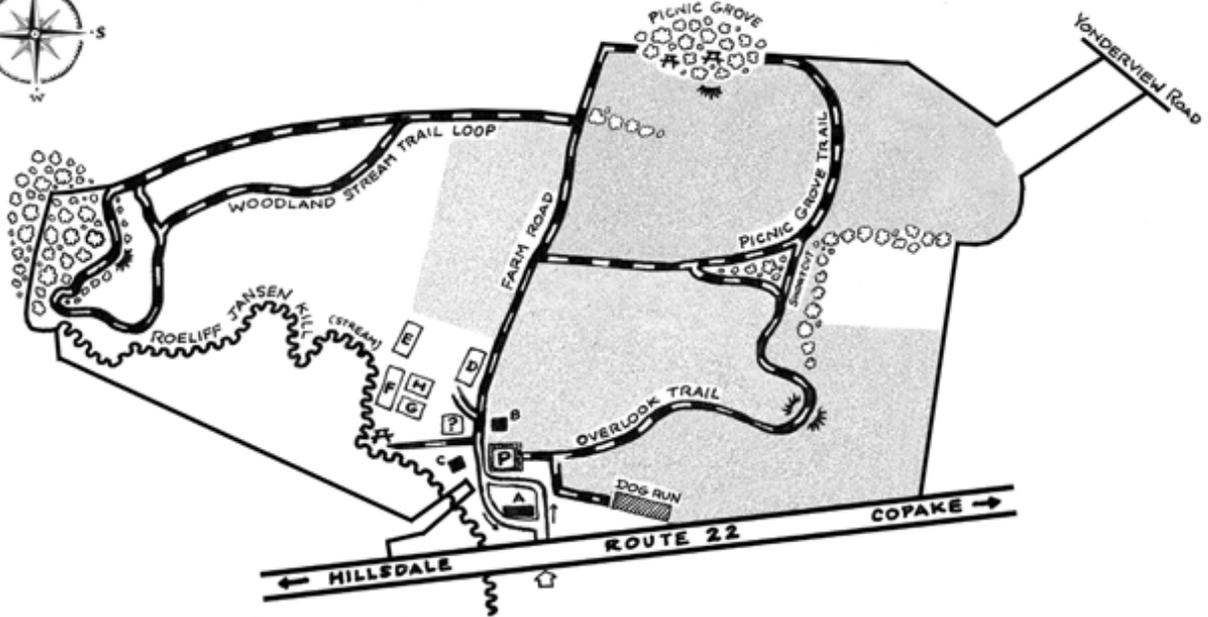
Jill Sims-Elster

Caroline Stewart – Chair

Meg Wormley

Email: roejanpark@gmail.com

ROELIFF JANSEN PARK



TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

-  **OVERLOOK TRAIL** .6 mile loop starting and ending at parking lot
- moderate incline to scenic point
-  **PICNIC GROVE TRAIL** .7 mile loop starting and ending at intersection of Farm Road & Picnic Grove
- level
-  **WOODLAND STREAM TRAIL** 1.1 mile loop through woods to stream, access and back along open fields
- gradual incline along east side
-  **THE FARM ROAD** .3 miles from kiosk to end

BUILDINGS

A	Harvest Barn
B	Salt Box Barn
C	Farm House
D	Rec. Barn
E	Hay Barn
F	Community Garden
G	Sand volleyball court
H	Playground

LEGEND

	INFORMATION KIOSK
	PARKING LOT
	SCENIC LOOKOUT POINT
	WOODS
	PICNIC TABLE
	ALPACA FIELDS

Hillsdale Youth Program / Hillsdale Outdoor Park Explorers (HOPE)

Sharon Foster – Summer Program Director

P.O. Box 305

Hillsdale, NY 12529

Telephone (518) 929-8072

Email: roejanpark@gmail.com

Youth Program Mission:

To provide a safe, educational, purposeful and fun filled summer program for local youth.

2009 Accomplishments:

- First and foremost, the program was relocated to the Roeliff Jansen Park.
- Significant renovations were implemented at the new site during the spring and early summer of 2009 including field clearance, seeding, playground construction and much more.
- One of the old farm shelters was renovated and became the Community Recreation Barn, home of the HOPE program – thanks to a generous grant from The Hudson River Bank and Trust Foundation.
- During the summer of 2009, the Program consisted of 50 children (ranging in age from 5 to 12), 3 adult teacher/leaders and two college-age counselors.
- The program ran from June 30 through August 8 and took place on Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- Activities in the new location assumed a decidedly new approach – campers took daily hikes on the parks trails, learned about the natural world and growing food and took full advantage of the park's wide open space.
- The Program not only gave the children the opportunity to participate in many outdoor and indoor recreational activities, it also provided weekly programs given by nature leader Fran Martino and master gardener, Willa Horton.
- Additionally, community volunteers provided a wide variety of programming for campers – from pottery- making, geology walks, nature-based crafts, singing to learning about survival skills.
- Swimming lessons were also available to the children every Friday at Taconic Hills Central School.

Goals for 2010:

- With the Program Director's leadership, and in partnership with the RJP Steering Committee, recruit counselors and program staff.
- Continue to enhance and strengthen the summer program with meaningful and fun-filled educational and recreational activities that maximize the park's natural and agricultural environment.

- Expand the commission of volunteer participants to partner with the youth program director and actively engage in summer and year-round activities.
- Successfully recruit 60 local children to participate in the 2009 program in the RJP.
- Continue to impress state, county and town officials, as well as local teachers, parents participants.

Applications for the 2010 summer program will be available in mid-April at Town Hall and on the park website.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ann Baldwin

Members: Julie Kane, Bob Kessler, Robina Ward

Mission:

The primary mission of the committee is to keep the public informed of the activities of town government. We want the people to be able to readily gain access to the decisions of the Town Board. A secondary mission is the promotion of the town and its businesses. We would like more people to become aware of the beauty of Hillsdale and the variety of its businesses so as to encourage visitors.

2009 Highlights

- The website has had about 340,000 hits this year; compared to 250,000 last year. The majority of the hits this year were from people looking at the Ridgeline , Steep Slope Overlay Law, local law # 10 containing need for a logging permit, the annual report and the newsletters, in that order.
- Iona Lutely and Tom Carty created an e-newsletter for the town – the Communications committee contributes periodically.
- The writing, editing, and compilation of this sixth annual report.
- Costs have been kept to a minimum. They included printing the annual report and the Webmaster’s expenses.
- Began the process of working with a web designer on a new town website.

Goals for 2010

- Launch a fresh, new website for town that (a) is easy to navigate (b) serves as repository of useful and relevant information for our citizens and (c) helps define Hillsdale as a happening place.
- Maintain the website internally to minimize ongoing fees and keep it fresh.
- Leverage the website to improve communication between the townspeople and Town Government officials.
- Support the quarterly newsletter and make relevant connections between it and the website.
- Develop and publish the 2009 annual report.
- Regularly update and post downloadable resources for new residents and visitors.



Planning Board members (left to right): Deborah Bowen, Ellen Levy, Patti Rohrlich, Hank Henward, Richard Freiman, Mark Barbato, Vivian deGeorges

PLANNING BOARD

ORGANIZATION:

Chairman: Howard (Hank) Henward

Committee Members:

Mark Barbato

Deborah Bowen

Richard Freiman

Charles (Bud) Gardner, III

Ellen Levy

Patti Rohrlich

Secretary: Vivian deGeorges

All members of the Planning Board are volunteers.

The Planning Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Hillsdale Town Hall. For an appointment, call Planning Board Secretary at 518 325-7059 or e-mail at fredviv@taconic.net

Mission:

The charter of the Board is to review and guide proposed development projects so that they are in compliance with the concepts, philosophy and regulations set forth in the Hillsdale Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, 5/1/95 (revised 6/20/00 and further revised 6/18/2007). The principal goals of the Comprehensive Plan are to maintain the rural character of Hillsdale and protect our environment.

The Planning Board is therefore committed to maintaining the rural character of Hillsdale and protecting its environment.

Operations:

The usual business of the Board meetings includes informational sessions regarding lot line adjustments, minor subdivisions (four or less parcels), and major subdivisions, which have five or more parcels. The Board endeavors to work with applicants during the planning process to mitigate the impact of proposed developments in keeping with the objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. When the review process has been completed and all criteria have been satisfied, a public hearing is held. The Board makes a concerted effort to bring interested neighbors into the planning process so that the issues of the proposed development are addressed during the early stages of the review process.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chairs of the Committees:

- Tom Carty – Comprehensive Plan Review Committee
- Janis Smythe – Green Solutions
- David Ruede – Hamlet
- Robina Ward – Historic Preservation
- Ellen Levy – Housing
- Gretchen Stevens – Natural Resources
- Not Active - Agriculture, Scenic

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee (CPRC) is to:

- a) Help identify the goals set forth in the Town of Hillsdale’s Comprehensive Plan that have not yet been implemented.
- b) Prioritize these goals based on the Town’s immediate needs and financing availability and review with the Planning Board and Town Board.
- c) Develop, with assistance from the CPRC subcommittees, sound strategies to implement these goals.
- d) Coordinate the efforts of and foster cooperation and idea sharing among all CPRC subcommittees.

Our thanks go out to the many, many volunteers who have worked for the committees and it is our hope that more of the town residents will join us as we continue to implement key provisions of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

All committees welcome participation, comments and suggestions from Town residents.

Green Solutions Committee

The purpose of the Green Solutions Committee is to provide the Town with ideas on how green solutions can be used to cut municipal and residential energy costs.

In early 2009, Co-chairman Paul Solovay announced that other commitments prevented him from continuing as co-chair. The Committee thanked Paul for all of his efforts and then voted to have the remaining co-chair, Janis Smythe, continue as sole chair of the group.

During 2009, we invited to the Committee meetings many individuals who have an interest in energy savings and who shared their ideas.

The Committee sponsored a public presentation in November by guest speaker Ned DePew who gave attendees energy saving tips for the winter months. The Committee has also planned a series of articles on green solutions for individuals interested in wind and solar energy products, State and Federal incentives for such projects, and other home and business energy saving tips.

In addition, the Committee has been doing research on wind and solar ordinances already in place in other Towns in preparation for the inclusion of ordinances that will give Hillsdale a safe and sensible plan for the development of these energy resources.

Hamlet Committee

In March, Matthew White of our committee began collaborating with the VFW (specifically Joe La Porta and Paul Proper) on a re-design of the Veteran's War Memorial. The collaboration continued with local contractor Rick Burntitus. With full support of the Town Board and the "Proud Citizens of Hillsdale" a beautiful monument now graces our Main Street to honor our "Veterans of Hillsdale".

In April, we again organized a Spring Clean-up of the hamlet, bagging much trash and debris, and were in the thick of planning our first Flea Market for Memorial Day weekend. We also worked with a top advertising firm (David Sheehan, who worked pro bono) on a new logo to be used on branded T-shirts sold throughout the year.

Early May found us collecting money at various spots around the hamlet with our "Keep Hillsdale Blooming" campaign. Mid-May the barrels were repositioned (with thanks to the Hillsdale Highway Department) and planted, with funds raised on another cold, rainy "Blooming Saturday". Throughout the summer the entry gardens at the Welcome to Hillsdale signs were maintained along with all of the barrels in the Hamlet. Credit goes to Lynda Brenner, the leader of our planting and maintenance crew.

The end of May, we hosted our first Memorial Day Flea Market in the Hamlet Park. This was a terrific community event with 45 vendors and an attendance of approximately 800 persons, and an added bonus - we raised over \$4,000 toward the "Hamlet Planner" fund. Mike Dvorchak spearheaded this effort and he along with his team deserve a huge amount of credit.

In September we were able to celebrate a \$10,000 grant award from the Hudson River Valley Greenway. We owe considerable thanks to Robina Ward, Tom Carty and Howard Van Lenten for working tirelessly on this grant. We also raised more than \$7,000 in one evening at the tour of the private contemporary art collection of one of our members, Eileen Cohen. Both the grant and these proceeds went toward the "Hamlet Planner" fund. Though short of

our final goal, we then had sufficient funds in place for the Town to hire our hamlet planner, Project for Public Spaces (PPS).

In October, the PPS team spent two full days touring the hamlet and interviewed 45 stakeholders including residents, business owners, town officials and the Affordable Housing consultant hired by the Town. PPS also developed two surveys – one for residents and one for merchants. The committee worked at distributing these and updating the community on our progress. A Hillsdale Hamlet Committee Blog was set up by our communication sub-committee at <http://hillsdalehamlet.blogspot.com/>, led by Tim Stookesberry.

We sponsored a Community Placemaking Workshop in November to gather community input for the Hillsdale Design and Development Plan. The workshop was led by PPS and there were over 75 attendees. Following the presentation, the workshop attendees divided into five groups that each focused on an assigned area within the hamlet. Specific programming and great design ideas emerged from this workshop.

We have also held meetings with the New York State Department of Transportation and the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association, in conjunction with PPS, for their input and assistance in the Design and Development Plan.

Historic Preservation Committee

The public presentation of the Historic Hamlet Survey, held on January 10 at the Mt Washington House, was a great start to the year. Jill Larson and Neil Fisher - the Preservation Planning firm hired by the town and paid for by grants from the Preservation League of New York, the JM Kaplan Fund and the Berkshire Taconic Foundation - had identified approximately 80 properties within the boundaries of the Hamlet as being of Historic and or Architectural significance. Detailed surveys of 44 of the properties were completed in December of 2008 and became the focus of the January presentation and the basis for the application to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for designation as a Historic District.

In September 2009 the Hillsdale Historic District was listed on the State Register of Historic Places and the nomination was forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington D.C.

With the establishment of the Historic District, Lex Lalli, the chairman of the Committee announced that she felt that with the historic designation she had reached her goal for the Committee and that it was time for someone else to take over its leadership. The Committee applauded and thanked Lex for all her hard work and leadership and then unanimously elected Robina Ward as the new chairman. Lex is to remain an active member of the Committee.

Timi Bates, Marylou Kersten, Meg Wormley, Janis Smythe and Matthew White spearheaded the first annual Historic House Tour on August 22. The tour highlighted 3 historic homes located at the intersection of Routes 22 and 23, as well as Aubergine and the Methodist church. Over 150 attendees enjoyed a picnic lunch on the grounds of one of the homes and toured the interiors of the historic buildings. This section of town was originally part of the Parla Foster Farm; Parla was a founding father of Hillsdale. He and his son Seymour donated the land and built the original Methodist church. The Aubergine house dates to the late 1700's and is one of the oldest buildings in the Town. The proceeds from the very successful tour will go towards new signage for the newly formed Historic District and the continuing work of

the committee. At the end of the year the committee voted unanimously to donate funds to the church for the newly restored carillon.

More tours are planned for 2010 as well as workshops to help the town residents re-search the history of their homes and the committee is currently reviewing next steps.

Housing Committee

In 2009, through a generous grant from the Dyson Foundation and donations from the committee members, the Housing Committee was able to hire the Housing Action Council of Tarrytown NY, to assist the committee in its efforts to assess the housing needs within the Town through an analysis of the number, age, and range of household incomes. Once the analysis is complete, the Council and the Committee will help the Town determine a definition of affordable and moderate housing and prepare an outline of housing strategies and options that respond to the need.

At the end of 2009, the Committee had received the analysis on the town and was ready to embark upon a town survey to get more specific results and to plan for its continuing work to establish a moderate income housing definition and look forward to strategies to provide housing for workers and seniors within the town.

Natural Resources Committee

2009 saw the completion of the Town's aquifer study by The Natural Resources Committee's contractor, New York Rural Water Association (NYWRA) a not-for-profit firm in Claverack NY. This study was funded by grants from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Hudson Valley Greenway as well as funds from the Town of Hillsdale.

Groundwater is an essential water source for Hillsdale's streams, wetlands, and ponds, and is the primary drinking water source for the human community throughout the town. Knowledge of the locations, capacities, and vulnerabilities of our groundwater aquifers will enable the town to protect its groundwater from contamination or depletion, to plan for future development compatible with groundwater supplies, and to identify productive and safe public well sites should these be needed in the future.

In the near term, the groundwater report will help the Town of Hillsdale delineate the Aquifer Overlay District that is called for in the existing Comprehensive Plan, and to develop regulatory and non-regulatory means of insuring that our groundwater resources remain clean and abundant long into the future.

Early in 2010, the Study will be presented to the Town by Steve Winkley of NYWRA at a public meeting.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

ORGANIZATION:

The Town Board appoints this position.

Office Hours: New Hours this Year are Tuesday 9am. -1:00 pm. Thursday 9am. – 4:00 pm.

Mission:

The zoning officer investigates complaints about possible zoning violations and determines if building plans are in compliance with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Ed Ferratto has been the Zoning Officer for the Town of Hillsdale since January 2005. He was also a Code Enforcement Officer until the Town Board realized the need for a separate Zoning Officer position, due to increased activity and new town laws. The responsibilities are to determine building setbacks, issue building permits, area variances, and special use permits. In addition the zoning officer responds to resident complaints about properties.

The complaints are in the form of letters, phone calls, or office visits. Complaints for property violations are usually for debris, unregistered automobiles, or work being done without a building permit. These complaints often require several visits from the zoning enforcement officer before the individuals come into compliance with either the Town's Comprehensive Plan, or the New York State Building Codes, or the New York State Property and Maintenance Codes.

2009 Activity:

- 55 office visits
- 58 phone calls
- 47 property visits
- 19 special permits
- 41 complaints
- 1 Cease and Desist Order
- 10 Orders to Remedy Violations
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- 8 Area Variances
- 32 Planning Board Referrals
- 22 Zoning Board Referrals
- 1 ROD Stage 1 Permits
- 4 Logging Permits
- 6 Site Visits for Logging
- 1104 miles Patrolled



Ed Ferratto, Zoning Enforcement Officer. (Photo by Sabina Curti)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT / CODE ENFORCEMENT

ORGANIZATION:

Glenn T. Smith: Building Inspector

Ruth Dodds: Administrative Assistant

Both are appointed positions

OPERATIONAL HOURS:

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Field Inspections: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:00pm - 3:00 pm

MISSION:

The Building Department is charged with enforcement of the New York State Building Codes and the local law which includes the recently adopted article 1203 from title 19 (NYCRR). The primary focus is the protection of the Town residents from inferior construction practices and the assurance that all new buildings are complicit with the local and state codes. The building Inspector also enforces various property maintenance laws to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all residents of the Town of Hillsdale.

Fee Group	Count	Amount	Fee Group	Count	Amount
C/O Search	58	\$2,030.00	Residential C of C	51	\$1,275.00
CO Inspection fee	10	\$1,572.24	Residential C of O	47	\$1,200.00
Commercial C of C	2	\$75.00	Search Fee	1	\$35.00
Commercial C of O	2	\$50.00	Solar PVA	6	\$489.24
Demolition Commercial	1	\$100.00	Solid Fuel Burning	1	\$80.00
Misc.	9	\$729.92	Stick New & Addition	26	\$12,298.22
Outbuildings/Garages	17	\$2,248.00	Swimming Pools	3	\$543.20
Permit Renewal	50	\$32,358.50	Temp CO	3	\$85.00
Repair	5	\$1,041.00	Total for No Fee Group	295	\$56,320.32
Replace Roofing Shingles	3	\$110.00	Grand Total	295	\$56,320.32
Residential C of C	51	\$1,275.00			

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

ORGANIZATION:

Craig Norton, Chairman
Ruth Dodds, Secretary
Rocco Defronzo
Jeffrey Sills
Casey Kuhn
Howard Van Lenten

All members of the committee are volunteers who find this work interesting, challenging, and richly rewarding.

The Zoning Board meets the first Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall.

MISSION:

To review and adjudicate land use projects which require exceptions to the standards of the Zoning Enforcement laws.

OPERATIONS:

Hillsdale's innovative zoning law, which has been called "state of the art" and has become a model for other communities wishing to update outdated zoning, places an unusual amount of responsibility on the zoning board of appeals, a responsibility we take seriously. The law is deliberately worded in such a way that we frequently need to refer to the "introduction" and "title and scope" chapters to ensure that we are interpreting the law as was intended. In Hillsdale Zoning Law there are very few activities which are actually prohibited and also very few activities which are permitted without first going through the special permit process. Accordingly, property owners are afforded the greatest possible freedom in how they use their land, while at the same time providing the greatest possible protection against incompatible uses to neighbors and to the town as a whole.

2009 HIGHLIGHTS:

The Hillsdale Zoning Board of Appeals met 6 times in 2009 to consider 16 applications, as follows:

- 6 applications for a special permit to perform excavation, construction or demolition within 200 feet of a designated stream,
- 2 applications for change of use of existing structures
- 2 applications for change of use for businesses in the Hamlet of Hillsdale,
- 1 special permit renewal for a music festival,
- 5 applications for area variances, and



Joe Hanselman Jr., Tax collector

TAX COLLECTOR

ORGANIZATION:

Tax Collector: Joe Hanselman Jr.

Deputy Tax Collector: Carol Hanselman

MISSION:

Mission: Mail out tax bills when received, process payments, and issue receipts (when needed) in a timely manner. Assist residents, realtors, lending institutions, title companies, and other entities that may require tax information, duplicate bills or receipts by mail, fax or email.

OPERATIONS:

There are approximately 1,600 taxable parcels in Hillsdale. Total amount to be collected for 2010 is \$3,744,040.71 includes County, Town, and Fire Districts, (Light, School Re-levies, and Sewer Re-levies if applicable).

The Tax Office is responsible for the collection of property taxes for approximately 1,600 parcels. All powers and duties of this office, as well as collection procedures, are statutory and defined in the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

Tax bill information is now available on the web. Information is only updated yearly, so new owners, subdivisions, or property merges are not shown until the following year. To access the tax bill, log into <http://egov.basny.com/hillsdale>. Once you reach the website, access the tax bill by entering owner name, sbl#, tax bill number or property address.

The Town of Hillsdale Tax Collector is a four-year elected position. Before entering upon the duties of the office, it is required that all tax collecting officers take and subscribe

the Constitutional oath of office. Once the Collector has taken the oath, he/she becomes the insurer and guarantor of all moneys, securities, papers and records that the law provides shall be in their custody.

The Tax Collector collects the General Property Taxes in January. The bills are mailed in early January. The tax bill covers the period of January 1st. - December 31st. Payments can be made upon receipt of bill through January 31st, without penalty. If they are paid on/after February 1st, there is a penalty, see the following chart.

After May 31st, all unpaid parcels are turned over to Columbia County.

Payments may be made in person by check or cash and are accepted during the previous hours listed. Payments can also be made by mail to: Hillsdale Tax Collector, PO Box 232, Hillsdale, NY 12529. *Please do not send cash through the mail.*

The Property Tax bill contains levies for the Town, County, Fire District, and any special districts. In addition, if school or sewer bills are unpaid, they will be re-levied on the Property Tax Bill. If a previous owner was receiving an exemption, a payback amount may also appear in the bill which covers the time period that the new property owner enjoyed a previous owner's exemption to which they were not entitled.

The Hillsdale Tax Office does not collect School Taxes for the Taconic Hills School District. School Tax Bills are mailed in early September. The due date is specified on the bill. Please contact their tax office at (518) 325-0320 with any questions you may have regarding School Taxes. As of November 15th all unpaid School Tax bills are turned over to Columbia County, and are re-levied on the following years Property Tax Bill with an additional penalty.

Third Party Request

To assist our elderly and disabled residents, third party notification of tax bills is offered. Property owners who are disabled or 65 years of age or older, and own a one, two, or three family home, may designate an adult consenting third party to receive duplicate copies of tax bills and notices of unpaid taxes. In order to receive this service, one must fill out a third party notification form RP-923, which is available in the Tax Office.

Many residents have their taxes escrowed with lending institutions. It is the lending institution's responsibility to notify the town for which they are responsible for paying. Many banks contract with Tax Service Organizations (TSOs), which are agencies that service escrow accounts for the banks. These organizations provide us with a listing of their customers and their identifying account numbers. The larger organizations do this primarily by computer disc. In the event that a resident received a bill that should have gone to the bank, it is still the responsibility of the bank to call for that bill. If the bill should have gone to the homeowner, but went to the bank, it is the homeowner's responsibility to know that taxes are due. Please call our office immediately and we will issue you a duplicate bill. The failure to mail a statement or the failure of a property owner to receive a statement will not affect the validity of the taxes or interest prescribed by law, (New York State Real Property Tax Law §922). If you should have received a bill, but have not during the first week of January, please contact this office for a duplicate bill.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. I never received my bill, or received it late; do I still have to pay the penalty?

Yes, the failure to mail a statement or the failure of a property owner to receive a statement will not affect the validity of the taxes or interest prescribed by law (New York State Real Property Tax Law §922). In addition, neither the Tax Collector nor any other official has legal authority to waive statutory penalty charges. These are fixed by the Real Property Tax Law. If they are waived, the collecting officer will be personally responsible. As all records are audited by State examiners, there is absolutely no discretion in this matter. The Constitution and the law of the State mandates the procedure.

2. If I mail my payment on the due date do I have to pay a penalty?

No. New York State Real Property Tax Law §925, provides as follows: “Payment of taxes by mail, when enclosed in a postpaid wrapper (envelope) properly addressed to the appropriate collecting officer and is deposited in a post office or official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office shall, upon delivery, be deemed to have been made to such officer on the date of the United States Postmark on such wrapper. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the case of postmarks not made by the United States Post Office. A postage meter postmark is not a postmark made by the United States Post Office and, therefore, is not within in the provisions of Real Property Tax Law §925. Payments can not be deemed timely because of a postage meter postmark date on an envelope containing a tax payment (Op. New York State Comp. 69-170).

If taxes are not received until after the due date, they are not paid until after the due date unless they fall squarely within the provisions of section 925 of the Real Property Tax Law, and the penalty must be added and collected. No Town Official or employee can waive the penalty (Op. New York State Comp. 68-626).

3. Do you accept payment with credit cards?

No. The Town has not entered into an agreement with a credit card processing center to enable tax payers to use any major credit card to pay their property taxes. If you would choose to use this method to pay your taxes, there is a convenience fee of approximately 2% of the tax bill added to the transaction. This money goes to the credit card processing center, not to the Town of Hillsdale. There is a cost to the Town for providing this service. To keep the tax rates down, the town chose not to adopt this service, since most property owners are already complaining of high tax bills. If you are willing to pay the additional fee, please call and let us know so we can keep track of the responses for possible changes in the future.

4. Can I pay my taxes in installments?

The Town of Hillsdale does accept partial payments. The recommended installment is payments in thirds, the first in January, the second in March, and the final payment in May. Please be aware the penalties are still in effect and does not exempt you from paying them. Please contact this office for the amount due if you are interested in this option, especially the final payment due.

5. Can I pre-pay my taxes?

No, the warrant constitutes the mantle of authority for the collecting officer to receive the taxes. Therefore, the warrant must be regarded as the instrument which empowers the collecting officer to begin the collection. Collection authority can not begin prior to the date of the warrant.

6. What if my mailing address changes?

Address changes must be made in writing. Notify either the Tax Office or the Assessor's Office by mail or fax if you wish to change your mailing address.

7. What if my mortgage is paid up?

In order to make sure you will receive the tax bills prior to the penalty period (February for Town/County Taxes), you must notify the Tax Office in your Town. Send or fax a copy of the "Satisfaction of Mortgage" letter from your lender.

8. How do I apply for exemptions?

All exemptions are handled by the Assessor's Office. Any questions, please call Pam Cook, Assessor at (518) 325-3636, Fridays between 8:30 am and 12:00 noon or email hillsdaleassessor@fairpoint.net

9. Why don't I see the STAR exemption?

The basic STAR exemption only affects your School Tax portion of your primary residence.



Special Election Day

COMMUNITY RESCUE SQUAD

283 Mountain View Road
P.O. Box 327
Copake, New York 12516
(518)329-2200 Fax (518) 329-2159

The Clausson-Raught Community Rescue Squad, Inc. was established in 1946 to provide the Roe-Jan Area with ambulance transportation to and from the Hospitals in the area. We have grown as the community has grown. Now in our sixty-first year we provide Advanced Life Support from Green River to Gallatin and beyond. Our primary service is to provide the citizens of the area with Paramedic level Ambulance Service twenty-four hours per day three hundred and sixty five days a year.

In 2009 we responded to the Town of Hillsdale One Hundred and Fifty Four times. Providing your residents with Life saving medical intervention and transportation to the nearest appropriate medical facility. This call volume represents sixteen point three percent of our total calls for the 2008 year.

We have two van type ambulances one 2004 four-wheel drive, and one 2005 unit. We would like to have both ambulances in service from six am to six pm. Then one unit is in service from six pm to six am seven days per week. This response plan (needs assessment) is based on the facts of call volume averages over the last three years. This plan has a greater cost to our operation, but the end result is the ability to provide our community with a greater level of service and availability would be the benefit to our communities we serve.

We have actively pursued outside sources of funding to offset the costs of providing this level of service. In the past year alone we have secured a New York State pass through grant from Senator Steven Saland's Office for an emergency standby generator, as well as a Berkshire Taconic Foundation Grant (Fund for Columbia County) for half the cost of a patient evacuation chair. We have also received funding from many community groups that fund many aspects of our day-to-day operations.

Our (16) Paramedics, (21) Emergency Medical Technicians and (6) Volunteers maintain their skill level by attending over an average of one hundred hours of training annually per member. This education is vital to our members, so they can keep abreast of the latest procedures and techniques. This cost of the education is at the member's expense. This time away from our families and friends is a great sacrifice but the end result is the ability to care for our patients at a better level.

The Clausson-Raught Community Rescue Squad, Inc. will continue to provide a level of service that is expected the residents of the communities we serve.

HILLSDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Organization:

Executive Officers

President: Joe Hanselman Jr.
Vice President: Patrick Farrell
Secretary: Chad Malarchuk
Treasurer: James Brennan

Company Trustees:

Robert Hopkins
James Knickerbocker
Richard Miller

Line Officers

Chief: Richard Briggs
1st Asst. Chief: Fred Miller
2nd Asst. Chief: Robert Burns
Capt.: Clifton Conklin
Lieut. Joe Ham
Lieut.: Robert Briggs Jr.

Fire Police

Captain: Herbert Schmeichel
Lieut.: Robert Briggs, Sr.

Fire District Commissioners

Chairman: Fred Canetto
Secretary: Jim Brennan
Treasurer: Joe Hanselman Jr.
George Atwood
George Beneke
Thomas Kane

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President: Wina Briggs
Vice President: Patty Hall
Secretary: Heather Conklin
Treasurer: Amanda Burns

Total Members: 45 – 100% volunteer

Mission:

To be on call 24/7, to respond to all emergencies, and to assist as requested with neighboring Fire Departments.

Operations:

- The Department is dispatched by the County 911 System. The Department is also hooked into the police radio network and can respond to emergencies in their area.
- There is “OSHA” training and other life-safety drills throughout the year. The training is extensive and certification is awarded to those that meet all requirements.
- The Firehouse is solely owned by the Fire Company.
- The Fire Company’s major fundraising events include the Palm Sunday Brunch, the Annual Ball, and the Boot Drive.
- Fire equipment and apparatus is owned by the Fire District.
- In 2009 the Fire District purchased a new KME Heavy Rescue. This truck replaces the 1976 Ford Equipment Truck..

2009 Activity:

Total Calls		Volunteer Hours	Man Hours
Fire Alarms	20	Drills	321
False Alarms	29	Fires:	1600
Good Intent	14	Training	1334
Hazardous Conditions	19	Other (fund raisers, etc.)	1978
Rescue/EMS	9		
Service	12	Total	5233



Earth Born Farm at work.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Assessor: PamelaCook
Email: hillsdaleassessor@fairpoint.net
Hours: Friday, 8:30-Noon
518-325-3636 or 325-5073

Who is the Assessor?

The assessor is a local government official who estimates the value of real property within a city, town, or village's boundaries. This value is converted into an assessment, which is just one component in the computation of real property tax bills.

What Does an Assessor Do?

The assessor is obligated by New York State law to maintain assessments at a uniform percentage of market value each year. The assessor signs an oath to this effect when certifying the assessment roll — the document containing each property assessment. The physical description (or inventory) and value estimate of every parcel is required to be kept current. In order to maintain a uniform roll, each year your assessor will need to analyze all of the properties in the municipality to determine which assessments, if any, need to be changed.

Where assessments need to be changed, in some cases, your assessor will be able to increase or decrease the assessments of a neighborhood or group of properties by applying real estate market trends from the town's property sales to those properties. This is possible only when the assessments to be changed are at a uniform level other than the municipality's stated level of assessment. In other cases, the assessor will need to conduct physical re-inspections for reappraisals of properties.

The assessment roll shows all of the town's assessments and exemptions and is available for public inspection any time at the Town Hall during normal business hours.

What Kind of Property is Assessed?

All real property, commonly known as real estate, is assessed. Real property is defined as land and any permanent structures attached to it. Some examples of real property are houses, gas stations, office buildings, vacant land, motels, shopping centers, farms, apartment buildings, restaurants, and mobile homes.

How is Real Property Assessed?

Before assessing any parcel of property, the assessor estimates its market value. Market value is how much a property would sell for, in an open market, under normal conditions. To estimate market values, the assessor must be familiar with all aspects of the local real estate market.

A property's value can be estimated in three different ways. First, property is compared to others similar to it that have sold recently, using only sales where the buyer and seller both acted without undue pressure. This is the most common method used. It is called the market approach and is normally used to value residential, vacant, and farm properties.

The second way is to calculate the cost, using today's labor and material prices, to replace the structure with a similar one. If the structure is not new, the assessor determines the depreciation since it was built. The resulting value is added to an estimate of the market value of the land. This method, called the cost approach, is used to value special purpose and utility properties.

The third way is to analyze how much income a property (like an apartment building, store, or factory) will produce if rented. Operating expenses, insurance, maintenance costs, financing terms, and how much money expected to be earned are considered. This method is called the income approach.

Once the assessor estimates the market value of a property, its assessment is calculated. New York State law provides that all property within a municipality be assessed at a uniform percent of market value. The level of assessment can be five percent, 20 percent, 50 percent, or any other fraction, up to 100 percent. Everyone pays his or her fair share of taxes as long as every property in a locality is assessed at the same percent of value.

For example, a house with a market value of \$100,000 located in a town that assesses at 15 percent of value would have an assessment of \$15,000. The assessment is multiplied by the tax rate for each taxing jurisdiction - city, town, village, school district, etc. - to determine the tax bills. Tax rates are determined by each school district, county and town through the budget process.

What Else Does an Assessor Do?

The assessor performs many other administrative functions, such as inspecting new construction and major improvements to existing structures. The recording of deeds and property transfers into trusts, life estates and other legal instruments are also part of the function of the assessor's office. This ensures that the record of each property's physical inventory as well as owner is current and that the appropriate improvements are assessed.

The assessor also approves and keeps track of property tax exemptions. Among the most common are the senior citizen, school tax relief (STAR), veterans, forest and agricultural. *

Where Can I Go With Questions?

The assessor is continually communicating with the public, answering questions, and dealing with concerns raised by taxpayers. Informal meetings with your assessor to help answer your assessment questions can take place at any time throughout the year. It is up to individual property owners to monitor their own assessments.

Assessors are interested only in fairly assessing property in their assessing unit. If your assessment is correct and your tax bill still seems too high, the assessor cannot change that. Complaints to the assessor must be about how property is assessed and not the amount of taxes. Taxpayers unhappy with growing property tax bills should also examine the scope of budgets and expenditures of the taxing jurisdictions (counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, etc.) and address those issues in the appropriate and available public forums.

*Forms are available at Town Hall during normal business hours or the ORPS website orps.state.ny.us.

Assessment Calendar

Taxable Status Date March 1
Exemption Filing Deadline* March 1 (all exemptions due)
Assessment Change Notices Mailed by May 1
Tentative Assessment Roll Filed May 1
Grievance Day 4th Thursday in May (may vary)
Valuation Date July 1 (of previous year)
Final Assessment Roll Filed July 1

There are 1,649 property parcels in Hillsdale for a 2008 total value of \$512,880,660.00.



GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**Town of Hillsdale
General Fund**

**Comparative Summary of Fund Balance, Revenue and Appropriations
for the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009**

	12/31/2008 Actual	2009 Adjusted Budget	12/31/2009 Actual	2009 Variance
Fund Balance 1/1	<u>\$ 617,961.00</u>		<u>\$ 540,034.00</u>	
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$ 121,134.00	\$ 130,826.00	\$ 130,826.00	\$ -
Paid in Lieu of Taxes	3,850.00		814.00	\$ (814.00)
Penalties on Taxes	9,298.00	8,000.00	8,019.00	(19.00)
Sales Tax & Franchise Fees	134,497.00	99,800.00	134,528.00	(34,728.00)
Department Income	10,612.00	14,400.00	10,055.00	4,345.00
Intergovernmental Charges	16,870.00	15,100.00	16,259.00	(1,159.00)
Use of Money & Property	17,008.00	15,000.00	2,633.00	12,367.00
Licenses & Permits	77,446.00	45,200.00	58,964.00	(13,764.00)
Fines & Forfeitures	21,541.00	18,000.00	18,480.00	(480.00)
Sales	100.00	-	200.00	(200.00)
Insurance Recovery & Misc	7,838.00	-	1,403.00	(1,403.00)
State Aid	99,310.00	83,900.00	99,105.00	(15,205.00)
Federal Aid				-
Appropriated Fund Balance		150,188.00		
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 519,504.00</u>	<u>\$ 580,414.00</u>	<u>\$ 481,286.00</u>	<u>\$ (51,060.00)</u>
Total Revenue & Fund Balance	<u>1,137,465.00</u>		<u>1,021,320.00</u>	
Appropriations				
General Government Support	\$ 246,876.00	\$ 256,670.00	\$ 229,333.00	\$ 27,337.00
Public Safety	48,575.00	45,080.00	49,338.00	(4,258.00)
Health	290.00	290.00	290.00	-
Transportation	76,041.00	78,097.00	79,068.00	(971.00)
Economic Assistance	1,148.00	2,808.00	2,749.00	59.00
Culture & Recreation	59,300.00	57,602.00	53,312.00	4,290.00
Home & Community Service	29,736.00	47,267.00	31,015.00	16,252.00
Employee Benefits	85,465.00	92,600.00	81,515.00	11,085.00
Interfund Transfers	50,000.00	-	-	-
Total Appropriations	<u>\$ 597,431.00</u>	<u>\$ 580,414.00</u>	<u>\$ 526,620.00</u>	<u>\$ 53,794.00</u>
Fund Balance 12/31	<u>\$ 540,034.00</u>		<u>\$ 494,700.00</u>	

HIGHWAY FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Town of Hillsdale
Highway Fund
Comparative Summary of Fund Balance, Revenue and Appropriations
for the years ended December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2009

	12/31/2008 Actual	2009 Adjusted Budget	12/31/2009 Actual	
Fund Balance 1/1	\$ 179,330.00		\$ 97,297.00	
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$ 669,742.00	\$ 701,839.00	\$ 701,839.00	\$
Sales Tax	132,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	
Intergovernmental Charges	6,169.00	9,000.00	5,669.00	
Use of Money and Property	7,984.00	7,000.00	2,020.00	
Insurance Recoveries & Misc	10,853.00	-	11,518.00	
Sales of Scrap	4,000.00	-	3,610.00	
State Aid	167,826.00	167,573.00	170,863.00	
Federal Aid	-	184,640.00	201,342.00	
Appropriated Fund Balance		50,000.00		
Total Revenue	\$ 998,574.00		\$ 1,216,861.00	
Total Revenue & Fund Balance	1,177,904.00	\$ 1,240,052.00	1,314,158.00	\$
Appropriations				
Street Maintenance	\$ 351,904.00	\$ 327,552.00	\$ 298,664.00	\$
Highway Improvements	139,987.00	145,665.00	145,164.00	
Bridge Maintenance	10,331.00	10,000.00	6,326.00	
Machinery and Equipment	216,261.00	169,775.00	175,283.00	
Snow Removal	220,484.00	264,667.00	245,497.00	
Emergency Disaster	30,898.00	202,648.00	210,182.00	
Employee Benefits	70,840.00	71,645.00	70,459.00	
Debt Service	39,902.00	39,800.00	38,427.00	
Interfund Transfers		8,300.00		
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,080,607.00	\$ 1,240,052.00	\$ 1,190,002.00	\$

