

Regular Monthly Meeting, Hillsdale Town Board
Tuesday, July 20, 2010

I. Call to order

Supervisor Art Baer called to order the regular meeting of the **Hillsdale Town Board** at **7:30 pm** on **July 20, 2010**, in the **Hillsdale Town Hall**. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Attending

The following persons were present: Supervisor Baer, Board Members Carmen Barbato, Peter Cipkowski, Christian Kersten, and Augie Sena; Town Clerk Julie Kane, Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs, Planning Board Chair Hank Henward, Tax Collector Joe Hanselman; Comprehensive Plan Review Committee Chair Tom Carty, Resident Deputy Bill Dunspaugh, and 7 members of the public.

III. Acceptance of the Minutes

Julie Kane, Town Clerk, submitted the minutes of the regular May Town Board meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

IV. Committee Reports

- a) **SEWER COMMITTEE:** Mr. Sena reported that WTI had agreed to modify the terms of their contract with the Sewer District to include quarterly site visits with remote monitoring and an annual plant check. This modification would save the Town \$5000 annually, he added. Mr. Sena continued, saying that he was recommending that Patrick Nolan remain as consultant to the sewer district as plans are developed to expand the district. He explained that, with 18 months of good data, the Sewer District Board could apply now for permission to expand and that Mr. Nolan's services would be necessary during that process. Mr. Baer responded that he would like to see Mr. Nolan working one day per two weeks for the District and added that sewer collections were following the same pattern as last year.
- b) **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Kersten reported that the Summer Youth Program began July fifth and was fully enrolled. He continued, saying that the Roe-Jan Park steering committee had received 150 responses to its survey and was ready to begin analyzing the data. He added that the dog run at the Roe-Jan Park was now open and that the electrical work was almost complete.

Mr. Kersten also informed the Board that he had had an offer to repair the pirate ship in the Hamlet Park if the Town would supply the materials. He concluded by recommending that, as part of the 2011 budget process, the Board create and fund a part-time parks staff position for perhaps 10 hours per week, tasked with looking after both town parks.

- c) COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Cipkowski reported that the Town web site had seen a 38% increase in traffic since June and that a “Nature Lovers Guide to Hillsdale” was in the works.
- d) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Mr. Barbato reported that Tony Avenia of B&G Wines had volunteered to put up the crosswalk signs on weekends in the Hamlet. On a motion by Mr. Kersten, seconded by Mr. Sena,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved that the Hillsdale Town Board does hereby request of the New York State Division of Motor Vehicles a reduction of the speed limit to 40 miles per hour on the following Town roads:

Overlook Road, the entire length;
Dawson Road, the entire length;
Collins Street, the entire length;
Collins Street Extension, the entire length;
Holm Road, the entire length;
Rodman Road, from West End Road to Doe Hill Road;
Rockledge Road, the entire length;
And Whippoorwill Road, the entire length.

- e) BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Mr. Baer announced that the Building Department had begun operating under the new inter-municipal agreement with the Towns of Austerlitz and Canaan.

V. Other Business

- a) LIBRARY ACQUISITION: Mr. Baer announced that the purchase contract was ready to be signed with a tentative closing date of September 1, 2010, and that he would be issuing a check for \$24,500 for the 10% purchase deposit.
Hank Henward presented certain changes to the interior design suggested by Joe Iuviene, including a lift to give handicapped access to all levels of the building. On a motion by Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Mr. Kersten,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to accept the preliminary design prepared by Joe Iuviene and presented on sheets PD-1 and PD-2 dated 7/12/2010 and 7/16/2010.

Mr. Henward also informed the Board that the Library Acquisition Committee had designated Mr. Sena to serve as clerk of the works for this project.

- b) COMMUNITY DAY: Mr. Briggs, as co-chair of the Community Day Committee, reported that the Community Day newspaper had been published and distributed and that the contract had been signed for the “First Annual” fireworks display.

- c) RAIL TRAIL: On a motion by Mr. Sena, seconded by Mr. Barbato,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved that:

WHEREAS the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association and volunteers from the Towns of Hillsdale and Copake have been working together to extend the Harlem Valley Rail Trail west from Copake Falls; and

WHEREAS this extension will benefit the citizens of Hillsdale by providing additional opportunities for healthful exercise and recreation; and

WHEREAS this extension will benefit the Town of Hillsdale by providing a locus for expanded business opportunities; therefore

The Hillsdale Town Board fully supports the collaborative effort of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association and the volunteers from the Towns of Copake and Hillsdale in their efforts to bring the Rail Trail from Copake Falls through the Town of Hillsdale.

- d) MOVIES IN THE PARK: Tom Carty informed the Board that, through the efforts of the Library Board and the Hamlet Subcommittee, evening movies will be shown in the Hamlet Park beginning July 31. On a motion by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Mr. Kersten,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board approved the use of the Hamlet Park for the public showing of movies by this group.

- e) EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Mr. Kersten,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved into executive session at 8:33 pm to discuss personnel issues related to a particular Town employee.

On a motion by Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Mr. Kersten,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved out of executive session at 9:03 pm.

f) PAY BILLS: On a motion by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Mr. Sena,

Adopted by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

It was resolved to pay the Town's bills in the following amounts:

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| General Fund | Voucher #180 - #218 | \$ 24,576.43 |
| Highway Fund | Voucher #154 - #179 | \$ 84,186.12 |
| Parks Fund | Voucher #19 – 24 | \$ 1,930.80 |
| Building Fund | Voucher #28 – 32 | \$ 1,845.02 |
| Sewer District #1 | Voucher #2 | \$ 399.00 |

VI. Adjournment

On a motion of **Mr. Barbato**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays:

Supervisor Baer adjourned the meeting at **9:25 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Julie Kane, Hillsdale Town Clerk

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