

Regular Monthly Meeting, Hillsdale Town Board
Tuesday, November 16, 2010

I. Call to order

Supervisor Art Baer called to order the regular meeting of the **Hillsdale Town Board** at **7:30 pm** on **November 16, 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, and Augie Sena; Town Clerk Julie Kane, Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs, Tax Collector Joe Hanselman; and 3 members of the public.

III. Acceptance of the Minutes

Julie Kane, Town Clerk, submitted the minutes of the regular October Town Board meeting, the October 26 Public Hearing, and the Special Meeting of October 26. The minutes were accepted as presented.

IV. Committee Reports

- a) **SEWER COMMITTEE:** Mr. Sena reported that staff were marking sewer caps to avoid damage during snow plowing, that Shad Pulver is now working two full days per week, Monday and Friday, for the Sewer District, and that Patrick Nolan is now working fewer hours. Mr. Baer announced that the District had received notice of a \$1000 fine for late filing of the May discharge report. He added that the District is contesting the fine because the report had been filed.
- b) **LIBRARY CONVERSION:** Mr. Sena reported that the Requests for Proposals were about ready to go out, and he added that Matthew White had offered to work on the building's interior design. Mr. Baer inquired about the status of the Justice grant for the new court bench, and Mr. Sena responded that the paperwork had not yet been received. Mr. Cipkowski asked Mr. Sena what the next steps were, and he responded that the attorney was reviewing the RFPs prior to their release.
- c) **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Baer reported that the bathroom project at the Roe-Jan Park was moving forward and that the Town was working with Columbia County to plan a kite festival at the Park for next year.
- d) **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Cipkowski reported that a survey for the users of the Town's web site had been posted to solicit feedback on the visitors' satisfaction and ideas for enhancement.

- e) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent, reported that the county will assist in grinding down the stumps left along the Town roads by utility workers cleaning up after last year's ice storm.

V. Other Business

- a) KERSTEN RESIGNATION: Mr. Baer informed the Board that Board member Chris Kersten had resigned effective immediately, in order to accept employment out of the area. He requested that the Town Clerk post a public notice requesting letters of application for interested citizens with the goal of appointing a replacement to take office January 1, 2011.
- b) CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL: On a motion by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Barbato,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board appointed Guy Winig to fill the vacant position on the Conservation Advisory Council.

- c) BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW: On a motion by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Sena,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board reappointed Mary Ann Foote to another term on the Board of Assessment Review.

- d) HAMLET SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr. Baer informed the Board that David Ruede had stepped down as chair of the Hamlet Subcommittee and that its members had unanimously recommended Howard Van Lenten for the position. On a motion by Mr. Baer, seconded by Mr. Sena,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board appointed Howard Van Lenten chair of the Hamlet Subcommittee of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee.

- e) AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Robina Ward informed the Board that the consultant's report had been received and that a copy had been filed with the Town Clerk.
- f) NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE: Ms. Ward reported that the Subcommittee would like to begin a study of wells in the Hillsdale hamlet as the recent Aquifer Study had indicated that the local aquifer does not run through the hamlet.
- g) HEALTH INSURANCE: Mr. Baer informed the Board that the Town's current health insurance provider was discontinuing the HMO policy that the Town currently carries, effective December 31, 2010, and wants the Town to move to MVP's EVO policy. He stated that he had been reviewing MVP's

proposal as well as other alternatives and would make a recommendation to the Board in December.

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

Adopted by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays

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

General Fund	Voucher #283 - #313	\$ 19,506.01
Highway Fund	Voucher #241 - #259	\$ 73,709.83
Parks Fund	Voucher #32 - #35	\$ 1,611.75
Building Fund	Voucher #5 - #6	\$ 8,999.00
Sewer District #1	Voucher #48 - #54	\$ 2,452.38

VI. Adjournment

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

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays:

Supervisor Baer adjourned the meeting at **9:30 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Julie Kane, Hillsdale Town Clerk

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