

Organizational Meeting, Hillsdale Town Board, Friday, January 5, 2007

An organizational meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held at the Town Hall on Friday, January 5, 2007, at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present.

PRESENT: Supervisor Arthur Baer
Councilwoman Ann Baldwin
Councilman Carmen Barbato
Councilman August Sena
Councilman Peter Cipkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk; Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent; and a resident.

Resolution #1

Request for Speed Reduction - Yonderview Road

The Town of Copake requested that whereas Yonderview Road is in both towns, that Hillsdale join them in asking for a lower speed limit on the portion of Yonderview that is in Hillsdale.

On motion of Councilman Cipkowski, seconded by Councilwoman Baldwin; the following resolution was

adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved that the members of the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale do hereby request a reduction of the speed limit on Yonderview Road between the Hillsdale/Copake town line and NYS Route 23.

**Sue Delamater has resigned as Youth Director as of January 1, 2007. Councilman Cipkowski was asked if he would advertise that position and find someone to take Sue's place. The rationale being, as he is Chairman of Park and Rec, Town Board liaison to the committee, and in charge of the budget, he would be the logical person to do it.

**After inquiring of other towns, Supervisor Baer found that the only towns that weren't using the Sheriff's Department for court security were those towns that had their own police force. In that light, we seem to have no alternative but to continue using the Sheriff's Department agreement for court security.

**Three applications have been received for the position of Deputy Building Inspector. This position will be part-time 8 hours per week, \$16.00 per hour. The Board felt there is a need for another certified code enforcement officer.

**And for information, the Deputy Assessor, Pam Cook, will be paid out of part of Peter's salary until such time that she becomes the official assessor the amount to be determined.

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Resolution #2

Appointments for 2007

On motion of Supervisor Baer, seconded by Councilman Cipkowski, the following resolution was

adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to approve the following appointments for the year 2007:

Deputy Supervisor	Carmen Barbato
Budget Officer	Arthur Baer
Town Attorney	Nelson Alford, Jr.
Accountant	Mark Fitzgerald
Building Inspector/CEO	John Florio
Zoning Enforcement Officer	Edward Ferratto
Town Historian	Herbert Parmet
Dog Control Officer	JoAnn Graziano
Kennels	Columbia-Greene Humane Society
Town Constable	Gerald Brusie
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Ruth Dodds
Highway Committee	Carmen Barbato
Sewer Committee	August Sena
Park & Rec Committee	
Youth Director	
Communications	
Designation of Official Newspaper	Independent
Designation of Bank Depository	Hudson River Bank & Trust/First Niagara Bank

Resolution #3

Resolutions for 2007 and Schedule of Salaries

On motion of Councilwoman Baldwin, seconded by Councilman Cipkowski; the following resolution was

adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to approve the following resolutions and salaries for the year 2007:

- 1) Establish \$.405 per mile for all official town business
- 2) Give Highway Superintendent authority to purchase up to \$1,500 in new equipment without authorization of the Board
- 3) Give Highway Superintendent permission to bid, as necessary, materials such as calcium chloride and gravel
- 4) Allow the Highway Superintendent to share equipment with other municipalities as necessary
- 5) Fix salaries and time each shall be paid (Schedule attached)
- 6) All accounts must be submitted to the Board on a monthly basis

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- 7) Bills must be presented no later than two working days before the regular business meeting
- 8) Regular Town Board meetings will be the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

**The State passed a law allowing higher property tax exemptions for Veterans and Seniors. The Supervisor suggests that the Town follow what the County decides. At this point in time, the County has not decided, but by the February meeting we should know. Therefore, a public hearing will be scheduled on the exemptions before the regular February meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**As Bob Hopkins is back in the insurance business working with Meltz, Wood, Harder in Chatham, it was suggested that the Town's insurance be switched back to him. Our current carrier is First Niagara Risk Management, which is based in Albany and at times hard to contact. The insurance company would remain the same NYMIR. The Board agreed.

Resolution #4

Establish Petty Cash Fund

On motion of Supervisor Baer, seconded by Councilman Barbato; the following resolution was

adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to establish a Petty Cash Fund of \$200.00 for use by the Town Board and

Further resolved that it be handled by Jan Keefner, Deputy Clerk.

****Sewer**

We are very close to going to bid. In fact within the next week or two.

We didn't get the \$500,000 NYSERDA grant.

We are in the process of asking the governor's office for additional funding on the basis that the original cost (quoted 3 years ago) is now understated...by 20%. Better to ask sooner than later.

Resolution #5

Appointment to Planning Board

On motion of Councilwoman Baldwin, seconded by Councilman Sena; the following resolution was

adopted	-	vote	-	Supervisor Baer	yes
				Councilwoman Baldwin	yes
				Councilman Barbato	no
				Councilman Sena	yes
				Councilman Cipkowski	yes

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Resolved to reappoint Ellen Levy to the Planning Board for a seven year term, beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2013.

Resolution #6

Appointment to Board of Assessment Review

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Barbato; the following resolution was

adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to reappoint Frederick Laing to the Board of Assessment Review for a five year term beginning immediately and expiring September 30, 2011

Resolution #7

Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

On motion of Councilman Barbato, seconded by Supervisor Baer, the following resolution was

adopted	-	vote	-	Supervisor Baer	Yes
				Councilwoman Baldwin	Yes
				Councilman Barbato	Yes
				Councilman Cipkowski	Yes
				Councilman Sena	Yes--

providing the position
of secretary is filled

Resolved to appoint Juanita O Rourke to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Ruth Dodds, RMC, Town Clerk