

TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 21, 2012

**Pledge to flag**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at the Town Hall at 7:00p.m. with the following members present

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Arthur Baer  
Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster  
Councilman August Sena  
Councilman Peter Cipkowski  
Councilman Steven Tiger

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk; Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent; Joe Hanselman, Tax Collector and Carol; Julie Kane, Robina Ward, Jeff Paige, and William Baker, Chris Simon, reporter, Robert Hopkins and Gary VanAllen, insurance agents

**APPROVE MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster, the following resolution was

**Adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, as presented.

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

**Adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on Friday, January 20, 2012, as presented.

**SEWER**

We have hired a back up sewer operator/maintenance man. He has built some shelving in the furnace room, painted the closet and is working on the front door.

DEC needs to be notified that we have a back up person for the sewer.

More inquiries to be added to the Sewer district have been received. Looking into the cost to see if it is feasible to add more units.

**PARK AND RECREATION**

The hamlet park will be having the annual egg hunt on Palm Sunday. The library might want to work with the committee this year.

The foot traffic in the Roe Jan Park has increased.

The committee is working on the summer program...Mr. Roco and Ms. Foster will be in charge. The number of children participating will not increase. They are trying to keep the cost in line with other towns.

Peter Greer will be recognized for his most generous donation to the Roe Jan Park. Jill and her committee are to get the plaque.

At the Hamlet Park—before the camera equipment is installed, we should make sure the lighting is sufficient.

The Hamlet committee discussed trying to get FYI in the Park. It would be nice to have it in the hamlet also.

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The Hamlet committee would like to have the shed in back of Cobblepond removed. However, in light of the reason it was erected there, perhaps DEC should be contacted first.

The Town Board has put the PPS in the hands of the Planning Board.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Peter would like to post notes of all the committee meetings so we could have better communication. The web page is being modified at a cost of about a couple hundred dollars. We have 424 active subscriptions for the newsletter of which 220 have opened it.

The Board talked about a possible open meeting of all the committees and the Board to discuss concerns over the next two years.

### **HIGHWAY**

The Highway committee met in late January. Some goals were set: creating a plan for purchasing equipment; storage for sand and salt; better relations with the Town Board. Richard had a Union meeting with Mr. Quackenbush and the employees. A lot more issues were straightened out.

We still don't have FEMA money. Now they are requiring more paper work.

Nothing has progressed concerning the closing of Appletree Lane. As Ms Kay's property borders Appletree Lane, she should be contacted.

Richard is working on the inventory of the Highway garage.

The tree work was not rebid.

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

**Adopted ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that the tree work be rebid.

### **NYMIR INSURANCE**

Robert Hopkins and Gary VanAllen, our agents from Metz Wood Harder Insurance, explained that NYMIR insures over 600 towns in New York state. It was started in 1992 by a group of which Hillsdale is a part. Mr. Hopkins presented the Supervisor with a check for our share of return on capital.

Our insurance coverage was discussed.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Building Department activity has increased somewhat. The Building Inspector installed a fan in the bathroom.

Two bids have been received for installation of storm windows on the town hall.

Sheldon Glass      \$1,836

City Glass          \$2,090

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to accept the lowest bid which is Sheldon Glass.

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The Preservation Committee Chairperson Lexis Lally sent the Board a letter stating the committee will be doing fundraising for the town hall to do brick work, the roof, windows and the entrance.

#### **Workplace Violence Prevention Program**

The town was notified in January that we are not in compliance with the programs education training. We also have some items to post.

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to adopt the Workplace Violence Prevention Program with amendments to be forth coming.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Steve Tiger, co-chair of the economic development committee, has a list of about 150 businesses in town. He hopes to get the business owners together for a meeting late March or early April.

#### **Municipal Shared Services**

On Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, our CEO/ZEO Glenn Smith presented a program on the advantages of shared municipal services to the supervisors of the towns of Ancram and Copake.

**A big Thank You** to Craig Norton for getting the new table/desk top done in time for this meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move into executive session to discuss grievance matters.

Time: 8:50 pm

#### **Close Executive Session**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move out of executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Time 9:37 pm

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**PAY BILLS**

On motion of Councilperson Sims-Elster, seconded by Councilman Sena; the following resolution was

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #35– 73	\$46,311.72
Highway Fund	Voucher #22 – 56	\$70,429.67
RJPark Fund	Voucher #36 - 37	\$ 181.15
Sewer Fund	Voucher #62,64,66,72	\$ 2,290.77
Street Lights	Voucher #34	\$ 670.49

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk

TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
SPECIAL MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION  
MARCH 12, 2012

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A special meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held at the Town Hall on Monday, March 12, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present

Supervisor Arthur Baer  
Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster  
Councilman August Sena  
Councilman Steven Tiger

**Others Present:** Attorney Nelson Alford, Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk, Joe Regina, and Mr. Quackenbush

Supervisor Baer declared this special meeting is now open. Time 2:00 p.m.

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

**Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move into executive session to discuss a grievance.  
Time 2:05 p.m.

On motion of Councilman Tiger, seconded by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster ; the following resolution was

**Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move out of executive session and return to the special meeting.  
Time 4:43 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk