

TOWN OF HILLSDALE

REGULAR MEETING

March 20, 2012

Pledge to flag

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, March 20, 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;, Robina Ward, Kelly Fox, Jeff Paige, Hank Henward and John Mason, reporter

**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, February 21, 2012, as submitted.

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 Monday, March 12, 2012, as submitted.

**SEWER**

Pat is training Victor for a backup. Victor is working out very well.

Augie is looking for new bids for the pumping contract. He wants to see what is out there. Happy with who we have but need a backup. He recommends accepting two bids. One bid has been received - waiting for the second.

**PARK AND RECREATION**

The new equipment for the hamlet park is ready for delivery. Jill expects it will be coming about mid April. She is working with Ed Coons from the Department of Health for placement of the new equipment and phase II for future equipment.

Ed Coons is also working at the Roe Jan Park, checking the placement of fitness equipment and what else we can put in that area to maximize the area. The committee would like to buy eight pieces. At this point, they are waiting for a cost for the equipment, installation, layout, etc.

Discussion on the shed at the Hamlet Park... still not much know about it.

Falcon Ridge Festival organizer, Howard Randell, has agreed to provide counseling for concert development at the park. He will look at the property layout and suggest what is appropriate, what is needed and what works well.

The plaque to extend recognition to Peter Greer and other donors is in progress.

Caroline Stewart is pleased with Victor's work at the park.

Jill has minutes from the last park meeting for the web page.

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### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Peter reported that we now have WiFi at the Town Hall.

The Annual Report is ready. He has Preservation and Hamlet Committees minutes.

The meeting video had 29 plays and 94 loads last month. The newsletter had an open rate of 60% (234 opens. The highest yet.)

There was discussion of additional services being added to the web site. Peter will look into it. We have to be very careful not to break spam rules.

### **HIGHWAY**

Steve Tiger reported that Richard has questions regarding the invoices he sent to the Board – it needs discussion

Richard also has questions for Attorney Alford.

Attorney Alford is researching his response. Supervisor Baer is deciding how much we can spend to have the Attorney do this research.

The Supervisor compared the Highway spending for January and February. He found that the amount spent this January and February was considerably more than last year.

In order to receive future FEMA funds we have to adopt by resolution, the County Hazard Mitigation Plan (127 pages)

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Glenn Smith has completed his mandatory training for this year.

There have been no complaints on Glenn. Everyone seems satisfied with his service.

Still talking with towns about municipal sharing.

The diner is still settling with the banks...still does not have full title. Otherwise there are no problems. They are hoping to open after Easter.

We are seeking a matching grant from the Rheinstrom Foundation for repairs to the Town Hall. Looks hopeful.

We are pursuing bids for cement sidewalks and railings at the Town Hall.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Steve Tiger, co-chair of the economic development committee, is working on it. He has sent out letters to businesses and is hoping to set up a meeting.

### **Election Inspector Meals**

Cheryl Jones inquired about lunch and dinner for the election workers.

This will be discussed at the April meeting. In the meantime we need to find out how many workers.

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**Executive Session**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

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

Time: 7:43 pm

**Close 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 out of executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Time 9:02 pm

**Highway Settlement Offer**

On motion of Councilman Steve Tiger, seconded by Councilman Peter Cipkowski , the following resolution was

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to **extend the settlement offer** of David Hall.

**PAY BILLS**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #76- 108	\$22,787.21
Highway Fund	Voucher #56 - 78	\$42,259.43
RJPark Fund	Voucher #38 - 39	\$39,648.17
Sewer Fund	Voucher #100 - 102	\$ 1,821.83
Street Lights	Voucher #103	\$ 510.84

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk