

TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 17, 2012

Pledge to flag

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, April 17, 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, Jeff Paige, Hank Henward, John Mason, reporter, Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent, William Baker, Joe Hanselman, Tax Collector, Carol Hanselman, Ruth DuFault, and Ira Halfond.

**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, March 20, 2012, as amended. (Recommend accepting two bids: not recommending two bids )

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

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

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Special meeting held on Thursday, April 12, 2012, as submitted.

**SEWER**

Councilman Sena reported he could not go any further estimating additional costs to add five to eight parcels for a second district to the sewer system. He needs the help of Clark Engineering to get engineering costs etc . Would the Board approve getting an estimate from Doug Clark for the cost of expansion?

Supervisor Baer: If we were to pay for an estimate, it would be with the expectation we will recoup our money by going forward with Sewer District #2. If Doug Clark is going to get the benefit of designing Sewer District #2, then why should we pay him now for an estimate. Supervisor Baer proposed that Doug Clark do the estimate of cost of expansion for nothing and then if expanded he gets the benefits of the cost of engineering design. Try this and see what he says.

WTI verses Orenco—Orenco wrote the alarm system and their equipment is in the ground. WTI is the middle man. We really don't need WTI as Orenco can call Pat directly. The WTI contract is coming due in June so it makes sense not to renew it.

**PARK AND RECREATION**

Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster reported that the Easter egg hunt was well attended. The new equipment for the hamlet park installed and in use.

The committee is developing a list of "Fix Its" for the hamlet park.

There is a trash issue we need to address. Do we want a "carry in, carry out" policy that doesn't work very well or a trash pick up on a regular basis. Discussion

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(Park and recreation continued)

Willie Baker volunteered to pick up the garbage. Thank you Willie.

The committee is working on the reinstall of the swings at the hamlet park and the fitness equipment at the Roe Jan Park.

Clean up day is May 5<sup>th</sup> at the town garage from 8:30 am to noon. The park committee will be passing the bucket to raise funds for the hamlet park.

The summer program forms are out. The limit is still 70 children. The cost went up to \$100. The program is five days a week. This includes a swimming program at Taconic Hills one day per week.

All the paper work is in for the money from the County.

The Roe Jan Park is working on a new trail; Victor is painting buildings and making repairs to the Harvest Barn. Other projects on the list are finishing the electric to the rec barn and silo and getting input for improving the parking lot.

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> will be the luncheon, Flowers to Power the Park, to raise money for equipment for the Hamlet and Roe Jan Parks.

The Roe Jan Park is pricing equipment for the fitness area. Eight pieces of fitness equipment will cost just short of \$8,000. The whole project is expected to cost \$16,500.

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

**Adopted vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that \$5,000 for the fitness equipment come out of Park and Rec funds.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Peter reported that pictures of the new equipment in the Hamlet Park is on the web.

Last month there were 229 opens (6 less than the previous month) which is a 58% open rate. The most popular clicks were #1 clean up day and #2 the hamlet plan.

Video down loads were less than previous month...2 plays and 11 loads.

We have added a page for the comprehensive plan committees and are posting minutes and notes of their meetings. The CAC also has a page with a lot of interesting information.

The newsletter will be out next week.

A Clock for the meeting room? Peter will look into it.

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(Highway report)

## **HIGHWAY REPORT**

Volunteers are needed for clean up day, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tree work Bid**

This is the second time bids have been advertised for tree work/removal.

Only one bid was received.

DIRUZZIO TREE CO.

-60' aerial truck w/2man crew	\$145/hr	daily x 8 = \$1,160.00
-same as above with 12" chipper	\$155/hr	\$1,240.00
-any additional men		

(flagging, ground worker, etc) \$21.50/hr per man

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

**Adopted - vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Whereas there was only one bid,

Resolved that DIRUZZIO TREE CO. is awarded the contract.

Most of the black top roads have been swept.

90% of the other roads have been graded.

Richard is still working with FEMA to recoup about \$300,000 in damages to our roads from last year's flooding. Three of the claims have been processed. We are waiting for the money.

## **PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

The preservation committee has submitted a grant to the Rheinstrom Foundation for repairs to the exterior of the town hall. Alexia Lalli and Tom Cardy are working on a fund raiser also, hoping to raise \$100,000.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Councilman Tiger sent out about 125 letters to businesses in town....8 were returned undeliverable, 16 replied by mail, 10 via e-mail and 2 in person. Steve is organizing a meeting for late this week or next week at the town hall. The day is to be determined.

## **CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (reinstated)**

Hank Henward and Ruth DuFault spoke about the CAC and why it should be reinstated. They have been helpful to the Planning Board by doing a lot of on site and DEC work. Hillsdale, Germantown and Ancram are the only three towns in the county that have a CAC. The CAC meets once a month, they have work meetings and meet on their own. At present they are mapping all usable farmland in town. They attend workshops and have GIS training. The CAC has a page on the town web site.

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

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

Resolved to **reinstate the Conservation Advisory Committee** for a period of one year. This will be discussed again at the organizational meeting in January 2013.

#### **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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

<b>Adopted - vote - Supervisor Arthur Baer</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilperson Jill Simms-Elster</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilman August Sena</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilman Peter Cipkowski</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilman Steven Tiger</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**WHEREAS**, the President signed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 into effect on October 30, 2001 to improve the planning and set standards for mitigation throughout the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires an approved pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) in order to be eligible for mitigation project funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of this plan fulfills other Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) planning requirements making the County and the Town of Hillsdale eligible for further mitigation funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Columbia and the Town of Hillsdale undertook and extensive Hazard Mitigation Planning process, the details of which are outlined in the attached HMP, to develop this multi-jurisdictional HMP (attached hereto); and

**WHEREAS**, the policies and mitigation measures designated by this HMP are intended to cost effectively reduce the impacts from hazards identified as the most prevalent in Columbia County and the Town of Hillsdale; and

**WHEREAS**, by implementing this plan, Columbia County and the Town of Hillsdale seek to reduce the loss of life, injury, property damage economic impact, direct cost and community impact resulting from disaster.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale hereby adopts the Multi-Jurisdictional HMP as a means that will guide cost effective mitigation of hazards threatening damage to property and loss of life; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale hereby authorizes the submission of this plan to FEMA for final consideration and approval.

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the State Emergency Management Office (SEMO), the Regional Emergency Management Office (REMO), the Emergency Management Office, the Department of State, the County Clerk, the Columbia County Attorney, and the Columbia County Treasurer.

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**APPOINT TOWN HISTORIAN**

Jay Rohrlich is retiring as Town Historian. He and the Supervisor have been looking for a replacement. Jay found Jeremy Dodds who is interested in the history of the Rail Trail. As this is a timely subject, Supervisor Baer would like to appoint Jeremy to fill the position. Does anyone object? No comment.

Supervisor Baer appoints Jeremy Dodds to succeed Jay Rohrlich as Town Historian, effective immediately.

**PAY BILLS**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #109- 134	\$ 9,222.72
Highway Fund	Voucher #79 - 95	\$47,121.92
RJPark Fund	Voucher #108&126 - 133	\$27,496.14
Sewer Fund	Voucher #109- 125	\$ 1,862.79
Street Lights	Voucher #101	\$ 467.44

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk