

TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 15, 2012

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A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the Town Hall at 7:12p.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;, Attorney Dick Alford, Robina Ward, Jeff Paige, , Joe Hanselman, Tax Collector, Deborah Bowen, Craig Norton, ZBA Chairman, Maureen Rodgers, Ellen Levy, Bart Ziegler, Tom Cardy, and Joe Browdy.

**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, April 17, 2012, as amended. (Park & Rec Report---bucket funds raised at clean-up day are for the hamlet park, and summer program swimming at Taconic Hills is one day per week )

**SEWER**

Councilman Sena reported WTI will no longer be the middleman on the sewer project. Orenco, who developed the equipment will directly contact Pat if something should go wrong with the system. Orenco's response time is much quicker than WTI's. Dropping WTI's contract will be a significant savings. We need to send a letter to Orenco requesting a contract.

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

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

Resolved to transfer our remote monitoring contract from WTI to Orenco with the stipulation that it will be less than our current contract with WTI;  
And Further Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to sign a one year contract with Orenco.

Bids for pumping have been received from Baldwin and Fix Bros.. Baldwin has the larger truck , the lower bid, has a clean wash system, can empty in Greenport rather than going to Albany, and he has been doing a satisfactory job of pumping. Augie suggested both bids be accepted. That would give us a backup if needed.

As for a second sewer district, Orenco has come up with a list of materials --- \$2300 to \$2400 would be the cost of equipment. Clark Engineering is working on an estimate and also doing a survey to see how much interest is on the Copake side of Anthony Street. It might be a good idea to add some units. Copake would create their own district and subcontract it to Hillsdale. When approached, the Copake Supervisor's interest was minimal.

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### **PARK AND RECREATION**

There will be a garden party this Saturday from 3:30 to 6:30pm. Reservations are needed. Money will be collected at the door. The funds raised will go to the new town hall park.

Last Sunday was the Flowers for Power Luncheon fund raiser for the Roe Jan and Hamlet Parks. It was very successful. The silent auction raised over \$4700.

Thank you to Richard and his team for their hard work at clean up day. Passing the bucket raised \$300 for the park.

The summer program is going well—a little over half full at this point. The deadline has been extended to June 11.

A flea market will be held at the Roe Jan Park on Memorial Day weekend.

Work needed to be done in the Hamlet Park : green bleachers removed, green park bench moved, and dead tree that fell down removed

Research of the shed at the hamlet park revealed that DEC is monitoring 2 wells there for contamination once a year. Mr. Metz is paying for this. At this time DEC has not signed off that it is no longer needed. More research is needed to determine who actually owns the shed and who is responsible to take it down.

Having events at the Roe Jan Park was part of the economic development of the town in that it would bring revenue. June 23<sup>rd</sup> the first wedding will be held at the park. 140 guests are expected. The first fee is \$1000 for use of the harvest barn etc. If it works well the price will go up. The renter provides whatever is needed. The Town is co-insured beneficiary. September there is another wedding of 80 guest scheduled.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Peter reported that 254 subscribers opened their e-mail, an open rate of 61%. Each month we set a record. From April, five have played the meeting video from start to finish and fifteen have opened it...whoever you are, thank you.

Please send notes from committees to Peter so they can be put on the website.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

We thank the highway department for their work on clean up day.

Councilman Steve Tiger inquired about what is happening with Appletree Lane.

Are we giving it away or selling it?

Reply was we would be abandoning the road to the major landowner. Appletree Lane, because of the terrain, has a history of costing the town a lot of maintenance. The town has contacted the school. They have no issue with the bus route. We just have to make a turnaround on Rockledge Road for them. The town would be responsible for the turnaround, construction and maintenance.

Before anything happens, the County will be contacted and there has to be a public hearing.

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### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

An inspector from our insurance carrier, NYMIR, inspected all of our facilities and equipment. He did a management assessment, suggested liability coverages other towns have, misuse of internet and e-mail protection, left material and forms for the workplace violence program that we could use, and notice of deficit of town roads. We will be getting a full report.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

This committee held its first meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 35 businesses are interested, 10 attended. They discussed more parking is needed, publicity, a brochure, more events in the hamlet, broadband, beautification, keep the town clean, and slow traffic.

### **Security Access**

The Board agreed that people that work in the Town Hall and standing committee chairmen that have meetings here are the only individuals to have security access and keys.

### **LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2012**

The Board completed the full environmental assessment form.

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to declare a negative declaration on Local Law #1 of 2012.

Resolution to adopt Local Law #1 of 2012 is attached.

### **LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2012**

After discussion, it was decided that some things in this Local Law needed clarification and revision. Therefore a committee of Craig Norton, Ellen Levy, Hank Henward, and Augie Sena will meet before the next meeting for this purpose. The Public Hearing on Local Law #2 of 2012 will continue to June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Recognize Deputy Bill Dunspaugh**

The Town of Hillsdale would like to publicly thank Deputy Bill Dunspaugh for the professional job he did for seven plus years as our resident Deputy. Stay safe in Claverack Bill; we will miss you.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.  
Time 8:18 pm.

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**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that the Board close Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.  
Time 8:31pm.

**PAY BILLS**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #135– 155	\$14,431.07
Highway Fund	Voucher #96 – 124	\$84,372.56
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP11-RJP14	\$ 8,399.72
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS12-SS16	\$ 3,295.08
Street Lights	Voucher #SL10	\$ 447.44

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk