

TOWN OF HILLSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 2012

Pledge of allegiance

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, August 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 Steven Tiger
Councilman Peter Cipkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk;, Attorney Dick Alford, Robina Ward, Jeff Paige, Joe Hanselman, Tax Collector, John Mason, reporter, Paul Kisselbrack, Hank Henward, Bud Atwood, Robert Blackman, and Dr. Collins

APPROVE MINUTES

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

Adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, as amended. (2nd page, Highway Report, change to read Highway Committee hasn't met)

SEWER

Orenco was here and did some work.

Pat will review our State Pollution Discharge Elimination System(SPDES) permit when it comes.

We do not have a final cost for extending our existing sewer district by five units.

The money will have to be borrowed for this project.

We need to find out from the State comptroller the maximum authorized charge per unit .

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

Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved the amend the Sewer District EDU's for the following:

Yodi, LLC increased EDU from 1 to 2 because there are 2 tenants in the building
The Hillsdale General Store, Ltd. Increased EDU from 1 to 4 because of the new restaurant and grease trap

Metz Family Enterprises, LLC increased from 1 to 2 because the grease trap will have to be pumped out more often

Craig Norton should be 3 EDU's not 4. Robert Henry should be paying the electric charge and Craig Norton should be receiving the credit.

This was all inspected and approved by Pat Nolan, The Sewer Treatment Plant Operator.

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PARK AND RECREATION

Jill reported the Summer Youth Program is over now. had a very good year with full capacity.

The fitness equipment is installed in the Roe Jan Park, but is not ready for use yet. Landscaping is being done now.

In October there will be a Pumpkin Festival and a Hootenanny

The Hamlet Park has some pieces of equipment they would like for 2 to 5 year olds.

The shed on Maple Street was removed at no cost to the town.

The Sheriff's department has noticed youth activity in the basketball court area. There is a picnic table on the basketball court. The Sheriff's asked if we would like the camera moved to the basketball court. We chose to leave the camera on the equipment.

COMMUNICATIONS

Peter reported unprecedented website openings of 267 and 125 clicks in August.

The only feed back he gets is by word of mouth.

Links to other things are used quite a bit.

The video of the Town Board meeting had 244 loads and 36 full loads

HIGHWAY REPORT

Mary Brown is requesting a sign of some sort by her driveway. Richard is looking for something that would be appropriate.

Arlene Kay is opposed to closing Apple Tree Lane.

Part-time seasonal workers are being used for full time. This concerns the Supervisor for several reasons.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Bid requests for the concrete sidewalk have gone out. Waiting for responses now.

Victor used a power washer to clean the exterior of the Sheriff sub-station. Victor has rented a power washer on several occasions. It might be cheaper to buy one.

CEO – the three towns, Hillsdale, Austerlitz, and Canaan, met to interview five candidates for the position of Building Inspector/CEO for the three towns. The first candidate decided it was too far for him to travel. The #2 candidate will be interviewed by the Austerlitz supervisor.

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

Adopted vote yes 5 nays 0

Resolved to retain the shared services agreement

As the cost is no more that we have currently budgeted.

Therefore Further Resolved to continue to pay Austerlitz

Further Resolved we would support/accept the candidate Austerlitz chooses.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee is not putting on the Pumpkin Festival, but the organizers would like to use the name. Steve called the members and got positive responses. The Committee will be meeting after Labor Day.

Town Hall Restoration Update

The grant has been submitted. We should find out in 30 to 60 days if it is approved. A backup plan is needed in case we don't get the grant. Augie Sena, Tom Carty, Lex Lalli and Art Baer will meet to determine what funds we have to use for exterior repairs and make a priority list of what needs doing.

TCI Fire

TCI repairs electric transformers. They had an extremely dangerous fire due to the toxic materials in the building. The Board of Supervisors are meeting with the people involved. Responders did a fantastic job retaining the fire. We do not have state of the art communications—just radio, TV, and computer doesn't cut it. By the end of next month, the Board will have someone to install a reverse 911 system. The communications problem will be corrected in the next couple of months. Updating the Town's emergency management plan was discussed.

2013 Budget

Worksheets are out and need to be back by September 10th.

County Update

Working to bring Broad Band to the County and we would like it in Hillsdale also. Some discussion followed.

Public Comment

Hank Henward inquired what had been done to change the speed limit on County Route 21.

On motion of Councilman Peter Cipkowski, seconded by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster, 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 County Route 21 between State Route 22 and Hunt Road from 55 mph to 40mph..

Hank suggested a moratorium on fracturing.

He would like to hire a specialist attorney to update the Ridgeline Overlay District. Paul Kisselbrack asked if the Board was still considering changing the Highway Superintendent position from elected to appointed.

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Bob Blackman felt there was a good reason to make the position appointed as then a good manager could be hired that would be able to handle the Union.
More discussion.

On motion of Augie Sena, seconded by Peter Cipkowski, moved that changing the Highway Superintendent position from elected to appointed be put on the agenda next month.

PAY BILLS

On motion of Councilman Sena 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 #201– 228	\$ 19,252.59
Highway Fund	Voucher #171 – 189	\$153,728.94
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP27-RJP30	\$ 1,092.00
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS27-SS35	\$ 7,108.47
Street Lights	Voucher #SL13	\$ 437.45

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk