

TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 16, 2012

Pledge of allegiance

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at the Town Hall at 7:01p.m. with the following members present

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk, Robina Ward, Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent, Joe and Carol Hanselman, Reporter John Mason.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Tiger, the following resolution was **adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board approves the minutes as presented of the Budget Workshops held on September 13, 2012, September 18, 2012, October 4, 2012, and the Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2012

**SEWER**

Finally received the last two approvals to inspect tanks. Still working on cleaning the pods. Trying to get the cost down on expanding the district and working to correct Hanselman's problem.

**PARK AND REC**

The fitness area is having an official opening.

The Committee will meet in October to discuss their strategy plan on what has been done and what is still to be done. They would like to increase the public use of the park...working on some programs.

The Hamlet Park is raising money for the second phase of more equipment.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The September-October newsletter has been published so there is nothing new.

At Lexis request a one on newsletter was published for publicity for the fund raising Hootenanny. 489 people received it, 259 opened it.

Last month's video had 16 loads and 4 plays which is radically reduced.

**HIGHWAY REPORT**

The Highway Committee has not met.

The Highway Budget is fine to date. It looks like it will still be favorable by the end of the year.

FEMA was discussed...what has been received and what hasn't.

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### **BUILDING**

Victor has had some issues with the lights in the parking lot and a battery was missing. Two bulbs and the battery has been replaced. Seems to be working at this point. The Highway Department is preparing the area where the obelisk will be placed. However, when it comes to placing the obelisk itself, someone who has a business of installing monuments should do the work. The Hamlet Committee and donations have provided the funding for this project.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Pumpkin Festival, put on by Hillsdale Business Alliance, was held on Saturday. There seems to be renewed interest in the Committee. About 10 responded for a meeting on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

Richard mentioned that he had been approached to see if the Christmas tree could have white lights instead of colored lights and the affair be changed to Sunday. Jill explained that she usually leaves it up to the ladies auxiliary as they contribute a lot to this event. The first weekend in December seems to be the only available because of other town activities. We have the colored lights and that is what we have.

### **Town Hall Restoration Update**

We don't have a Town Hall restoration update. The Grant has not been awarded yet.

### **2013 Budget**

A public hearing on the Preliminary Budget will be scheduled soon. A draft has been sent to the Board Members. Some adjustments to Attorney and Park & Rec accounts, and Highway fund appropriations have been made. Lengthy discussion followed.

### **County Update**

The County is working on the budget. It is expected to be within or below State requirements. Because of the drop in land line surcharges, the County is going to install a surcharge on cell phones (about \$3.60 per year)

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**Restoration of Robert Bruce plaque on Whippoorwill Road**

Jay Rohrlich is raising funds to restore the Robert Bruce plaque/rock on Whippoorwill Road. The estimated cost of restoration is \$2,000.

As it appears that our Celebrations and Cemetery accounts have not been used yet this year. The Highway Superintendent explained that the Cemetery funds are all used at the end of the year. Supervisor Baer would like to donate \$200 from those funds to help the restoration.

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

**Adopted Vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Town Board approve the donation of \$200 for the restoration of the Robert Bruce plaque and

Further resolved that the money be withdrawn from the Celebrations account.

**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 #252- 274	\$ 14,960.82
Highway Fund	Voucher #212- 233	\$ 98,309.09
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP38-RJP42	\$ 787.62
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS42-SS49	\$ 4,016.67
Street Lights	Voucher #SL15	\$ 525.53

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk