

TOWN OF HILLSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2012

Pledge of allegiance

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at the Town Hall at 6:45p.m. with the following members present

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk; Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent, Robina Ward, and Jeff Paige

Executive Session

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

Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0

Resolved this Board go into executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Time: 6:48 p.m.

Close Executive Session

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

Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0

Resolved to close this Executive Session and move to the regular meeting.

Time:7:41.

APPROVE MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Augie Sena, seconded by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster; the following resolution was **adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, as amended. (under Sewer, approval to inspect tanks, not install and Communications, 259 opened on hootenanny article, not 459)

On motion of Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster, seconded by Augie Sena; the following resolution was **adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, as presented.

SEWER

Finishing up cleaning the pods. Cleaning up for winter.

Still working on the Hanselman problem...still trying to communicate with the bank who owns the neighboring house.

Delinquent sewer fees were sent to the County today to be put on the tax levy.

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PARK & REC

Christmas tree lighting will be December 1st. Pretty much same as usual. There will be rides from the firehouse to the tree. Activities are planned for the children and the tree will be lit. Then back to the firehouse for gifts for the kids..

After, a luncheon meeting was held to plan for Flowers to Power. The Roe Jan Park has a holiday card that will be going out in December.

COMMUNICATIONS

497 November-December newsletters were sent out. 278 were opened.

The popular links this month were the letter from the Baldwins, first by far; code red, second 39 purple; and walk in the park and the spaghetti dinner tied for 3rd.

It was discussed that China is reading our web site. 10 views from China and other countries also.

A few days after Christmas the January-February newsletter will be out.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In Steve's absence he sent us an e mail stating he had met with Richard. Richard gave him a copy of a prior request for an automated fuel management system. This request is dated –April 13, 2007 and the proposal was from Valley Petroleum. Cost \$15,000 .

Richard reported that the men have picked up leaves and are getting ready for winter.

The Teamsters contract needs to be modified as the Highway has the Friday after Thanksgiving off, but not Thanksgiving. This year the men are using personal or vacation time in order to have that day off.

Accounting procedures were discussed.

An inventory of the Garage should be completed by the end of the year.

BUILDING

The windows and molding in the basement are being painted.

The outside lighting problem seems to be corrected.

The Building Inspector is now functional and catching up on expired permits.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE/HILLSDALE BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Jeanine Dunn is working on a brochure. The brochure will include businesses and important numbers i.e. Fire, Town, etc. The next meeting is late November.

County Update

The County feels it needs a more aggressive sales tax, especially on gas.

The budget will come to the Board in December.

Columbia-Greene Humane Society Contract

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

Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0

Resolved to renew the agreement between Columbia-Greene Humane Society and the Town of Hillsdale for another year.

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Planning & Zoning Terms

The Board granted the Town Clerk permission to advertise end of the year openings on the Planning and Zoning Boards.

PAY BILLS

On motion of Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster 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 #275– 296	\$ 15,002.83
Highway Fund	Voucher #236 – 257	\$63,535.57
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP43-RJP47	\$ 1,369.70
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS50-SS52	\$ 1,774.15
Street Lights	Voucher #SL16	\$ 588.91

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk