

TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
June 18, 2013

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A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at the Town Hall at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Arthur Baer  
Councilwoman 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, Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs and his Attorney Ken Dow, Register Star Reporter Joe Gentile

**APPROVE MINUTES**

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

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

Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, as amended. (Under Communications – not 156 clicks...60% open rate and 50% click rate)

Further Resolved to accept the minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, as amended. (First paragraph add “in addition to grant writer” in the fourth sentence)

**SEWER**

Pat and Victor are working on the systems – nothing special

Our accountant, Mark Fitzgerald is phasing out. He will do the second quarter sewer bills and retire. We are hoping Vivian DeGeorges will take over the sewer bookkeeping. This will be resolved at the next meeting.

**PARK AND RECREATION**

The Summer Park program is full to capacity and working on a waiting list. It is organized and ready to go.

The fence around the fitness area is complete and ready for inspection for the Summer Program which should be fine.

About 25 people attended the free fitness program held on Saturday morning.

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

Peter brought a copy of the newsletter in case anyone has anything they wanted to say. June had 241 opens, May 258. The open rate is 56%, the click rate 43%.

We need to update the emergency evacuation/support list. Notice will be posted on the web site that people can get a copy of the confidential questionnaire from the town clerk. The newsletter is a lot of work, but worth it for the good will it creates.

## **HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent reported that the Highway Department has been busy...

- Graveled dirt roads

- Mowed all roads

- Cut shoulders on West End

- Working on the plows and sanders

- Working on FEMA projects...we should be getting \$272,000 in FEMA funds.

Tony Meola wants White Hill Road changed to White Hill Lane. 911 has it as Road, not Lane. Mr. Meola also wants a private sign for his road. Other people would like signs from children at play to dangerous intersection. The sign account is already over drawn. The fence and trees at the intersection of West End and Craryville Road was discussed. The Building Inspector says the fence is legal – the trees are a problem.

The last year's voucher from the highway department for fuel used by the park will be paid tonight. Going forward, the park can get fuel from the highway department and it will be paid in a manner that is easiest for Richard.

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Building Permits are still slow.

Tom Cardy and Augie Sena are working on a grant for \$400,000 for the exterior of the town hall. One of the criteria to qualify for this grant is we have to raise 25% (\$100,000) There is a meeting Saturday to kick off the fund raising. We have \$85,000 in the Building Fund to use for restoration. We received a \$15,000 matching grant from the Rheinstrom Fund and \$5,000 in donations . The town could take \$35,000 out of General Building Reserve Fund and earmark as matching funds for grants or repair of roof and mortar.

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

**ADOPTED VOTE Ayes 5 Nays 0**

Resolved to authorize the Supervisor to take \$35,000 out of General Building Reserve Fund and earmark as matching funds for grants or repair of roof and mortar.

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## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT**

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Cipkowski

The following resolution was

<b>ADOPTED</b>	<b>VOTE</b>		
		<b>Supervisor Arthur Baer</b>	<b>Yes</b>
		<b>Councilperson Jill Sims-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>

Resolved that Arthur Baer, as Supervisor of the Town of Hillsdale, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not exceed \$400,000, and upon approval of said request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of

Hillsdale for a new roof is desperately needed; the mortar between the bricks is falling off and must be repointed; the trim on many doors and windows is rotting and needs to be replaced; and the absence of much needed storm windows is causing a serious waste of energy and increasing operating costs and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The committee is in the process of designing a brochure and maps. They feel this would help the whole town. So far the cost appears to be \$600 for 2000 brochures.

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

Completed long form SEQR

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 #2 of the year 2012.

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

**ADOPTED VOTE Ayes 5 Nays 0**

adopted Local Law #2 of the year 2012 (resolution attached)

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**County Home Health Nursing Services**

Supervisor Baer said the Board of Supervisors had a vote on privatizing the County Home Health Care Services as the cost is increasing rapidly. However, the vote did not pass.

**Executive Session**

On motion of Supervisor Arthur Baer , seconded by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster , the following resolution was

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move into executive session to discuss litigation with the union and a former employee

Time: 8:35 pm

**Close Executive Session**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move out of executive session and return to the regular meeting.

Time 9:09 pm

**PAY BILLS**

On motion of Councilman Sena, 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 #76– 108	\$22,787.21
Highway Fund	Voucher #56 – 78	\$42,259.43
RJPark Fund	Voucher #38 - 39	\$39,648.17
Sewer Fund	Voucher #100 – 102	\$ 1,821.83
Street Lights	Voucher #103	\$ 510.84

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk