

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
November 19, 2013**

Pledge to flag

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk; Robina Ward, Jeff Paige, Richard Briggs, William Baker, Joe Hanselman, Adam Clayton, Register Star Reporter; and Frank Velez

**APPROVE MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Steven Tiger , 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 15, 2013, as presented.

**SEWER**

In the absence of Councilman Sena, Supervisor Baer reported there was a billing issue with Alex Bloomstein and his neighbor who is connected to the same meter.

**BUILDINGS**

The mortar and brick work has been completed. The Contractor is waiting for the chimney caps to come. When they are installed the slate work on the roof will begin. According to our Architect and current contractor the slate on the annex is not properly installed. The Architect has tried to contact Plumbo Contracting, but has not received a response. As we have an arbitration clause in the Plumbo contract, our attorney will write to the Plumbo Contracting to get some restitution. All of the slate on the annex roof will be replaced by our current contractor.

The Board discussed saving some of the slate from the old library and selling it at the new library to raise money – a price of \$20 per slate was suggested. We would share the money with the library.

We also have some of the old brick.

**PARK AND RECREATION**

The Roe Jan Park Committee held a meeting last night to see where they stand at the end of the year. It was determined they will be able to replace the park sign so they can better promote their events.

The Farmers Market hopes to have two or three events in December.

The present sheeting on the barn is tearing. The Committee would like to replace it with heavier sheeting..

The Park received a card and thank you from the Farmers Market for a successful year and a donation of \$200 for the use of the barn.

Scrap metal is being saved to raise money to complete the Hamlet Park project.

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### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The November newsletter was sent out to 603 subscribers. There were 342 opens which is 50% open rate...excellent.

67 unique clicks, the top 3 were #1–STAR information, #2- workshops on tax credit, and #3- voter Q&A on the 414 Library proposition.

Saturday from 9:30 to 1pm is a special Farmers Market

Saturday at 1pm is the opening of the Rail Trail

Dec. 7 is the Christmas tree lighting.

The web site is promoting the Rail Trail opening and then will switch to the tree lighting.

The County Healthcare Consortium is offering help to residents (mainly seniors) to sign up for Obamacare. The Library has had a program. Peter will make a call for more information on this.

### **HIGHWAY**

A list of Richard's 5010.4 account charges is completed.

Let the Board know of any questions.

The fall cleanup is done. The equipment is prepared for winter.

Richard is talking with DiRuzzio of DiRuzzio Tree Service to put lights on the tree. He could possibly do it on a weekend.

The supervisor suggested a bucket truck be rented from Taylor Rental to put the lights on the tree. If the Highway rents it will Art run it?

The tree is grown so large it is obstructing the Monument. We should look into replacing it with a smaller tree. Also the Monument needs cleaning...Historic Hillsdale can have this..let them decide.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilman Steve Tiger reported this committee has been meeting for nine months.

Friday they met.

Phase 1 – Both teams are writing their reports.

Phase 2 – implementation, building on to what is going on now.

There will be an open meeting in February

A public information meeting is scheduled for Jan/Feb.

### **LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2013**

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

**ADOPTED VOTE Ayes 4 Nays 0**

Resolved to adopt Local Law #2 of the year 2013 (resolution attached)

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**Appropriate Flags for Season**

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

**ADOPTED VOTE Ayes 4 Nays 0**

Moved to approve Matt White put flags up appropriate for the season.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

*Budget Amendment #3 of 2013*

**Highway Fund**

On motion of Councilman Tiger, seconded by Councilwoman Jill Sims-Elster, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED VOTE Ayes 4 Nays 0**

The Town Board resolved to authorize the Supervisor to make the attached amendments in the 2013 budget.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

*Budget Amendment #4 of 2013*

**General Fund**

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

**ADOPTED VOTE Ayes 4 Nays 0**

The Town Board resolved to authorize the Supervisor to make the attached amendments in the 2013 budget.

**HEALTH INSURANCE 2014**

In 2014 we have to tighten our belts to make up for the \$250 deductible the town pays to preserve the relationship we have with the Highway .

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

**ADOPTED VOTE Ayes 4 Nays 0**

Moved to adopt the proposed CDPHP policy with the understanding the Town will reimburse employees for up to \$250 deductible.

**Executive Session**

On motion of Supervisor Arthur Baer , seconded by Councilman Peter Cipkowski , the following resolution was

**Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move into executive session to discuss litigation.

Time: 8:30 pm

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**Close Executive Session**

On motion of Councilwoman Jill Sims-Elster, seconded by Councilman Steve Tiger, the following resolution was

**Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move out of executive session and return to the regular meeting.  
Time 9:25 pm

**PAY BILLS**

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

**Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #231– 253	\$14,951.10
Highway Fund	Voucher #211 – 232	\$33,804.87
RJPark Fund	Voucher #39 - 43	\$ 590.64
Sewer Fund	Voucher #62 – 67	\$ 2,529.03
Street Lights	Voucher #SL11	\$ 663.83

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk