

TOWN OF HILLSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2014

Pledge to flag

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at the Town Hall at 7:00p.m. with the following members present

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk;, Robina Ward, Jeff Paige, (Julie Kane, Laura Griffin, Todd Wohlfarth members of Business Alliance) Frank Velez, Richard Briggs Highway Superintendent, Tom Carty, and 5to 6 other residents.

Hillsdale Business Alliance

Todd Wohlfarth gave a Power Point presentation

APPROVE MINUTES

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

Adopted - vote - ayes 4 nays 0

Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 as presented.

SEWER – Councilman Sena reported no major problems. A homeowner in the Hamlet has a sewage and fuel oil seepage problem. The Board of Health is making him clean it up. He is not in the sewer district and has a very small parcel.

We received a check from the County for arrears on sewer fees.

PARK AND RECREATION

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt was well attended. The children had a great time.

Summer Program applications are due May 15.

Date for the 5th Annual Flowers for Power luncheon is April 27th.

A tentative date for Clean Up Day is penciled in for Saturday, May 10th.

Town Emergency Management Plan

Steve and Jill are working on how they can get a contact list of all the residents in town that have Code Red. At the next meeting the decision will be made on how we should proceed with the emergency plan.

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HIGHWAY

Councilman Barbato gave the Supervisor the fuel usage reports by vehicle as requested. Richard and Carmen went to see the resident on Texas Hill that had a complaint. After an hour and twenty minute conversation, he was happy.

The State has approved \$176,000 of CHIPS money for Permanent Improvements of town highways.

Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys 2014

Richard would like to see this Agreement approved after two years.

The supervisor would like to change the third paragraph – General Repairs, 76.6 miles of repairs on town highways. Change Paragraph E to add a walkway at the Town Hall, cost \$12,000.

Richard replied that Highway funds are not to be used for walkways. Where would the \$12,000 come from? This is the only Town the Highway does not get reimbursed.

The truck involved in the November 2013 accident has been released to the Insurance Company; the Town actually has custody. No tickets have been issued and the DA is not filing charges.

There is an issue with missing signs and cutting trees on the Town roads. The Sheriffs have been notified. This has been going on for two months.

Equipment purchase

The Supervisor has made arrangements for the purchase of a truck. \$60,000 will come out of the Highway equipment account and a BAN of \$165,000. The first payment will be due next year. The Highway Superintendent questioned the method of payment.

Councilmen Steve and Carmen and the Highway Superintendent will have a meeting and come back next month with an answer.

BUILDINGS

Our Building Inspector Lee collected \$1,500 last month. Building Permits are starting to pick up, but no big jobs.

The Town Hall restoration is still in progress. The copper is done. Some limestone has gone up to the parapets. Victor will work on the window. The cement steps in front need to be redone.

There was a meeting with the Department of Transportation on the sidewalks. We are in the process now of filling out forms – trying to get done as quickly as possible.

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Columbia County

Congressman Gibson is working to get federal support for internet and Broadband in our area.

The County has finally agreed on the airport safety zone. The plan is to shorten the runway, stay away from Meadowgreens, and another neighbor, and move the runway back South.....Will proceed with the minor shorting of one of the runways. This has been a difficult decision for the Supervisors.

The future of Pine Haven is on the table now.....will we continue with a subsidized county institution or let a private organization run it?

Public Comment

Business Alliance (Laura)

The Business Alliance received seed money to develop an on line directory

On motion of Supervisor Baer, seconded by Councilman Sena, the following Resolution was **Adopted – vote – ayes 4 nays 0**

Resolved to adopt and support the Business Alliance

Matt White would like permission to put up 12 yellow flags along Route 23.
The Board approved the flags.

Jeff Paige

There are no lights on the War Memorial by the SubStation.

The lights are all broken in the center of Town at the Civil War Monument.

The traffic light at Route 22 and 23 doesn't work when the electric is off.

Proposed Catamount projectHillsdale representatives do not go to the meetings and they should. The entrance proposed at this time is not good for Hillsdale.

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PAY BILLS

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

Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #70– 92	\$14,682.98
Highway Fund	Voucher #57 – 80	\$ 38,178.04
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP5-RJP6	\$ 109.98
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS13-SS16	\$ 1,251.24
Street Lights	Voucher #SL4	\$ 858.09

Meeting adjourned at 8:59PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk