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TOWN OF HILLSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2014

Pledge to flag

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Town Hall at 7:01p.m. with the following members present

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk;, Robina Ward, Jeff Paige, Laura Griffin, Bob Kessler, Richard Briggs Highway Superintendent, Joe & Carol Hanselman, Ken Dow, and Tobiah Black, reporter for the Columbia Paper.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

Adopted - Vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 as presented.

Presentation

Holly, from the Cancer Services Program spoke about the services they provide. Their website is Columbia Health net.org

SEWER

Pat's schedule has changed. It seems to be working well. Augie is still working on ways to enlarge the sewer district.

A property owner on the Copake-Hillsdale line has a septic problem. He is not in the Sewer District at this time. The Health Department and several others have determined that he has to put in a new tank

PARK AND RECREATION

Congratulations to the flowers for power luncheon volunteers. The event net \$12,600 which is a little more than last year. Jill hopes to complete equipment in the Hamlet Park with this money. Need some tables to move around the park; maybe more cameras in the Hamlet park? Lots of trash in the park..... Jill will try to get signs up and talk to the children using the basketball court.

Suggestion was made to take down the large tree in the Civil War Monument park.

Resolution

On motion of Councilperson Jill, seconded by Councilman Sena; the following resolution was **Adopted – vote – ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to take down the large pine tree in the Civil War Monument park; take the stump out; and spread grass seed on the area; and suggested perhaps a potted or cut tree could be used for Christmas.

Communications

Councilman Steve has posted a few things on the park

Town Emergency Management Plan

He still is working on the emergency management plan. The book needs to be updated.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Barbato reported the Highway Department is still looking for a truck. Vehicle 8 doesn't have a plow. The trucks they have been looking at are beyond their funds.

Found a ten wheel 2009 truck they are looking into, but not sure about it.

The roller needs to be replaced. If a roller is purchased, also need a trailer to transport it.

In Albany there is a 1996 roller with a transport wheel for about \$9,000. Richard has \$30,000 in his 5130.2 account.

Resolution

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilperson Jill; the following resolution was

Adopted – vote – ayes 5 nays 0

Approved the purchase of a \$9,000 roller as the money is in the Highway budget.

Highway getting second part of CHIPS money (\$176,000.) \$20,000 of that will help repair winter damaged roads.

Clean up day was not busy.

The men are replacing culvert pipes and cutting trees. State DOT has approved our request to lower the maximum speed limit to 35mph on eight Town roads and 30mph on two Town roads.

It will take time for the Highway Department to get the signs up.

More discussion on Highway Law Section 284 – Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys 2014. Still no solid agreement on signing it.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

For the first 4 months of this year Lee, the building inspector, has taken in \$7,513, which is an increase from last year.

Victor has been working on the back window. He found a place on the internet that has the right size lumber for the window. The front steps are in need of repair and metal rails.

We have a maintenance issues.....the grounds around the Town Hall are in need of weeding, raking etc.

Columbia County

Pine Haven is a big issue in the County.

Federal and State has loaned Columbia County money to help keep Pine Haven going. Because of the financial situation, the Board of Supervisors is trying to decide if they continue to subsidize the facility or privatize it.

Business Alliance (Laura Griffin)

The Business Alliance is looking for money as they are uncertain of the costs down the road. Todd Wohlfarth, who is working with the Business Alliance, will be asking \$1,000 for a logo, \$20,000 for Color Palette-website design; and in 4 to 6 months more money for postcards, posters, Tshirts. Plus charges for printing, development, installation or fabrication.

Resolution

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Tiger, the following Resolution was **Adopted – vote – ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that we need to have a broader look at the whole community, not just the Hamlet. Further resolved to hold off on \$1,000.

PAY BILLS

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

Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #94– 119	\$33,986.10
Highway Fund	Voucher #81 – 100	\$ 8,298.26
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP7-RJP9	\$ 182.33
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS17-SS20	\$ 1,386.39
Street Lights	Voucher #SL5	\$ 695.65

Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk