

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2014**

Pledge to flag

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at the Town Hall at 7:01p.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, Laura Griffin, Richard Briggs Highway Superintendent, Joe Hanselman, Ken Dow, Frank Velez, Ellen Levy, Columbia Paper Reporter Tobiah Black, and a resident.

APPROVE MINUTES

Resolution #29

On motion of Supervisor Art Baer, seconded by; Councilman Steve Tiger the following resolution was

Adopted - Vote - ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 with spelling of names are corrected.

Hillsdale Housing Fair

Ellen Levy, representing the Affordable Housing Committee, announced they have a project planned called "Hillsdale Housing Fair".

It is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th from 10am - 1pm. at the Hillsdale firehouse.

People from the state and county will attend. There will be three panels discussing taxes, energy programs, mortgage counseling, and perhaps programs not known to some residents.

All are welcome. There will be refreshments and door prizes.

SEWER

Augie reported that another valve was replaced – a circular pump for Sullivan.

PARK AND RECREATION

The summer program is fully booked and going smoothly.

The Farmers' Market is accepting food stamps now.

The July 5th Farmers' Market had a record attendance of 760 people.

COMMUNICATIONS

Steve reported that he and Jill are working on the Emergency Management Plan. He is hoping to get post cards in the mail to everyone in town next week. Also he is working to get the town board video on line..

Steve said he has had requests for a bit more information in the agenda.

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HIGHWAY

Councilman Barbato requested again for a clear explanation where the \$32,000 from October 2012 went. Supervisor Baer explained the money went into account 1620.4 and became part of the 2013 budget. Pays for things needed at the Town Hall – shoveling, plowing etc.

Richard is losing an employee...he has accepted a position at Copake for \$3/hr more. The Union contract was mentioned. Richard has to remember he is on the management side of the table along with the Town Board.

Because of the heavy rains, many private driveways have washed down into the town roads and culverts. This incurred lots of work on the Highway Department.

The homeowners are responsible. Richard should write a letter to the homeowners and explain what happens.

Resolution #29

BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 OF 2014

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

Adopted – vote – ayes 4 nays 0

Resolved the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the attached budget adjustments in the 2014 budget.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building permits are picking up again, probably will exceed what was estimated.

Resolution #30

Local Law #1 of the year 2014 – Increase Board of Assessment Review Members from three (3) to Five (5)

On motion of Councilman Tiger, seconded by Councilman Sena, the following Resolution was

Adopted - vote – ayes 4 nays 0

Resolved that Local Law #1 of the year 2014, which increases the BAR members from 3 to 5, be enacted and the two positions be advertised.

Resolution #11

Hillsdale Pedestrian Streetscape Project

(Sidewalk renovation plan)

Resolution attached

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County---

The County is still working on Pine Haven....employee benefits are a huge issue.

Public Comment

Robina Ward – State Comptroller’s Office is auditing selected town operations. How long will this take?

Laura Griffin – heard there is a celebrations fund. Is there money in it and could the Business Alliance use it.

Ken Dow – suggested the Board keep Town Law #32 in mind when working on the 2015 budget.

PAY BILLS

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

Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #144– 165	\$13,226.92
Highway Fund	Voucher #121 – 138	\$12,149.98
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP19-RJP25	\$ 685.89
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS26-SS30	\$ 1,363.04
Street Lights	Voucher #SL7	\$ 468.39

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk