

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
November 18, 2014**

Pledge of Allegiance

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the Town Hall at 7:01p.m. with the following members present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk, Robina Ward, Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs, Jeff Paige, Laura Griffin, Tax Collector Joe Hanselman, Tobiah Black, Peter Cipkowski, Gretchen Stevens, and David Louis.

APPROVE MINUTES

Resolution #47

On motion of Councilman Steve, 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, October 21, 2014
As corrected (assist our)

PARK AND RECREATION

Councilperson Jill reported that there is a wedding scheduled for the Roe Jan Park for 2015. The fence around the Hamlet park is completed. A piece of equipment has been treated.

Christmas Tree Lighting It has been suggested that there be a number of smaller trees in the Civil War Park to make it like a Christmas Tree Forest. This will be put out to businesses for money. The tree lighting is scheduled for the December 6th (the first Saturday in December) at 4:30pm.

There was a lot of paper work for the Summer Program this year.

COLUMBIA-GREENE HUMANE SOCIETY

Resolution #48

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

Adopted – Vote – ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to accept the Agreement between the Columbia-Greene Humane Society and the Town of Hillsdale for the year 2015.

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COMMUNICATIONS

HIGHWAY

Councilman Barbato and Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs

The Highway Department is working on equipment, cleaning up leaves, and Richard is busy with paper work and accounting.

Price for a new truck is \$215,473. If we wait until January the price goes up. December 31st is the deadline to order.....delivery would be in 6 – 8 months.

The Board has approved the purchase....go ahead and order it. The Town will have 30 days notice when we have to pay for it. Could get a 5 to 7 year lease from the Bank depending on interest rates.

Collin Civil War display

Our Historian, Peter Cipkowski has a painting and case with Captain Collin's Civil War uniform and boots that he would like to display in the Town Hall for a short period of time.

As it is time for newsletter renewals, Peter asked for suggestions for the newsletter.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT/ SIDEWALKS

Councilman Sena reported the new sidewalk in the back is completed. The Town Hall has to buy salt as the Highway salt would damage the new sidewalk.

We need to establish a special account for sidewalks.

Resolution #49

On motion of Councilman Barbato, seconded by Councilman Sena; the following resolution was **Adopted – Vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to establish a special sidewalk reserve account.

Resolution #50

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

Resolved that all \$30,000 in the general fund will be encumbered for the sidewalk reserve account. In January 2015 another \$30,000 will be encumbered for engineering costs.

Conservation Advisory Council

The CAC has an opening....Ed Frederick decided to step down as he is too busy. To date we have not received a letter of resignation. David Louis is interested in joining the CAC. CAC member, Gretchen Stevens highly recommends Mr. Louis to fill the opening. The opening has to be advertised before an appointment can be made.

Public Comment

Laura Griffin...Business Alliance is having winter markets. Their desire is to have markets at the Hillsdale firehouse, but they have a standard fee and that is too expensive for the Alliance. So they had to go to the Copake Grange Building. It links from the Town web site is linked to the Business Alliance . On December 3rd the Business Alliance will have a meeting at the Mount Washington House.

Robina Ward.....Robina didn't recall discussing the sidewalk in back. Where did the Money come from.

Reply.....money came from building reserve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #51

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

Adopted – Vote – ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved that this Board move into executive session to discuss Union negotiations.

Time:7:57pm

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #52

On motion of Councilman Tiger, seconded by Councilman Sena; 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:9:05pm

PAY BILLS

Resolution #49

On motion of Councilman Barbato and seconded by Councilman Steve Tiger

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #216– 244	\$19,946.15
Highway Fund	Voucher #186 – 214	\$31,433.81
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP38-RJP41	\$ 128.74
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS41-SS47	\$ 2500.02
Street Lights	Voucher #SL10	\$ 510.04

Meeting adjourned at 9:19PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk

