

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 6, 2015**

Pledge of Allegiance.

An organizational meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at the Town Hall at 6:00 pm with the following members present

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk; Robina Ward, Jeff Paige

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #1

On motion of Supervisor Baer, seconded by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster; the following resolution was **Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**
Resolved that this Board move into executive session to discuss where we are with the union negotiations. Time: 6:05pm

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution #2

On motion of Councilman Tiger, seconded by Councilman Sena; 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: 6:45pm

Proposed Resolutions 2015

The eight resolutions for 2015 were passed unanimously by the Town Board.

Appointments

Councilman Barbato was appointed Deputy Supervisor.
Appointed a Town Maintenance & Custodian person – Victor Amendola

Planning Board Fees 2015

The Board approved the Planning Board Fees for 2015 as submitted.

Salary Schedule for 2015

No salary changes...
just added Town Maintenance & Custodian, @\$15.75/hour paid By weekly

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Salary Schedule

Resolution #3

On motion of Councilperson Councilman Sena, seconded by Jill Sims-Elster, the following resolution was **Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**
Resolved to approve Salary Schedule as amended.

NYSEG audit on lights

Most go to LED lights. This might save us money on lights in the Town Hall, Highway Garage, and the Park. NYSEG does all the work. Only if NYSEG has to rent a truck will there be an additional cost.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Resolution #4

On motion of Councilman Steve, seconded by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster, the following resolution was **Adopted vote ayes 4 nays 0**
Resolved to reappoint the following;
Craig Norton was reappointed to Board of Assessment Review for Term ending Sept. 2018
Jeff Sills was reappointed to Zoning Board of Appeals for Term ending Dec. 2019
Deborah Bowen was reappointed to Planning Board for Term ending Dec. 2021

Town Clerk resignation

Ruth has resigned as of January 31, 2015.

Vivian DeGeorges is our Deputy Clerk. As Town Clerk is an elected position, it has to be a Town resident.

The position will be advertised on the Town website; our paper the Register Star; Shoppers guide; and the Columbia Paper.

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk

SIDEWALK GRANT

Hillsdale was awarded a grant of \$754,975 for sidewalks and crosswalks in the hamlet. This grant has to be used within five years.

The State will inform us of the next steps going forward. Augie will work as clerk of the works and Joe Regina will be working with Augie.

Erin, from Clark Engineering, Augie, Joe, and Art will meet tomorrow. In the next week we will receive a letter saying we will get the money. Then in the following two weeks we will hear from the local DOT. The State will work with us each step of the way.

It was difficult and time consuming to write the grant.

We will be taking out a long term Bond Anticipation Note to pay our portion of the sidewalks.

The sidewalks will be on the north and south sides of Route 23. They will run from the Town Hall to the Aubergine (traffic light) on the north and the Sub Station to the Town Hall on the south.

Councilman Barbato questioned why we aren't doing anything in the village – Cold Water Street and /or Anthony Street. This money can only be used on State DOT roads.

There is a line item in the Budget titled sidewalks--However no money has been budgeted in that account in five years.

Why are our sidewalks not maintained and our laws not enforced?

In 1992, the Board passed Local Law #2 – Care and Maintenance of sidewalks

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

At the end of the year the Building Inspector was \$15,000 above what was budgeted.

Victor has opened up the wall at the bottom of the stairs to see where the dampness is coming from.

Now that it is open, we need to figure out how to fix it.

THANK YOU PETER CIPKOWSKI

The Board has enjoyed working with Peter and thanked him for the great job he has done and continues to do with the newsletter and the web site. He will be missed.

Ask everyone what is new in town and less than one third of the people would know.

Do we want to send a letter to every property owner? Councilman Tiger suggested we wait to see what happens.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Councilman Barbato, Chairman of the Highway committee, reported that another truck broke down a couple days ago. Now 2 trucks are inoperative. The majority felt buying a sander was the way to go. A sander for a small truck was ordered the next day.

The next day Supervisor Baer called the insurance company who agreed to pay to rent a truck. Trucks and sanders are rusted out. Why don't we spend money on equipment. The Supervisor replied that Richard has not used the money given to him by the Board.. If he has excess money he could put that in a fund---encumbrance money in the budget to replace equipment from the repair account. Discussion followed.

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Art suggested to Carmen that he talk to Ancram, Galletin, and Burnie Kelleher---they are working with trucks from 1980. Over the past four years the Federal Government has given the Town \$800,000 in FEMA funds. Where has that money gone?

Carmen will get the questions answered at the next committee meeting and come back to the Board.

NEW RESIDENT DEPUTY

Deputy Sheriff David Proper was welcomed to the meeting. He will be our resident deputy for this year

Town Hall Restoration

The contractor needs four days of good weather when it doesn't freeze or snow or rain.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Starting at 6 pm prior to the next Board meeting (February 18, 2014) the team findings of the Economic Development Committee will be presented. It should be an interesting presentation.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

This committee will be meeting Thursday at 10:00...

As there are many committees, boards that meet, it was suggested that the organizer of the meeting fill out an application to request using the Town Hall. Steve will create a form and master calendar.

HIGHWAY BIDS

The following sealed bids received for highway materials and a tree contractor were opened at the Town Board regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 21st.

One bid for Crushed Stone – Sand & Gravel - Blacktop
A.Colarusso & Son, Inc

One bid for Tree Contractor
DiRuzzio Tree Co.

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

Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0

Whereas solicitation for bids were publicly advertised in the Hudson Register Star on
January 16,17, and 18 and both bids were received in a timely manor.

There being no other bids, the Board approved/accepted both Colarusso for Crushed Stone –
Sand&Gravel - Blacktop and DiRuzzio Tree Co..

Public Comment

Julie Kane inquired if Hillsdale or the County participates in PERT. Deputy Proper will investigate and
suggested Julie call Bill Black.

Yes we have an emergency management plan. We also have a County Red Alert program.

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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:

For the year 2013

General Fund	Voucher #278– 283	\$4,446.70 & \$911.04
Highway Fund	Voucher #253 – 271	\$33,335.07
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP-RJP	
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS-SS	
Street Lights	Voucher #SL	

For the year 2014

General Fund	Voucher #2– 23	\$107,866.40	Highway
Fund	Voucher #1 – 9	\$ 15,923.84	
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP1-RJP	\$ 17.60	
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS1-SS5	\$ 1,103.40	
Street Lights	Voucher #SL1	\$ 807.73	

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk