



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2015**

Pledge of Allegiance.

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at the Town Hall at 7:00pm with the following members present

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Demma Town Clerk, Joe Hanselman Tax Collector, Richard Briggs Highway Superintendent, Carole Hanselman, Peter Cipkowski, Jeff Paige, Robina Ward, Laura Griffin, Gretchen Stevens, Mike Dvorchak, Ed Snyder, GPI, Laura Winfrey, Danielle Welner, Bill Sullivan.

Resolution #41: APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Sena seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to accept the July 2015 minutes as presented.

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nay 0

Resolved to accept the minutes as presented for the Town of Hillsdale Board meeting held on Tuesday, July 18, 2015.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Sena reported that the problem area of the sewer system that had frozen up over the winter had been isolated. The icing in the pipes was caused by a lack of water flow in a specific spot; repair options are being investigated.

PARKS

Councilperson Sims-Elster reported that the summer youth program was over for the summer and that participants had enjoyed themselves. The Farmers' Market continued to see a record number of shoppers. There is a wedding scheduled in Roe Jan Park in October, and that a Park Appreciation Day on September 27, 2015 was in the works. Mike Dvorchak reported that this event is to benefit the Hamlet Committee for future plantings, etc.

Supervisor Baer reported that he had received reports of the state of disrepair on the house in the Park; Sim-Elster said that remedies and bids were being investigated. A number of repairs were done this year in the big barn. A review of funds is needed before we look into getting bids on painting the house.

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HIGHWAY BUILDING

Supervisor Briggs had researched replacing the highway garage damaged in the storm and met with Wes Coon who informed him that the current building had been built by a company named Coral out of Pennsylvania. The basic cost of a pre-fabricated, 96 x 25 building is \$22,910; not included in this price are the concrete piers and Coon' fee.

Briggs is not tearing down the building yet because it is still protecting equipment.

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OTHER BUSINESS

ANTHONY STREET SPEED LIMIT

The Town of Copake had requested that Supervisor Baer post the Anthony Street speed limit at 30 miles per hour to match the speed limit it was placing on the extension of the road into Copake.

Resolution #43: On a resolution made by Supervisor Baer and seconded by Councilman Tiger:

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nay 0

Resolved: that the members of the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale do hereby request a reduction of the speed limit to 30 miles per hour on the following town road: Anthony Street, Hillsdale's segment.

SIDEWALKS

Supervisor Baer requested two resolutions that were needed to continue the Sidewalks Project, the first to request that GPI continue its work on the Project as approved by DOT, and the second to declare that the Project involved no environmental impact.

Resolution #44: On a motion by Councilman Barbato seconded by Councilman Sena to continue with the Scope of the Sidewalks Projects as defined and approved by DOT

Adopted Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Resolved: that the members of the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale do hereby request that GPI, Project engineer, continue with the scope of the Sidewalks Project as defined and approved by DOT, and to submit amendments to the Project using any remaining, available funds at a later date.

RESOLUTION #45: Supervisor Baer moved on Resolution #44 and Councilman Tiger seconded that this project as described will present no significant adverse environmental impacts.

Adopted Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

Resolved: that the members of the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale do hereby agree to accept the following language that is described below and was read aloud at the August 18, 2015, Town Board meeting by Supervisor Baer regarding the Hillsdale Hamlet Pedestrian Streetscape Enhancements:

Meeting minutes of the discussion and vote: SEQRA Evaluation for PIN 8780.44 – Hillsdale Hamlet Pedestrian Streetscape Enhancements

Supervisor Baer advised that the Town of Hillsdale is the lead agency for SEQRA.

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This project is a Type II Action in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) .6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1). A completed copy of the SEQRA Environmental Assessment short form (EAF) was read into the record (Attached).

Supervisor Baer read the contents of the proposed action of Part 1 (Short Environmental Assessment Form, Part 1 – Project Information) into the record (Attached).

One of the Town's main objectives of the Sidewalks Projects is to make the Hamlet of Hillsdale more walkable in order to attract more visitors to the area and spur economic development. Currently the Town has sidewalks, but they are not continuous and do not meet ADA specifications. The goal of this project is to provide the Town with continuous sidewalks along NYS Route 23 from White Hill Lane to NYS Route 22. Additionally included is the updating of the drainage frames and grates to make them ADA compatible, providing high-visibility crosswalks, striping, and new signs in accordance with the MUTCD.

Supervisor Baer read the description of the proposed action of Part 2 (Short Environmental Form, Part 2 – Impact Assessment) into the record (Attached).

Baer stated that, based upon the information and analysis and the design report dated August 2015, this proposed action will not result in any specific adverse environmental impacts and repeated that the Town of Hillsdale is the lead agency.

COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

Supervisor Baer reported that the new interim director from the CDC, Mike Tucker, felt that an excellent job had been done on investigating and restricting the CEDC's Board. New by-laws will limit the problems with past procedures that allowed for questionable loans.

BRANDING

Councilman Tiger reported that there would be a public informational meeting. Baer suggested that the Branding Project meeting be held prior to a budget workshop session, with the date being set at September 15, 2015 at 6PM in Town Hall. Department head budgets are due on September 1, 2015 for the budget workshop that will follow the Branding presentation.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Supervisor Baer reported again that the Town could not be accepted into the County's self-insurance plan because the Town was unable to report past costs. MPV is the underwriter for the County's plan. As in the past, The Town's health insurance would be bid out when large increases in premiums occurred.

OPEN SESSION

CAC

Gretchen Stevens requested an appointment of Suzanne Warner to CAC as she had obtained the prior approval of Hank Henward.

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RESOLUTION #46: On a motion by Councilman Tiger seconded by Councilman Sena to appoint Suzanne Warner to CAC:

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nay 0

Resolved: to appoint Suzanne Warner to CAC.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Laura Griffin reported that the date for the Pumpkin Festival had been set for October 17, 2015. She noted that the Business Alliance would not be requesting any contribution from the Town this year as donated services in 2014 had saved money.

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PAY BILLS

Resolution #47: On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Barbato, the following resolution was

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

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| General Fund | Vouchers #333-367 | \$44,741.13 |
| Highway Fund | Vouchers #197-216 | \$60,273.80 |
| Parks & Rec | Vouchers #90-95 | \$ 591.76 |
| Sewer Fund | Vouchers #59-64 | \$ 1,232.61 |
| Street Lights | Voucher #10 | \$ 531.56 |

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

+Respectfully submitted,

William Demma, Town Clerk