

TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 18, 2014

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A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Joe Hanselman, Tax Collector, Tom Carty, Julie Kane, and Lora Treffin.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Carmen Barbato, seconded by; Councilwoman 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, January 21, 2014 as presented.

**SEWER -**

**PARK AND RECREATION**

Jill had a short email with Caroline.

She talked with Peter about pushing for a development plan for weddings at the Park. More people are needed for Park projects.

Holiday fund raising went well. It tends to flow in during the year. Emails have been sent out.

No major expensive things to do at the Park.

This year Copake will be joining the farmers market at the Roe Jan Park.

All Bed and Breakfast's get brochures. Deborah Bowen has been asked to take care of informing B &B's.

Date for the annual luncheon is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

In January/February, 606 Newsletters were sent; had 377 opens and a 62.7% open through rate, and 117 clicks.

The Building use Form was discussed. Need to make sure the Town is listed as coinsured. It would be good to have our attorney approve the Form also.

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### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

The Highway Department has been busy with clearing all the snow we have had recently. Two of the trucks broke down and were towed to Ben Funk's. Another truck is being used with the recently purchased sander

### **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.

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### **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 Councilwoman Jill Sims Elster, the following resolution was

**Adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #24- 45	\$46,346.06
Highway Fund	Voucher #10 - 35	\$ 71,280.91
RJPark Fund	Voucher #RJP2-RJP	\$ 76.64
Sewer Fund	Voucher #SS6-SS8	\$ 12,147.37
Street Lights	Voucher #SL12	\$ 1,286.12

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk