



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2015**

This Town Board meeting was a continuation of Part II of the September 15, 2016, budget meetings of the Hillsdale Town Board at 7:10pm with the following members present.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Demma Town Clerk, Joe Hanselman Tax Collector, Richard Briggs Highway Superintendent, Peter Cipkowski, Robina Ward, Jamie Carano, Gretchen Stevens, Laura Griffin, Jeff Paige, Rene Gibson.

Resolution #48: APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Councilman Sena seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to accept the August 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, August 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 from a now snow-cleared parking lot; the snow used to be a layer of protection. A \$3,400 pump is needed to keep the water flowing through the drain.

Resolution #49: To purchase pump for sewer pipe freeze protection

On a motion by Councilman Sena seconded by Councilman Barbato:

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nay 0

Resolved: To purchase a \$3,400 pipe pump to keep a sewer drain flowing in a deep freeze.

PARKS

Councilperson Sims-Elster reported that the Clean Up the Park Volunteer Day would be postponed until spring 2016 due to volunteer overload.

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Councilperson Sims-Elster and Councilman Augie Sena will obtain an estimate for maintaining the flower gardens around signs and buildings from Susan Delameter.

In reference to the painting of the house in Roe Jan Park, it was determined that Victor Amendola would handle the project over a two year period. An alternative to hire prisoners to do the painting was considered for the painting, but some feared liability. Supervisor Baer raised the issue of insulating the house.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Briggs requested a resolution for the extension of the three year agreement with the County for snow and ice control contracts.

Resolution #50: To extend the three year agreement with Columbia County for snow and ice control

On a motion by Councilman Barbato seconded by Councilman Sena:

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nay 0

Resolved: To extend the three year agreement for snow and ice control with Columbia County.

Sena reported that the blacktop sidewalk at Town Hall had not been ripped up due to the unavailability of the back hoe.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report this month.

OTHER BUSINESS

SIDEWALKS

In reference to reimbursements from DOT to the Town for sidewalk expenditures, there will be a one time reimbursement made without proof of payment or backup. The funds will be wired into the Town account. Subsequent reimbursements will first require the submission of expenses prior to reimbursement. Jill expressed an interest in the normal reimbursement time lag from DOT on reimbursements for subsequent requests for payment.

The Town engineer has the final sidewalk project design. Lee Heim has a copy. It is the design we have already seen.

The street lighting design is due over the course of the next few weeks. Supervisor Baer felt it was time to include those dollars in the budget.

PINE HAVEN

The County closed on Pine Have nursing home for cash of \$6,000,000.

CEMETERY

Jim Colclough and Ruth Dodds work with the cemetery. The only way to obtain additional revenue is to clear more plots. They will need help from the Highway Department to smooth out the land after tree removal.

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MIKE DVORCHAK

Mike, a 4 year veteran, will be leaving the Hamlet committee due to his work. The board took the opportunity of the meeting to express a heartfelt thank you to him for his service. The Town is now looking for a new Chair of the Hamlet Committee; letters of interest should be sent to the Town Board.
SLOGAN CONTEST

Laura Griffin reminded those in attendance that they were looking for submissions for the slogan contest from which the new Hillsdale slogan will be chosen.

ARTS FESTIVAL

Laura Griffin also reported that the Arts Festival was a success with favorable responses on the follow up survey. There were no highway problems thanks to the fire company and cones. She gave a special thank you to Rene Gibson and Jeff Paige for their work on the festival. The festival was funded by booth rentals. Town businesses reported a jump in sales during the festival.

DAVID LEWIS RECOMMENDATION

Gretchen Stevens requested that the Board recommend David Lewis to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council.

Resolution #51: To recommend David Lewis to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council.

On a motion by Councilman Sena seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster:

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nay 0

Resolved: To recommend David Lewis to the Columbia County Environmental Management Council.

PAY BILLS

Resolution #52: On motion of Councilperson Sims-Elster, seconded by Councilman Tiger, the following resolution was

Adopted Vote ayes 5 nays 0

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

For August 18, 2015 meeting

General Fund	Vouchers #333-367	\$44,752.12
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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted

William Demma, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION #50

Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Columbia County to Execute an Agreement to Extend the Snow and Ice Control Contract

Resolved: The Town Board of Hillsdale hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into the Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Columbia County to Execute an Agreement to Extend the Snow and Ice Control Contract for a period of three years from September 1, 2015 thru August 31, 2018.

Resolution adopted vote ayes 5 nays 0

William Demma, Town Clerk

Date: September 15, 2015



**Resolution
Board of Supervisors
County of Columbia
New York**

RESOLUTION NO.: 343-2015

DATE: September 9, 2015

BY SUPERVISOR *[Signature]*
COMMITTEE: PUBLIC WORKS
CHAIRMAN: MICHAEL BENSON

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL CONTRACTS

UPON, recommendation of the Public Works Committee at a meeting held on the 26th day of August, 2015 and of the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 27th day of August, 2015;

WHEREAS, the Highway Department is requesting authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement to extend the Snow and Ice Control Contracts with the Towns of Stuyvesant, Hillsdale, Chatham and Ancram for the period from September 1, 2015 thru August 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the County and Towns wish to extend the term of the contract for an additions three 3 year period pursuant to Section 15 of the existing contract;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute an agreement to extend the Snow and Ice Control contracts with the Towns of Stuyvesant, Hillsdale, Chatham and Ancram from the period of September 1, 2015 thru August 31, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said contracts are subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney's Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Attorney, the Columbia County Treasurer, the Highway Department, Town of Stuyvesant, Town of Hillsdale, Town of Ancram and Town of Chatham

Approved:

[Signature]
County Attorney

Resolution
Committee

[Signature]
[Signature]
[Signature]

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA) ss:

This is to certify that I, undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Columbia, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original minutes therefore, now remaining on file of record in my office, and that the same is true and correct transcript there from and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board of Supervisors this 10th day of September, 2015.

[Signature]
Kelly S. Baccaro, Clerk