

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2016**

A meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on February, 2016 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Cipkowski
Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster
Councilperson Robina Ward
Councilperson Steven Tiger
Councilperson Carmen Barbato

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Attorney Dick Alford, Hank Henward, Bob Kessler, Steve and Barbara Smith, Michael Chesloff, Joe Hanselman, Jr., Richard Briggs, Julie Kane, Deborah Bowen, Augie Senna, Jeff Paige, Laura Griffin, Rene Gibson, and five other members of the public.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Supervisor Peter Cipkowski.

Resolution #13: Approve Minutes

On a motion by Jill Sims Elster and seconded by Steve Tiger to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 15, 2015 as presented.

On a motion by Peter Cipkowski and seconded by Robina Ward to accept the “draft” of the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on January 4, 2016 with amendments

On a motion by Jill Sims-Elster and seconded by Carmen Barbato, to accept the “draft” of the minutes of the Board Meeting held on January 12, 2016 with amendments.

Adopted Vote Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

Announcements/Correspondence

Office of Community Renewal: Town Supervisor Cipkowski spoke with the office regarding an application for historic streetlights. They would not consider it so he is looking for another source.

Office of the Aging: Tina Sharpe and Joyce Lapenn have been nominated to participate on the Board.

KISS Program – Keeping Identities of Senior Citizens Safe: will bring a shredder to the Town Hall mid-March to be available to the public for three weeks. Information regarding what documents can or should be shredded will be available through the website and Town Hall.

2016 Oldtone Music Festival approached the Town to use the Park for this year’s program in September but it is not available for camping. Cool Whisper Farm on Route 21 is interested.

Route 22 Bridge Construction over the kiln in Copake will be done during the summer.

Local Maps and Workplace Violence documents are now available through the website.

A celebration honoring former Town Supervisor Art Baer and former Councilperson Augie Senna will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, February 27 at 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs is analyzing his budget for the year to determine spending. He is looking to find a way to inform the public when work is going to be done on which roads. Supervisor Cipkowski will then incorporate the information on to the website.

Fire District Secretary Joe Hanselman, Jr. reported that six members of the Volunteer Fire department did graduate from the Fire Fighters course mentioned at the last meeting and there are three new applicants.

Councilperson Robina Ward reported on her work as Chair of Infrastructure and Public Works committee. Work is being done in the Town Hall for a lockable storage unit underneath the back stairs. Air vents have been cleaned and the elevator is due for its annual safety test. She is working an outline to place requests for proposals to work on all the town's gardens including weeding, pruning, mulching, etc. New LED lighting has been installed in the Sheriff's sub-station resulting in substantial electric savings.

New Business/Old Business

Proposed local Law 1 is a provision that pertains to an aquifer overlay district and map to be adopted as part of our zoning law. This should not unreasonably restrict normal agricultural use unless there is an actual public health and safety situation.

Sidewalk Project will soon have infrastructure in place. There is a plan to install historic street lamps.

Resolution #14 Landscape Maintenance Agreement: the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute the Landscaping Maintenance Agreement.

On a motion by Councilperson Steve Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Robina Ward

Adopted Vote Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Discussion regarding "Grillsdale", a food event proposed for late August in the Roe Jan Park. 25% of the net proceeds would benefit the Rail Trail.

Discussion regarding Town Signage. There is proposed new typeface and plans for new welcoming signs, a new Town Hall sign, thanks to donations.

No public comments.

15 Pay Bills: Resolved, to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund Voucher # 602 – 630	\$ 14,751.61
Highway Fund Voucher # 306 – 332	40,541.42
Sewer Fund Voucher # 87 - 90	1,983.70

On a motion by Councilperson Steve Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Carmen Barbato

Adopted Vote Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk