

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2016**

A meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on March 8, 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, Joe and Carol Hanselman, Richard Briggs, Tom Carty, 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 #16: Approve Minutes

On a motion by Jill Sims Elster and seconded by Steve Tiger to accept the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 9, 2016 with a minor amendment.

Adopted Vote Ayes – 5 Naves - 0

Announcements/Correspondence

Route 22 Bridge Construction over the Kill in Copake will begin in April and go through July. There will be no bridge work in Copake. County Route 21 will be closed in May throughout the summer for bridge construction.

Discussion regarding Hillsdale Toll House. As a historic building it is site-specific and cannot be moved from the current location. The Historic Hillsdale committee is meeting to discuss potential architects to see what it might take to preserve the building and leave it on its site.

Taconic State Park Master Plan will have two Public Hearings: March 16, 6:00 pm, Millerton Library and April 2, 10:00 am, Copake Town Hall.

Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster discussed the use of the Roe Jan Park as a fund-raiser for Dollars for Scholars. Councilperson Steve Tiger suggested we have a statement that non-profit organizations may use the park at no cost.

Councilperson Robina Ward reported on improvements to the Town Hall creating storage facilities under the stairwell. On a motion by Councilperson Ward and seconded by Councilperson Tiger it was agreed to fund up to \$500 from the capital reserve fund to reconstruct the hallway.

Motion Vote Ayes – 5 Naves – 0

New Business/Old Business

Supervisor Cipkowski reported that Local Law #1 is moving forward and will have a Public Hearing at 6:30 April 12, prior to the Board meeting. At 6:45 will be a Public Hearing for the CAC Local Law #2.

Discussion regarding Town-Sponsored Events: Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday was well-attended. There will be "Clean-Up Day", May 7, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon at the Town’s Highway Garage. Memorial Day represents the 100th anniversary of the town’s memorial statue with a large celebration.

Resolution #17 Appoint Marriage Officer

On a motion by Councilperson Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Barbato to appoint Supervisor Peter Cipkowski as Marriage Officer.

Adopted Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolution #18 Pay Bills

General Fund	Voucher #636 – 677	\$13,342.73
Highway Fund	Voucher # 333 – 355	\$20,954.50
Sewer District Fund	Voucher # 91 – 99	\$ 3,939.33
Parks and Recreation Fund	Voucher # 111 -115	\$ 535.90

On a motion by Councilperson Carmen Barbato and seconded by Councilperson Ward to pay the bills as presented.

Adopted Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk