

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
BOARD MEETING  
April 12, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk; Dick Alford, Town Attorney; Tom Carty, Joe Hanselman, Steve Smith, Gretchen Stevens, Florence Sydowsky, Jeff Paige, Laura Griffin, Ruth Defoe, Bob Kessler, Russ Elster and 4 members of the Boy Scouts; Lorna Littleway, reporter for the Columbia Paper and 10 members of the public.

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

**Approve Minutes**

On motion of Councilperson Robina Ward, seconded by Councilman Steve Tiger the following resolution was

**Adopted Vote - Ayes 5 Nays 0**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 as amended. (First page—the word “kiln” regarding Route 22 Bridge Construction was changed to “kill” ).

**Announcements/Correspondence**

Supervisor Cipkowski reported that the DOT is negotiating on the culvert project with the DEC to be able to get in to the stream and restore it to a two-lane road by the time the Falcon Ridge Festival starts over the Labor Day week-end. The DEC requires work in the Kill be completed over a specific time period.

The telephone system for Town Hall is being upgraded with new email addresses for town officers that will start with the town office followed by @hillsdaleny.com rather than at fairpoint.net

Clean-up Day, May 7, 9 – 12 noon

**Fire District**

Joe Hanselman reported the Fire district has 4 new members

**Summer Youth Program**

Councilperson Sims-Elster reported that applications are on the website along with Employment opportunities.

### **Financial Advisory Committee**

Supervisor Cipkowski announced the appointment of Cheryl Jones as the Chair of the Financial Advisory Committee. The goal of the committee is to make recommendations, look at budgets, multi-year planning, the capital fund, etc.

### **Infrastructure**

Robina Ward reported that work continues to be done in the back hall with flooring and a new storage area for files.

There is a plan to upgrade the telephone system which was obsolete in 2010. This will include maintenance and replacement of equipment.

The Town received two sealed bids for Town Parks Maintenance. The bids were opened with the decision to wait and hold a special meeting for review by all the Board members.

### **Historic Hillsdale**

Supervisor Cipkowski reported that as recommended by the New York State Board of Historic Preservation, the East Tollhouse Hillsdale was added to State and National Register of Historic Preservation.

### **New Business/Old Business**

Stream Barrier Survey. Gretchen Stevens, Secretary of the Conservation Advisory Council requested the Board pass a resolution to conduct a survey done by the CAC in the Western part of the area that would identify culverts under public roads that may be undersized and unable to accommodate expected storm waters, and barriers and streams that effect fishes and habitat. There is no cost to the town. A survey is currently being started in the Roe Jan Estuary and Copake, the Eastern part of the area. Discussion about how extensive the study is and whether it will give the town the intelligence for what the potential needs are, and which creeks are included.

On a motion by Councilperson Steve Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Robina Ward to draft a resolution to approve a survey done by the CAC to identify barriers and streams and undersized culverts.

**Motion Vote** Ayes 5 Naves 0

### **Green Solutions**

Committee Chair Bob Kessler offered a proposal to adopt a “climate smart community pledge” to earn certification as a “climate smart community”.

This is intended to help residents and the town to save money by reducing municipal energy, create jobs, attract new business and residents, reduce carbon pollutants and increase energy proficiencies.

On a motion by Councilperson Steve Tiger and seconded by Carmen Barbato, to have the Green Solutions committee hold a Public Information Meeting.

**Motion** Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

### **Sidewalk Project**

Supervisor Cipkowski reported the timeline for the project. GPI is presenting the plan to the DOT next week. DOT reviews the plan the week of April 25. May 2 the town can put out bids. This is a 5 – 6 week process with an assigned vendor by the first week of June. Sidewalk Project should take about 2 months.

### **Memorial Day**

Plans are underway to rededicate the Flag Bearer Monument, in honor of it's 100th year, with a ceremony preceding the parade with the Fire Department, the boyscouts and the VFW. The annual parade will be larger than ever with fire companies from neighboring communities and bands.

Tag Line. Laura Griffin wanted to recognize the 2014 Hamlet Committee for its work on a tourism-related slogan for the future: "Hillsdale, Where the Valleys Meet".

### **Public Comments**

Discussion regarding the Old Tone Music Festival proposal.

### **Resolution Local Law #1 2016 Aquifer Overlay District**

On a motion by Councilperson Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Barbato

**Adopted** Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

### **Resolution Local Law #2 Establishing a Conservation Advisory Council**

On a motion by Supervisor Cipkowski and seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to approve the local law

**Adopted** Vote Ayes 5 Nays

### **Resolution to Reappoint Members of the Committee:**

David Lewis, Chair

Gretchen Steven, Secretary,

Ruth Dafoe, Member

On a motion by Councilperson Sims-Elster and seconded by Councilperson Tiger

**Adopted** Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

### **Resolution Town Branding Guidelines**

On a motion by Councilperson Barbato and seconded by Councilperson Ward to adopt and gradually implement the Brand Style Guide as developed by the Town's Hamlet Committee

**Adopted** Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Resolution Agreement for Maintenance Repair, State Route 23**

On a motion by Councilperson Barbato and seconded by Councilperson Tiger to authorize Supervisor Cipkowski to execute the Agreement for Maintenance Repair, State Route 23.

**Adopted** Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Resolution Sidewalk Funding**

On a motion by Councilperson Ward and seconded by Councilperson Tiger to fund \$857,000 for the Sidewalk Project

**Adopted** Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

**Resolution Pay Bills**

On a motion by Councilperson Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Ward to pay the bills as presented:

General Fund	Vouchers 680 – 712	\$14,239.49
Highway Fund	Vouchers 356 – 383	\$26,998.64
Sewer	Vouchers 100 – 103	\$ 1,748.49

**Motion** Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan  
Town Clerk