

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, June 14, 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; Joe Hanselman, Steve Smith, Jeff Paige, Laura Griffin, Lynne Chmurzynski, Phil Catoggio Lorna Littleway, reporter for the Columbia Paper and 7 members of the public.

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

Approve Minutes

On motion of Councilperson Steve Tiger, seconded by Councilperson Carmen Barbato the following resolution was

Adopted Vote - Ayes 5 Nays 0

Resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

No Announcements/Correspondence

Public Comments:

Steve Tiger commented on the success of the Memorial Day celebration and congratulated the committee.

Supervisor Cipkowski introduced Howard Lieberman who will be representing Hillsdale for "Columbia Connect" locally to help bring Broadband to our area. He gave a presentation outlining the needs for this program. Columbia County and Greene County are the least served counties in the state.

Highway Report

Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys 2016

On a motion by Councilperson Barbato to approve Highway expenditures adding more blacktop, oil and stone on roads plus drainage and culvert replacements and seconded by Councilperson Ward

Motion Vote Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Fire District

Joe Hanselman, Jr., President of the Fire Company announced that his staff was getting trained on High-Band radios. We have three new Fire Company Volunteers and the membership has doubled since last year.

Town Clerk

Kathi Doolan reported that the recent KISS Shredding program was very successful and the town will continue to participate on a quarterly basis.

Conservation Advisory Council

Mary King reported that the CAC is requesting a letter of support from the town for a moratorium on Solar policies. Supervisor Cipkowski agreed to write the letter.

Communications

Councilperson Ward reported on the telephone system moving to a password-secured system. The town Wi-Fi had to be dropped temporarily and it will be posted on the website when it is again available.

Youth Program

The Summer Youth Program is filled and will run for six weeks beginning July 5.

Green Solutions

Discussion about the need to solicit applications from anyone in Hillsdale who might want to be on a task force of a Climate Smart Committee and take responsibility for long-term goals. Councilperson Sims-Elster recommended the people on the Green Solutions Committee should join together with the DEC to take advantage of the expertise they need.

Discussion on timeline and objectives for Solar regulations and an ordinance on promoting solar energy and the question of what the town should do regarding commercial farming. A discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.

Hamlet Sidewalk Status

Waiting for final approval from the DOT, reported Supervisor Cipkowski. The bid process will begin as soon as the town gets the “green light”.

Public Comments

Laura Griffin submitted a request form for the 2016 ArtsWalk program. The date is set for August 27 and the Committee has been formed.

Jose Calle’ asked if something can be done to help slow down traffic on Route 23. Supervisor Cipkowski suggested the Sidewalk project will help calm the traffic flow but it is an ongoing process. A sign that indicates the speed a car is going while it passes through town might be an option.

Pay Bills

On a motion by Councilperson Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to pay the bills as presented:

	Vouchers #	
General Fund	816 – 881	\$ 35,344.66
Highway Fund	428 – 435	50,371.75
Parks & Recreation Fund	128 – 139	1,250.19
Sewer District Fund	111 – 117	33,145.43

Motion Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan
Town Clerk

