

**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
December 13, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Cipkowski
Councilperson Steven Tiger
Councilperson Robina Ward
Councilperson Carmen Barbato

ABSENT: Jill Sims-Elster

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk; Steve Smith, Jeff Paige, Lorna Littleway and two other 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 Steve Tiger, the following resolution was

Adopted Vote - Ayes- 4 Nays – 0 Absent - 1

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on November 8, 2016.

Announcements/Correspondence:

Supervisor Cipkowski publicly thanked the decorating committee for the Christmas tree and decorations which was donated by Kelly Fox of the Mount Washington House and put up with the help of the Highway Department. Also thanks to Passiflora and Scoop for their contributions to the Tree lighting ceremony.

No Public Comments

Councilperson Robina Ward reported for the Highway Department in the absence of Richard Briggs.

Inventory is being done on the roads which may result in shorter roads or abandoned roads.

Briggs is requesting permission to buy a new pickup truck to replace the current 2006 model. \$40,000 is available in the Equipment Fund.

Motion to allow for the purchase of a new Highway truck in the amount not to exceed \$40,000

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

Motion vote: Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent - 1

Supervisor Cipkowski reported that the Climate Smart taskforce cancelled their last meeting and rescheduled for January 5.

Cipkowski also reported that the Town has received comments of Local Law #4, the current limited moratorium on solar. The committee is working with environmental specialists to come up with conclusions.

Green Solutions. Supervisor Cipkowski reported that Bob Kessler, the committee Chair is requesting to abandon the Green Solutions Committee and merge it into the Climate Smart committee. Jeff Paige disagreed and read the original mission statement of the Green Solutions Committee. Discussion regarding the interest to merge ideas from both committees. Cipkowski reported that the State is giving the town the opportunity to be eligible for funding by funneling the goals through a new task force.

Hamlet Committee will hold a Flea Market in the Park Memorial Day week-end.

Historic Hillsdale met December 11 to lay out the objectives to achieve goals around the Cemetery project restoration.

Sewer. Discussion about the issue of sludge in the holding tank. The problem may be able to be rectified, however the town may need a new tank.

Discussion regarding the lowering of speed limits on certain roads. The speed limit change request is forwarded from the Town to the County Highway Department for review, then forwarded to the State DOT which inspects the affected sections and determines authorization.

Resolution: The town of Hillsdale requests a DOT Vehicle and Traffic Law to lower the maximum speed limits:

On Route 21 from Hunt Road to Route 22, reduce the speed to 35 mph

From Hunt Road to the hamlet of Harlemville, reduce the speed to 45 mph

Off State Route 22, from Schutts Road to Old Town Road, reduce the speed to 45 mph

From Old Town Road through the Hillsdale hamlet to the Copake Town Line, to 30 mph

On a motion by Councilperson Steve Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Barbato
Adopted Vote: Ayes – 4 Nays – 0 Absent – 1

Discussion regarding the Town Park and the Hamlet Park

Steve Smith suggested there is a lack of awareness of the Town Park and commented that it seems to be used only during the season of the Farmer’s Market. Steve Tiger suggested the Hamlet Committee include the Hamlet Park as one of its goals for 2017

Pay Bills

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

	<u>Vouchers #</u>	
General Fund	1023 – 1066	\$35,809.49
Highway Fund	514 -- 535	49,654.23
Sewer Fund	141 -- 148	4,430.12
Lighting Fund	4	1,298.74

Motion Vote Ayes- 4 Nays- 0 Absent - 1

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan
Town Clerk