



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 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 Robina Ward

ABSENT: Councilperson Steve Tiger

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk; Jeff Paige, Lorna Littleway

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

Accept Minutes

On a motion by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster and seconded by Councilperson Barbato, the following resolution was

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

Resolved to accept the minutes of the Town Board meeting held June 13, 2017

The Supervisor had no announcements

Public Comments: Beverly Stalker said she had been speaking with members of the VFW and they do not want any signs on or surrounding the Monument. The Supervisor thanked Ms. Stalker and said the Board will have a discussion about the petition presented by Ms. Stalker previously.

Town Clerk: Kathi Doolan read a letter from the Columbia County Alarm program regarding Sheriff's response to False alarms in the Town Hall. If the Town calls in more than three False Alarms there will be a penalty charge. Discussion about training and communication among people with keys.

Infrastructure: Councilperson Ward reported she contacted Bradway to put the air conditioner on a stand and give a quote for an air conditioner/heater.

Youth Program: This is the last week of the program with the largest group in attendance since the program began. Councilperson Sims-Elster believes the Town should consider expanding the program next year to accommodate more youths. Supervisor Cipkowski suggested a debrief of the program before the Budget process to discuss what worked and what didn't work.

Information Center: Councilperson Sims-Elster discussed investigating how and when to install an Information Center in the Parking Lot. She is in discussion with Ann Cooper, from Columbia County Tourism about the sign and available information. Consideration will be given to installing the Information Center at the same time the Electric Charging Station is installed.

Supervisor Cipkowski announced that three new "Welcome to Hillsdale" signs are ready and the committee is determining locations. There will also be a new Town Hall sign. All have been created with donated funds.

The Historic Housing Tour sold out with 350 tickets for the program August 12. Money raised will go to Friends of Eastgate and signage for Cemeteries.

Grillsdale tickets are sold out for the event August 26.

Whipporwill Road – Supervisor Cipkowski continues to talk with representatives from Region 8 to help gain approval from the DOT to change the road for safety reasons. Discussion regarding the distance between the existing road and the prospective road and the engineer study and whether the study can be modified. Next step is to determine costs.

Roe Jan Park – Supervisor Cipkowski has come up with guidelines for the community forum. Interested parties will be allowed to participate in that area outside the Farmer's Market the first and third Saturday of the month.

Sidewalk Project – The last meeting with GPI and Callanan, the contractor, was held August 8 to discuss drainage issues and final checks. The crosswalks are in place. They have to be sealed. The State is responsible for future maintenance.

Lights – Councilperson Ward is in contact with NYSEG to get the power for the new lights to be operational by the Fall.

Signs – Requests are coming in from people who live in the Hamlet for "No engine Brakes" signs. Four signs are being ordered.

2018 Budget – Supervisor Cipkowski and Councilperson Ward are to meet in early September and prepare a Draft for the September Board meeting. A workshop will follow.

Public Comments: Jeff Paige asked if there had been any discussion about the commercial aspect of the Electric Charging Station. The Supervisor responded no.

Resolution: On a motion by Councilperson Barbato and seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to allow the Supervisor Peter Cipkowski and the Deputy Supervisor Robina Ward to participate with Key Bank as the signatories for the Town in 2017.

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

Pay Bills

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

	<u>Vouchers #</u>	
General Fund	228 - 248	\$ 7,907.81
Highway Fund	127 – 137	\$28,942.07
Parks & Recreation Fund	28 - 32	\$ 8,721.33
Sewer Fund	33 - 39	\$ 2,441.81
Lighting	7	\$ 569.62

Motion Vote Ayes - 4 Nays - 0 Absent - 1

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan
Town Clerk