



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
July 18, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, July 18 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; Matt Cabral, Associate Town Attorney; Tom Carty, Howard Van Lenten, Joe Hanselman Jr., Steve Smith, Sandy Krieger, Laura Griffin, Tod Wohlfarth, Jeff Paige, and three other members of the public.

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

Since this meeting follows the Public Hearing regarding Local Law 3, the Supervisor asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed Law.

Attorney Dick Alford read Part One of the SEQRA Review before the Board, the short Environmental Assessment form regarding Solar Farms and Solar use. Included is project and sponsor Information, project location and description.

Part Two is the Impact Assessment Project. There is no environment impact for any of the questions in the Assessment form.

Resolution: A proposed Local Law #3 having been presented to the Town Board, which Local Law would amend the Zoning and Land Use Control Law of the Town of Hillsdale, so as to permit and regulate the installation of Solar Energy installations, including solar farms and solar power plants within the Town; and The Town Board having completed Parts 1 and 2 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form in connection with the proposed adoption of said Local Law; and there having been no significant adverse environmental impacts identified as a result of the environmental review of the proposed adoption of said Local Law; now the issuance of a negative declaration for the adoption of proposed Local Law #3 is hereby authorized.

On a motion by Councilperson Robina Ward and seconded by Councilperson Steve Tiger
Adopted Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

Resolution: Local Law #3 to amend various provisions of the Town’s Zoning and Land Use Control Law, so as to permit and regulate the installation of Solar Energy installations, including solar farms and power plants within the Town of Hillsdale (Complete resolution is attached.)

On a motion by Councilperson Steve Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Robina Ward
Adopted Vote: Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Announcements: Supervisor Cipkowski

The Town received a letter from Region 8 of the DOT in response to the Petition for Whipporwill Road saying they are not in support of shifting the road. The Supervisor will persist in working to see if he can get their attention.

Highway – No report

Fire – Joe Hanselman Jr announced the new truck is in service. June was very busy with 16 calls.

Planning Board – Committee Chair Hank Henward provided a letter of support for Local Law #3.

ZBA – The Supervisor announced that Chair Craig Norton recommended the Board appoint Steve Smith to the open position. The position was advertised in the Register Star with no response. The Board will also be looking for an Alternate to be available to come to meetings to assure a quorum.

On a motion by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster and seconded by Councilperson Steve Tiger to appoint Steve Smith to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Broadband – Tod Wohlfarth, Chair, reported that the committee was filing a petition for **Rehearing and Clarification and Modification of the Commission’s Order of June 15, 2017 approving Merger Transaction between Fairpoint and Consolidated Communications**. He read the Petition and explained it was necessary to take these steps to clarify the order “to ensure the Commission’s directions and intentions – and the public interest - are served.” This is a formal petition which is a part of a collaborative community process.

Human Resources – Councilperson Steve Tiger asked the Board to look at a form that has been created for employee absences. This would be filled out in advance for time off, vacations, doctor appointments, etc., to facilitate communication regarding employee schedules. Steve will circulate the form. When completed it will go to Peter and then filed with the Town Clerk.

On a motion by Supervisor Cipkowski and seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to adopt the Town of Hillsdale Employee Absence Form pending any changes from the Highway Dept.

Motion Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Park Summer Program – Councilperson Sims-Elster reported the Program was at a record high and recommended the Town consider changing the program to accommodate a larger number for next year.

Grants Administrator Tom Carty reported that with the help of Robin Reynolds from NYSERTA plans are moving forward for the Electric Charging Station.

Housing Committee - The June 29 Housing Committee Summit gave an overview of trends in our area. Laura Griffin announced that this was the final step in the Committee’s report to the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for funding. The report is due the third week in August.

Park Policies – Discussion regarding the Town’s relationship with the Farmer’s Market and the Community Table. The Supervisor recommended a “public space” that would be available for the community to set up a table, i.e., voter registration, Historic Hillsdale, or anyone who wanted to use the space for its organization.

Town Hall Security – Discussion regarding the distribution of keys to the Town Committee Chairs. The Supervisor believes the committees should be able to meet in the Town Hall when they need to meet without having a Board member be available to let them in. Robina to write up Guidelines for those who are issued keys.

Sidewalk Project – Concrete to be completed this week. Discussion regarding flooding. Until the main road is paved by the DOT, there will be issues.

Supervisor Cipkowski presented the Board with a Draft of a resolution supporting Veterans and increasing their benefits. Cipkowski asked the Board to review the Draft and consider adopting a Local Law at the next meeting.

Budget Amendment #5

General Fund	Increase to Appropriations	Decrease to Appropriations
7140.1 Playgrounds		
Personal Service	\$500.00	
7140.4 Playgrounds		\$500.00
Set up Payroll account for Hamlet Park		
	Total \$500.00	\$500.00

On a motion by Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster and seconded by Councilperson Ward The Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to make the preceding budget amendments in the 2017 Budget,

Motion Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

Public comments – Jeff Paige asked about the Sidewalk project in areas using grass versus cement. The Supervisor responded that this is a budget consideration.

Laura Griffin asked for an update on the Economic Development Committee. Jill said they are working on the Master plan with the final piece to develop an Information Center.

Laura Griffin also commented the Farmer’s Market receives requests once a week for the Community Table. She offered to share the Guidelines with the Supervisor.

Jeff Paige questioned the Electric Charging Station as a source of revenue for the Town and said the Town of Chatham was having discussions about future issues.

Joe Hanselman reminded the group of the OldTone Music Festival and that the Fire Department was having a chicken Barbecue.

The Board moved in to Executive Session at 8:10 pm to discuss Personnel issues.

On a motion by Councilperson Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Barbato, the Executive session ended at 8:40 pm.

Motion Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

Pay Bills

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

	<u>Vouchers #</u>	
General Fund	188 – 227	\$ 20,483.24
Highway Fund	115 – 126	\$151,553.67
Parks & Recreation Fund	20 -- 27	8,176.53
Sewer Fund	25 - 32	32,487.58

Motion Vote Ayes - 5 Nays - 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan
Town Clerk