

Regular Monthly Meeting, Hillsdale Town Board
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

I. Call to order

Supervisor Art Baer called to order the regular meeting of the **Hillsdale Town Board** at **7:30 pm** on **April 21, 2009**, in the **Hillsdale Town Hall**. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Attending

The following persons were present: Supervisor Baer, Board Members Ann Baldwin, Carmen Barbato, Peter Cipkowski, and Augie Sena; Town Clerk Julie Kane, Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs, Tax Collector Joe Hanselman; and 5 members of the public.

III. Acceptance of minutes

Julie Kane, Town Clerk, submitted the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Committee Reports

- a) SEWER COMMITTEE: Mr. Sena reported that the Committee had been working on the USDA certificate of completion. He added that final clean-up of the project was underway, with all customers being contacted to see if there were remaining problems. Mr. Baer stated that about 50% of the 1st quarter sewer bills had not been paid and that new second quarter bills had been sent with penalties and interest added for unpaid balances. Mr. Sena stated that three properties had been identified that had not initially been included in the billing list.

Mr. Sena concluded that he would be determining what funds would be available for the abandonment of old tanks, which would mean pumping them dry and filling them with rocks.

V. Other Business

- a) On a motion by Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Ms. Baldwin,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to extend for another five (5) years the contract with Charter Communications, Inc., for cable television service in the Town of Hillsdale.

- b) On a motion by Ms. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Barbato,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to approve Charter Communication's plan of reorganization under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code.

VI. Committee Reports (continued)

- a) **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE:** Mr. Cipkowski reported that Town Clean-Up Day would be Saturday, April 25 and that the Town would be receiving refuse at the garage from 8:30 until noon.

ROE JAN PARK: Mr. Cipkowski reported that Meg Wormley was producing a newsletter for the Roe-Jan Park and the Summer Youth Program.

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM: Mr. Cipkowski reported that the Summer Youth Program would be held from July 6th through August 14th and that a new director, Sharon Foster, had been hired. He added that counselors were being interviewed with hiring decisions to be made in early May.

Mr. Cipkowski continued that the new roof for the recreation barn should be finished within a few weeks and that the Committee would be taking bids for inside work. On other topics, he reported that the Roe-Jan Park clean-up would also take place on Saturday, April 25, that the Community Garden had been tilled and would be laid out in May, and that the Harvest Festival, scheduled for October 3, had received \$200 from the Columbia County Tourism Board.

- b) **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent, presented the Board with pricing options for replacing the existing one-ton pickup truck with associated equipment, stating that he had located a vendor for the add-ons with a lower price than that available on State contract. After some discussion, on a motion by **Mr. Barbato**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to authorize the purchase of an F450 4x4 dual wheel pickup truck with all-season body, plow and lights for \$65,364.40 from Zwack, Inc.

VII. Other Business (continued)

- a) **BID OPENINGS:** Bids were received from R.A. Diruzzio Tree Company, Meyers Contracting, and Laurel Oak Landscaping for the clean-up of trees damaged by last winter's ice storm. (Bids attached.) On a motion by **Mr. Baer**, seconded by **Mr. Barbato**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to accept the bid from Meyers Contracting.

Bids were received for G&S Excavating, Lane Construction, and Colorusso for asphalt and crushed stone. (Bids attached.) On a motion by **Mr. Barbato**, seconded by **Ms. Baldwin**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to accept the bid from Colorusso for asphalt, crushed stone, and sand.

- b) EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by **Mr. Cipkowski**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved into executive session at 8:38 pm to discuss the proposed acquisition of real property.

On a motion by **Mr. Cipkowski**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved out of executive session at 8:39 pm.

- c) Town attorney, Nelson Alford, presented a proposed Cooperative Lease Agreement from the State of New York for the Roe-Jan Park. On a motion by Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Mr. Sena,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to enter into the Cooperative Lease Agreement for a period of 20 years with a one year termination right for either party, which agreement would supersede the existing five-year agreement.

- d) EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by **Mr. Cipkowski**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved into executive session at 8:55 pm to discuss the proposed acquisition of real property.

On a motion by **Mr. Sena**, seconded by **Mr. Barbato**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved out of executive session at 9:48 pm.

VIII. Committee Reports (continued)

- a) COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: Ms. Baldwin presented a proposal from Iona Lutey for email broadcasts for the Town using the software "Constant Contact." Mr. Baer requested that a representative from the Roe-Jan Park Steering Committee meet with the Town Communications Committee to explore consolidating platforms.

Ms. Baldwin reported that the Committee would be interviewing two candidates for a proposed redesign of the Town web site. Mr. Baer commented that the Town's fee income was down for the year and requested

that the Committee report its recommendations with associated costs at the next Board meeting.

IX. Other Business (continued)

- a) APPOINTMENT: On a motion by **Ms. Baldwin**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board reappointed Richard Frieman to another seven-year term on the Town Planning Board.

- b) APPOINTMENT: On a motion by Mr. Barbato, seconded by Mr. Cipkowski,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board reappointed Rocco Defronzo to another five-year term on the Town Zoning Board of Appeals.

- c) PAY BILLS: On a motion by **Mr. Barbato**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays

It was resolved to pay the Town's bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #100 - #130	\$ 17,788.42
Highway Fund	Voucher #74 - #99	\$ 42,638.25
Roe-Jan Park Fund	Voucher #9 - #13	\$ 760.12
Sewer District #1	Voucher #3	\$ 289.72

X. Adjournment

On a motion of **Mr. Barbato**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays:

Supervisor Baer adjourned the meeting at **10:15 pm.**

Minutes submitted by: Julie Kane, Hillsdale Town Clerk