

Regular Monthly Meeting, Hillsdale Town Board
Tuesday, February 17, 2008

I. Call to order

Supervisor Art Baer called to order the regular meeting of the **Hillsdale Town Board** at **7:30 pm** on **February 17, 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 Carmen Barbato, Peter Cipkowski, and Augie Sena; Town Clerk Julie Kane, Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs, Town Attorney Nelson Alford, Court Clerk Jan Keefner, 3 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

III. Committee Reports

- a) **SEWER COMMITTEE**: Mr. Sena reported that the sewer system was up and operating and that most billing issues had been resolved. He added that, as units were added or removed from the system, these changes would be verified with the Building Department. Mr. Sena concluded that he had met with the engineer today to review the final punch list and that the Town should be able to close on the loans before the end of the Spring.

Mr. Baer commented that he would like to have a report next month of outstanding sewer accounts.

Mr. Sena reported that effluent testing will only have to be done on a quarterly basis and that staff still has to be trained.

- b) **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**: Mr. Cipkowski reported that Lauren Avenia has resigned as Summer Youth Program director and that the Town will be advertising for a replacement. He added that the program had received an anonymous \$14,000 grant through Berkshire Taconic for ecological education.

ROE JAN PARK: Mr. Cipkowski reported that the Park Committee was applying for a Hudson River Greenway Foundation grant to pay for the roof for the Recreation Barn. He also presented a schedule of upcoming events at the park, including a meeting on the new Roe-Jan Park Community Garden.

- c) **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**: Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent, reported that the recent early thaw cycle had created some mud problems. He added that the Department had also begun cleaning up tree damage from the ice storm and that FEMA and SEMA would reimburse 87% of clean-up costs submitted by mid-July, although it may be hard to complete the clean-up by then. He concluded by reporting that CHIPS funds have been reduced to Hillsdale, as well as all other towns.

IV. Other Business

- a) Mr. Baer reported that he will be meeting with the Governor to discuss the use of Federal stimulus Package funds in the Town and the County. He requested that members of Town government prepare proposals and projects as quickly as possible and submit them to Mr. Cipkowski.
- b) Mr. Baer informed the Board that, because the Independent had ceased publication, the Town would have to designate a new paper of record. On a motion by Mr. Sena seconded by Mr. Barbato,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 3 ayes and 1 nay,

the Board designated the Register-Stare of Hudson, NY, as the paper of record for the Town of Hillsdale.

- c) **OPENINGS ON THE ZONIGN BOARD AND THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Mr. Baer reported that the Planning Board had recommended that Richard Frieman be reappointed to the Planning Board. Because other applications for the two positions had been received, Mr. Baer directed these applications to be passed to the chairs of each Committee for review. Mr. Alford reminded the board that the current members with expiring terms remain active Board members until replaced.
- d) Mr. Baer reported that he had received a call from Howard Dean who had bought the property behind Herrington's and who was interested in reopening his discussion with the Board regarding the development of the property. Because the property is within the Hamlet, Mr. Baer had directed him to Hank Henward and Tom Carty.
- e) Joe Laporta, representing the Cadby-Shutts post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, reported to the Board on their progress toward erecting a monument in the town to Hillsdale veterans. The VFW has been collecting names of Town veterans and requesting donations to pay for the monument, and if \$5000 - \$6000 could be raised by march 15th, the monument could be in place in time for the Memorial Day Parade, due to be held in Hillsdale this year. Mr. Baer asked Mr. Laporta to report the status of the VFW's fund raising efforts at the March Board meeting. He also directed Mr. Cipkowski to contact David Ruede of the Hamlet subcommittee to coordinate with the VFW.
- f) Mr. Cipkowski reported that the Town had received a copy of an appraisal of the Library Building on Main Street and that the appraised value with within the range of funds the Town has that are dedicated to the acquisition of a new town hall. Mr. Baer called for the creation of an ad hoc Building Committee and appointed Mr. Cipkowski, Sena, and Barbato. He asked the Committee to communicate the Town's interest in the Library Building to the Library Board and to begin investigating options, including scheduling the Town's own appraisal.

LOCAL LAW 2009-1, AMENDING LOCAL LAW 2008-1 PROHIBITING PARKING ON TOWN HIGHWAYS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1 AND

APRIL 15 OF EACH YEAR: The supervisor having presented a negative declaration of significant environmental impacts, on a motion by Mr. Sena, seconded by Mr. Barbato,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board adopted the negative declaration of significant environmental impacts by the enacting of the proposed Local Law 2009-1.

On a motion by Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Mr. Barbato,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board resolved to enact Local Law 2009-1, amending Section 2 of Local Law 2008-1 to read, "With the exception of the Northerly side of Cold Water Street, no motor vehicles shall be parked on or along any Town highway within the legal right of way of such highway, including the shoulders thereof, during the time period from November 1 of each year through April 15 of the following year."

- g) EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion by Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Mr. Barbato,

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved into executive session at 8:40 pm to discuss personnel negotiations.

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

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board moved out of executive session at 9:10 pm.

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

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays,

the Board returned to regular session at 9:12 pm.

h) PAY BILLS: On a motion by Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Mr. Barbato,

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 #17 - #55	\$ 18,385.70
Highway Fund	Voucher #22 - #43	\$ 43,573.05
Capital Projects Fund	Vouchers #22 & 36	\$ 5,143.02
Roe-Jan Park Fund	Vouchers # 43,43, & 50	\$ 3,594.58

V. Adjournment

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

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays:

Supervisor Baer adjourned the meeting at **9:32 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Julie Kane, Hillsdale Town Clerk