

Special Meeting, Hillsdale Town Board

Friday, January 25, 2008

I. Call to order

Supervisor Art Baer called to order the regular meeting of the **Hillsdale Town Board** at **6:00 pm** on **January 25, 2008** in the **Hillsdale Town Hall**. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Attending

The following persons were present: Supervisor Art Baer, Board Members Carmen Barbato, Peter Cipkowski, and Augie Sena; Town Clerk Julie Kane; Town Attorney Nelson Alford; members of the public Robina Ward, Gene Hasselbeck, Cheryl Jones, and Sabina Curti; and reporter Richard Roth.

III. 2008 Resolution #13, Amending Certain Terms of a Bond Resolution dated October 27, 2005.

Mr. Baer stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a resolution to increase the budget for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment System being constructed for Hillsdale Sewer District #1 by the amounts in the bids which have been received so far. He added that the budget needed to be increased from an amount not to exceed approximately \$1.8 million to an amount not to exceed \$2,356,733. This figure includes all contracts to be awarded and all associated fees. The increase is a required to enable the Town to accept the grants that have been awarded for the project.

On a motion of **Mr. Barbato**, seconded by **Mr. Sena**, the following resolution was

Adopted by a vote of a vote of **3 ayes** and **0 nays**:

To amend the Sewer System Bond Resolution dated October 27, 2005 as follows:

1. Section 1 of the bond resolution to read as follows:

“The specific purpose (hereinafter referred to as “purpose”) to be financed pursuant to this resolution is the acquisition, construction, and installation of a sewer system in the Hillsdale Sewer District No. 1, including, but not limited to a collection system consisting of individual septic tanks and effluent pumps, a pack-bet system and related furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and site improvements, together with related costs of the financing for the foregoing purpose. The maximum cost of said purpose will not exceed \$2,356,733.”

2. Section 2 of the Resolution is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The Town Board plans to finance the maximum estimated cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,356,733 of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefore pursuant to the Local Finance Law and the cost of such improvement is to be paid by assessments upon benefitted real property in an area less than the area of said Town. The Town Board currently expects that a portion of the costs of said purpose will be paid

from a grant or grants to be provided by various federal and state sources of grant moneys. The Town expects to apply such grant moneys to pay a portion of the costs of said purpose and/or to reduce the amount of obligations to be issued by the Town.”

3. The Bond Resolution adopted by the Town Board on October 27, 2005, shall otherwise remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.
4. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of said Local Finance Law, in the official newspaper or newspapers of the Town.
5. This resolution is not subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 35.00(b)(2) of the Local Finance Law. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

IV. 2008 Resolution #14, Increasing Certain Budgeted Amounts for the Sewer System for the Hillsdale Sewer District #1

On a motion of Mr. Cipkowski, seconded by Mr. Barbato, the following resolution was

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays:

To increase the project for the Wastewater Collection and Treatment System being constructed in the Town of Hillsdale for Hillsdale Sewer District #1:

1. Increasing the budget amount from engineering fees for the project by \$27,000.00;
2. Increasing the budget amount for bookkeeping and reporting from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00;
3. Increasing the budget amount for legal fees to an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00;
4. Increasing the budget amount for land and right-of-way acquisitions from \$75,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

V. Other business

- a) Mr. Baer summarized the status of the Sewer Project, stating that two remaining contracts had been accepted but not awarded: #3, sewer treatment, which would be awarded within the next 30 days; and #4, the electrical component, which might be held until October to December, 2008.

Mr. Baer added that Candace Bahlmer of RCAP Solutions will administer the contract at a much lower rate than was previously charged.

He concluded that because of the conversion of the existing Housing Grant to a Public Utility grant, the Town will be submitting an additional \$200,000 in costs for reimbursement.

- b) On a motion of Mr. Sena, seconded by Mr. Cipkowski, the following motion was

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays:

That the Board moves to executive session to discuss personnel and litigation.

- c) On motion of Councilman Cipkowski, seconded by Councilman Sena, the following resolution was

Adopted by a vote of a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays:

Resolved that executive session be closed and this Board return to the regular meeting.

- d) Robina Ward brought to the Board's attention that certain Town records have not been made accessible to her. Mr. Baer responded that he had made records in his possession available to the Town Clerk within 48 hours of her request and that some information had had to be cleared by a third party administrator because of confidentiality concerns.

VI. Adjournment

On a motion of Mr. Sena, seconded by Ms. Baldwin,

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

Supervisor Baer adjourned the meeting at approximately **9:30 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Julie Kane, Hillsdale Town Clerk