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**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Cipkowski
Councilperson Carmen Barbato
Councilperson Steven Tiger
Councilperson Robina Ward
Councilperson Jill Sims=Elster

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk; Joe Hanselman, Jr., Tax Collector; Lorna Littleway, Columbia Paper; Steve Smith, Jeff Paige

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

Approve Minutes

On a motion of Councilperson Tiger, and seconded by Councilperson Barbato, the following resolution was

Adopted Vote - Ayes- 5 Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on March, 21, 2017.

On a motion of Councilperson Sims-Elster and seconded by Tiger the following resolution was

Adopted Vote – Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Town Board meeting held on April 11 as amended to eliminate the Planning Board committee report as it was a duplicate of the previous month.

Announcements/Correspondence (Supervisor Cipkowski):

There is an opening on the Zoning Board as member Casey Kuhn passed away.

Bids to Paint Roe Jan Park Farmhouse. Prior to the Public Hearing held April 29,

two bids were opened. Scholar Painting bid \$38,130. Bauer Contracting bid \$13,568.00. The bid was awarded to Bauer Contracting. Weather-permitting the work will start the first week of June.

Reduction of speed limits on Route 22 denied by the DOT. Supervisor Cipkowski has not yet heard from the County regarding the similar request on Route 21.

Clean-up Day May 20, 9:00 am – 12 noon at the Town Garage.

Memorial Day Flea Market May 27. The Memorial Day Parade will be held in Ancram.

The Assessor will be Roll Sitting May 18, 4:00pm – 8:00pm and May 20, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Tax Grievance Day is May 25, 4:00pm – 8:00 pm. No appointment is necessary.

Public Comments: Jeff Paige asked if the Town would be putting up American flags for the Veteran's Memorial. Councilperson Ward responded that NYSEG would not allow flags on their property. The Town Hall will be decorated.

Town Clerk: Kathi Doolan reported the Town will again participate in the County's Shredding program June 12 – June 30.

Fire District: Joe Hanselman Jr. reported the Burn Ban is in effect March 15 – May 15. If a resident is going to perform a controlled burn, the County needs to be notified.

The new, more efficient fire truck has arrived and will be put in service when all the members have completed training. The old fire truck is for sale. If not buyers, it will go on an auction website.

A drill was conducted at Taconic Hills May 5 where in an emergency the Fire company would be involved with traffic control. Hanselman reported that 12 helicopters could land at one time.

Committee Reports

Supervisor Cipkowski announced the Planning Board had met on May 8. The Zoning Board has also met.

Broadband: Cipkowski reported that he received a response from Jeffrey Nordhaus, Executive Director of Broadband programs for the Governor's office to his letter expressing concerns that a large number of houses are underserved in the Town's community. Nordhaus replied the information about the Committee's Broadband results in Hillsdale is not correct. He believes approximately just 25 homes are underserved.

Hamlet Park: Councilperson Ward reported work is being done on the Softball Court and on the Basketball Court. Requests for use by the Little League and the Softball League have come to Supervisor Cipkowski. A bench is needed, and new lighting.

Summer Youth Program: Councilperson Sims-Elster reported that sign-ups are coming in slower than in past years.

Climate Smart Committee: Councilperson Ward reported that NYSERTA approved the Town's Benchmarking application. She announced that Tom Carty has been told the Town has been given the grant for the Electric Charging Station. This would be the only Charging Station between Hudson and Great Barrington.

Hamlet Committee: Councilperson Tiger reported the Flea Market has over 40 vendors and two raffles.

Housing Committee: Councilperson Tiger reported that one of the Focus Groups for the Business community met on May 8. Focus Groups are scheduled Saturday, May 13 in the Firehouse and Monday, May 15, in the Mt. Washington House.

Historic Hillsdale: Supervisor Cipkowski reported that Lex Lalli is stepping down as Chairperson. Jamie Johnson is the new Chair. The House Tour is August 12. This year the Tour includes houses that will be Historic in the future.

New Business: Supervisor Cipkowski reported that the petitions for Whipporwill Road have been completed and turned in to the DOT.

Public Comments: Jeff Paige said that he thinks the Town should speak with the land owner and consider buying the house near the road and tearing it down. Supervisor Cipkowski responded that the Town is not going to buy a house and tear it down. He is asking the DOT to move the road access.

Local Law #2 : Cipkowski reported The Solar committee met and discussed comments from the Public Hearing. The Town's attorney will provide another Draft which will be included in the June newsletter. The changes require the Town to take it to the County Planning Board. Another Public Hearing will be in June or July. The Board wants clear, explicit standards to achieve the views of the Town. Steve Smith recommended the Town again hold the Public Hearing on a Saturday.

Sidewalk Project: Cipkowski reported letters have been sent to everyone in the Hamlet. A representative from GPI, Elias, is in the Town Hall daily from 7:30am – 3:30pm to act as the Town's partner with any site issues.

BAN Extension. On a motion by Councilperson Steve Tiger and seconded by Councilperson to extend the Bond Anticipation Note with the Bank of Kinderhook

Adopted Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolved to extend the Bond Anticipation Note with the Bank of Kinderhook

Budget Amendments: On a motion by Councilperson Robina Ward and seconded by Councilperson Steve Tiger to move money from escrow accounts for this building: \$2000 to Planning Board, \$2050 to Contingency.

Adopted Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolved to amend the budget

Public Comments: Jeff Paige said he was rudely treated about his discussion on the Whipporwill Road project. Supervisor Cipkowski apologized. Discussion on the town not in the business of buying and selling property. Paige said he had been in a meeting where it was discussed. Councilperson Tiger and Councilperson Barbato responded that there was never a discussion in a Town Board meeting. If it was discussed during a Hamlet meeting, that is a different discussion. This is a discussion with the DOT

Pay Bills

On a motion by Councilperson Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to pay the bills as presented:

	<u>Vouchers #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	123 – 154	\$ 20,500.29
Highway Fund	71-- 90	20,809.41
Sewer Fund	14 - 19	6,540.38
Lighting Fund	4	573.03
Parks	7 – 9	521.19

Motion Vote Ayes- 5 Nays- 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan
Town Clerk