



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
BOARD MEETING
November 13, 2018**

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A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 in the Town Hall at 7:00 pm with the following members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Peter Cipkowski
Councilperson Jill Sims-Elster
Councilperson Steve Tiger
Councilperson Robina Ward
Councilperson Tom Carty

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathi Doolan, Town Clerk; Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent; Joe Hanselman Jr., Fire Police and Tax Collector; Andrew Dash, Shannon May, Matt DiRuzzio, Jeff Paige, Lorna Littleway, Columbia Paper and two other members of the public.

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

Accept Minutes

On a motion by Councilperson Robina Ward and seconded by Councilperson Carty to accept the Minutes of the Town Board meeting of October 9, 2018 as presented:

Adopted Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolved to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Town Board meeting.

No Public Comments

Highway Report – Richard Briggs: The rain has made it difficult to clean the leaves out of the ditches. The crew is busy filling potholes and getting ready for the snow.

The Supervisor thanked Richard for organizing the flags for Veteran’s Day week-end and also thanks to Councilperson Robina Ward. Councilperson Carty and Supervisor Cipkowski thanked Briggs for his help with the memorial for Jan Keefner.

Fire District - Joe Hanselman, Jr.: Six calls in October. Power lines down. Christmas Tree Lighting, December 1 beginning with a Hayride at 5:00 with the tree lighting at 5:30 pm and back to the Firehouse with Santa Claus

Town Clerk – Kathi Doolan: Shredding Bins will be in December 1.

Town Board Reports:

Steve Tiger – There will be a meeting November 14 with a representative from the Insurance Company and the Highway Department to discuss benefits for 2019.

Robina Ward – The Food Pantry has moved into the basement of the Sheriff’s substation and will be open after Thanksgiving. Volunteers will be at the Firehouse filling Thanksgiving baskets
Christmas Friends and Our Lady of Hope will be filling Christmas baskets at the Firehouse December 13 - 15.

Jill Sims-Elster – Nothing to report

Tom Carty – Craig Norton, Chairman of ZBA asked him to meet with the candidates for the open Secretary of the ZBA.

Committee Reports:

Andrew Dash – Broadband: Consolidated/Fairpoint will be finished by January hooking up all census areas. For the designated areas there will be fiber to the homes by the end of January. There will still be areas that are underserved. Residents who are underserved should call Consolidated and request they be hooked up.
Report on cable television franchise agreements versus internet.
The status of Spectrum is unclear. If anyone has questions, input, intelligence, complaints, about Broadband and/or cable television, contact Mr. Dash.

Tom Carty - Clean Energy: Shared Usage report for Electric Charging Station showing increase.

Peter Cipkowski - Safe at Home: Positive feedback on the recent mailing. The committee is planning and Informational Gathering May 19 in the Firehouse.

Public Comments:

Matt DiRuzzio, local resident, expressed concerns to the Board about the condition of Texas Hill Road, particularly the ice build-up and paving. In the past, with the ice, two town vehicles skidded off the road and became stuck. DiRuzzio is requesting the road or a portion of the road be paved. Highway Superintendent Richard Briggs explained paving is not about how many houses on the road but about the traffic. He explained the roads are not actually paved, but given a one or two-course treatment of oil and stone. There is not a budget to be able to cover all the roads. He has to determine where the budget is best spent in the best interest of the people. Briggs said unfortunately Texas Hill is not going to get a hard surface treatment in the near future. DiRuzzio also discussed the blind turns on the road.

Jeff Paige, a resident on Texas Hill, expressed concerns about the area at the end of his mailbox and of his neighbor. A culvert would help keep the water running off. Briggs said the Highway crew does their best to deal with the various weather conditions.

Short-Term Rentals – Tom Carty: Carty is working with the Town Attorney to put together a draft of a Local Law. Highlights: the Law goes in order of the Comprehensive Plan. Changing the definition of Lodging Facility to include Dwelling Unit. Creating a definition of Transient Guest, someone who stays less than a period of 30 days. Once the definition of Lodging Facility is changed, other areas become included. The proposal needs to go before the Planning Board, SEQ, and a Public Hearing. Suggested time period to come into effect is two months. Carty said it is about Public Safety and a way of life.

Resolution: Adopt the 2019 Budget.

On a motion by Councilperson Tom Carty and seconded by Councilperson Robina Ward to adopt the 2019 Budget:

Adopted Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Resolved to adopt the 2019 Budget.

Resolution: Pay Bills

<u>Abstract 11</u>		<u>Vouchers #</u>
General	\$ 22,116.18	308 - 348
Highway	93,477.80	174 - 197
Parks	1,400.09	30 - 36
Sewer	1,989.55	38 - 42
Lights	0.00	--

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

Adopted Vote: Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Resolved to pay the bills as presented.

Meeting Adjourned. On a motion by Councilperson Tiger and seconded by Councilperson Sims-Elster to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm:

Motion Vote: Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Motion Carried

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Doolan
Town Clerk

