

## **Hillsdale Hamlet Committee Meeting Notes for Feb. 8, 2025**

**Attendance:** Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Jenn Chase, Christine Doctor, Brandon Lentine, Leora Novick, Will McCutchan, Tim Stookesberry, Alfred Tessier, Steve Tiger, Joanna Virello, Annie Wareham, Matthew White, Bart Ziegler

### **1. Hamlet Park renovation**

Basketball court update: Mike said he is in talks with CPL, the town engineering firm, to create a bid document for the repaving and relining. The tentative plan is for the Town Board to approve the bid at its March meeting with the intention of the work starting this spring.

Shannon said the Friends of Hillsdale Hamlet Park group is looking into private grant funding for other upgrades to the park, such as a bandstand.

### **2. Easter egg roll**

Saturday April 12 at 2 p.m. is the date for the annual children's event in Hamlet Park. Mike says help will be needed at the Fire Department the Friday before to fill the plastic easter eggs with candy and other items.

Jenn said the town's businesses might want to get involved in the event.

### **3. Flea market**

Saturday of Memorial Day weekend is the date for this annual event. A subcommittee was formed at the meeting to plan the market. Tim pointed out that past vendors and others should be notified soon since that weekend is a big time for flea markets.

The committee discussed expanding the food and drink options at the market, possibly by having food trucks.

### **4. Memorial Day parade**

This year is Hillsdale's turn to hold the annual Memorial Day parade that involves Copake and Ancram. The committee discussed changing the parade route this time so that it ends in the hamlet instead of the Fire House, with the intent of generating more business for the town's shops and eating places.

### **5. Vintage car show**

Committee members were enthusiastic about reviving the event since it attracted a large and diverse audience. A September date was discussed but no decision was reached.

Steve Tiger said the event requires more preparation than the flea market. Car collectors need to be contacted far in advance, calendars of other shows in the region need to be checked so we don't conflict, prizes and a raffle need to be planned and judges need to be named.

A subcommittee was formed to organize the event, including Brandon, Will, Matt, Steve and Joanna.

### **6. Pumpkin Fest**

This annual event will be discussed at the March meeting.

### **7. Town event calendar**

Matt suggested that it would be a big help to local businesses, town committees and the public if the town would create a digital calendar of all events. Mike said he would look into it.

**Next meeting: March 8**