

Hillsdale Hamlet Committee June 7, 2025, meeting notes

Attendees: Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Deputy Supervisor Bart Ziegler, Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Christine Doctor, Phyllis Granat, Lauren Letellier, Dan Levy, Tim Stookesberry, Alfred Tessier

1. Rail trail bridge:

The committee discussed the recent news of \$2.5 million in state funding of a Route 22 bridge and associated 1 mile of trail, to connect Hillsdale's portion of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail to the rest of the trail that begins in Wassaic is an important development for the hamlet and town.

2. Flea Market recap

Tim: Due to the rain delay we had a few vendors drop out and some new ones joined; about 45 vendors' total. The crowd of shoppers seemed steadier than last year. Vendors seemed happy. Community table brought in \$100, which went to HECDC. Some \$1,077 from vendor fees goes to the town park fund.

3. Memorial Day parade

The committee agreed the parade went well. Children in the crowd along the sidewalks particularly liked the ponies and other animals pulling floats.

4. Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park, June 13

The committee discussed reaching out to Camp Hill Village and other groups to attract a younger audience.

5. Car show, Sept. 6

Email update Joanna: Poster is finished and will be placed around the area. The subcommittee overseeing the event is starting to take registrations from car owner-participants.

6. Other summer hamlet events

ArtsWalk and Roe Jan SummerFest, both Aug. 9, are put on by private groups but we should reach out to see if we can help or be involved.

7. Lauren: Offered to do a benefit performance of my play "The Village Cidiot" as a benefit for the town.

8. Pumpkin Fest

Overseeing two events in the fall seems too ambitious for the committee, the group decided. Shannon will let the business community know there won't be an event in the Hamlet Park but offer to help with their Hamlet event.

Tim: Committee should have a table at any festival to describe the plans for renovating Hamlet Park.

9. Christmas tree lighting, Dec. 6

Mike: Committee should consider planning a community carol singing as part of the event. The committee discussed other potential ways to make the event more engaging for residents, such as wreath-making or cookie baking.

10. Next meeting date:

July 12, 9 a.m.