

Hamlet Committee notes for Nov. 1, 2025, meeting

Attendance: Town supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Deputy Supervisor Bart Ziegler, members Christine Doctor, Phyllis Granat, Dan Levy, and Tim Stookesberry.

1. Approved September and October meeting notes

2. Annual holiday tree lighting

Brass band: Mike will confirm the start time of 4:30. He will also check into closing off Anthony Street.

Highway Dept arranges tree delivery and puts on the lights. Mike will check with the Highway Dept if it can put lights on the tall live evergreen in Cullen Park as well. The Hamlet Committee will oversee decorating the trees, perhaps with help from the public at the event.

3. Hillsdale town holiday decorations

Artificial wreaths for the streetlight poles (15, 24-inch diameter, not lighted) and Town Hall windows (4, 36-inch, lighted) have been selected, and the order will be placed shortly.

Also to be ordered are artificial garlands (8, 9 feet long, lighted) for the wrought iron window guards at Town Hall.

One caveat: Some of the light poles will be moved this month to be out of the way of traffic. Unclear when that work will be completed.

4. Green County Bank Grant Application

Shannon will write a brief request for a portion of the application for \$2,500 to be split among town committees. Bart will write a similar request on behalf of the Bike Committee for use for a bike rack.

5. Hamlet Park plan

Bart is working with George at the town engineering firm, CPL, on what needs to be done to purchase, assemble, and install a band shell. Shannon will work on language and design for a banner for the park fence to alert the public about coming park improvements.

6. General Knox Celebration 1/10/26

Funds will be available from the county and town for commemoration of Knox's transport of cannons through Hillsdale. Event to be overseen by another group; the committee will help out as requested.

7. Rail Trail

The bid to build the Route 22 bridge and connecting trail was accepted by the state Parks Department. The committee needs to start working on bike racks, signage, etc., to draw trail users into the Hamlet.

8. Bulb planting

After the meeting, Mike, Christine, and Bart planted daffodil bulbs in the west and north Welcome to Hillsdale Sign gardens.

9. Next meeting date: Dec. 6