



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 16, 2026
Minutes**

NOTE: After a public hearing on April 25, 2024, and at a Special Town Board Meeting the Town Board approved a resolution to allow "Extraordinary Circumstances Videoconferencing", "ECV". This allows a Town Board member who has a qualifying disability to attend, be part of a quorum and vote at all Town Board Meetings.

The Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale, Columbia County in the State of New York was held at the Town Hall, 2609 State Route 23, Hillsdale, NY 12529 on June 16, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Board members present:

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Mike Dvorchak
Councilmember	Irwin Feld
Councilmember	Nico Hernandez
Councilmember	Jamie Carano Nordenstrom
Councilmember	Bart Ziegler

ALSO PRESENT:

Robina Ward	Town Clerk
Emily Stalker	Deputy Town Clerk
Steve Tiger	Deputy Supervisor
Richard Briggs	Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public.

TRADITIONAL VIDEOCONFERENCING NOTICE:

Notice of said meeting was posted on the Town Website. The public is invited to participate at the town hall or the videoconference meeting location at 2609 State Route 23, Hillsdale, NY 12529.

Supervisor Dvorchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Two people spoke referencing the Highway Department and chip sealed roads.

Correspondence

Thomas Shepardson, Esq., representing Eric Clark re: State Route 22, Maple Street.

Approval of Minutes

May 19, 2026, Town Board Minutes

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED	Ayes 4	Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler
	Abstain/Naye 1	Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves May 19, 2026, Town Board minutes.

Supervisor's Report

County Report

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the board of Supervisors was invited to tour 11 Warren Street in Hudson, the county purchased the building for the Board of Elections and Public Defenders offices. They are seeking input for the exterior; there are several different designs. They need to make a decision about 401 State Street.

Town Finances

May Financials have been posted.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that we are in good shape and have a couple of budget amendments.

Budget Amendment 6-2026

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Ziegler.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves the Budget Amendment 6-2026.

Town Clerk Report

Town Clerk Ward reported that both the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk won awards for 2026, that is the second year in a row, there is a Columbia and Greene County Clerks quarterly meeting on Wednesday, we are both now notaries. The website is being updated as well as the Clerks software so we will be busy with updating.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Supervisor Dvorchak stated he had received the Monthly Report.

Highway Superintendent stated that he had nothing else to report.

Sewer

Supervisor Dvorchak said that the berm had been replanted. The Control panel needs reprogramming with an interface on the town sewer computer.

Infrastructure

Light Poles

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the project had been inspected by the town engineer, it came in under budget.

Resolution 63-2026 to urge the New York State Department of Transportation to install a Traffic Signal/Stop Light at the intersection of State Route 23 and County Route 7 in Craryville.

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Ziegler.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to urge the New York State Department of Transportation to install a Traffic Signal/Stop Light at the intersection of State Route 23 and County Route 7 in Craryville.

Resolution 64-2026 to Accept Donations to the Town of Hillsdale's Summer Youth Program.

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to Accept Donations to the Town of Hillsdale's Summer Youth Program.

Resolution 65-2026 to Accept Donations from the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation in the amount of:

\$45,000 for Hamlet Park Bandshell

\$25,000 for Roeliff Jansen State Park

\$12,000 for On- Demand Transportation Program

On a motion of Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Feld.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to accept donations from the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation.

Resolution 66-2026 Establishing immunization requirements for participants in the Hillsdale Summer Youth Program.

On a motion of Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Feld.

General discussion. Amended to include "the 2025 -2026 NYS immunization requirements for school entrance / attendance published by the NYS DOH".

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to establishing immunization requirements for participants in the Hillsdale Summer Youth Program.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Resolution 67-2026 to appoint the Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Committee.

On a motion of Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Feld.

General discussion.

The resolution was amended.

The question was called by Councilmember Ziegler.

A motion to include the Town Clerk as a voting member of the Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Committee,

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler,

Abstain/Naye 1 Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to include the Town Clerk as a voting member of the Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Committee.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to appoint the Preliminary Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Hamlet Park

Hillsdale Flea

Resolution 68-2026 to Transfer Proceeds from the Hillsdale Flea to the Park Reserves for the Years 2026, 2025, and 2024.

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to transfer proceeds from the Hillsdale Flea to the Park Reserves for the Years 2026, 2025, and 2024.

Resolution 69-2026 to accept the bid from Scape Tech Bid for construction of the bandshell

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Ziegler.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 0

 Naye 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board does not accept the bid from Scape Tech Bid for construction of the bandshell.

CSC CEC Task Force/CAC

May 4 Notes

June 1 Notes – No Meeting.

Resolution 70-2026 Motion to approve Edward Frederick as a member of the Hillsdale CAC.

On a motion of Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Councilmember Feld.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to approve Edward Frederick as a member of the Hillsdale CAC.

ChargePoint

Town Clerk Ward read the report to the Town Board. General discussion.

Roe Jan Park

Councilmember Hernandez stated that he thanked the Highway Department for the sand delivery, and Victor for doing a lot of work at the park.

Resolution 71-2026 to accept bid for repair of Historic Farmhouse Roof.

AAA quote: \$18,500, Phelps: \$32,000 (verbal), Decker Construction: \$50,000 (verbal)

On a motion of Councilmember Hernandez, seconded by Supervisor Dvorchak.

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler

 Abstain/Naye 1 Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board to accept bid for repair of Historic Farmhouse Roof AAA quote: \$18,500.

Resolution 72-2026 to make the replacement of the Historic Farmhouse Roof an emergency.

On a motion of Councilmember Feld , seconded by Councilmember Ziegler .

General discussion.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler

 Abstain/Naye 1 Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board making the replacement of the Historic Farmhouse Roof an emergency.

General discussion on correspondence. Supervisor Dvorchak stated that it was a public safety issue.

Adjournment

On a motion of Councilmember Feld , seconded by Councilmember Ziegler.

The motion was approved by all members of the board at 8:38 pm.

