



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

March 5, 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 March 5, 2026, at 1:00 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

OTHERS PRESENT: None

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 1:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

January 13, 2026

Town Board Minutes

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

The motion was

ADOPTED	Ayes 4	Dvorchak, Feld, Hernandez, Ziegler
	Abstain	Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves the January 13, 2026, Town Board minutes.

Resolution 18-2026 Authorizing the acceptance of New York State SAM Grant #29437 in the amount of \$125,000 for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the acceptance of New York State SAM Grant #29437 in the amount of \$125,000 for the Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Resolution 19-2026 Authorizing Commitment of Local Match Funding for New York State Transportation Alternatives Program (Tap) Grant Application for Sidewalk Improvements on Anthony Street and Coldwater Street.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves authorizing Commitment of Local Match Funding for New York State Transportation Alternatives Program (Tap) Grant Application for Sidewalk Improvements on Anthony Street and Coldwater Street.

Bandshell

Building Inspector Bandshell Review

Resolution 20-2026 SEQR for Bandshell.

Supervisor Dvorchak spoke to Town Attorney Dow and he states that Type 2 SEQR 617.5 C 9 for SEQR review which involves construction of primary non-residential structures involving less than 4000 sq feet.

On a motion to declare this a type 2 SEQR of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Ziegler,

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves Type 2 SEQR 617.5 C 9 for SEQR review which involves construction of primary non-residential structures involving less than 4000 sq feet.

Resolution 21-2026 to approve the proposal provided by CPL, Hillsdale Town Engineer, for engineering services for the design of the potential realignment of the eastern Hamlet Park entrance and Maple Street.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the proposal provided by CPL, Hillsdale Town Engineer, for engineering services for the design of the potential realignment of the eastern Hamlet Park entrance and Maple Street.

Resolution 22-2026 to submit Grant Proposal in the amount of \$80,000 to the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for the cost of constructing a bandshell in the Hillsdale Hamlet Park.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the grant proposal in the amount of \$80,000 to the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for the cost of constructing a bandshell in the Hillsdale Hamlet Park.

Resolution 23-2026 to submit Grant Proposal in the amount of \$12,000 to the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for the support of a Transportation Pilot Program.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the grant proposal in the amount of \$12,000 to the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for the support of a Transportation Pilot Program.

Resolution 24-2026 to submit Grant Proposal in the amount of \$5,000 to the Ackerman Community Foundation for the support of a Transportation Pilot Program.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the grant proposal in the amount of \$5,000 to the Ackerman Community Foundation for the support of a Transportation Pilot Program.

Resolution 25-2026 to submit Grant Proposal in the amount of \$50,000 to the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for upgrades for the Roe Jan Park.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the Grant Proposal in the amount of \$50,000 to the Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation for upgrades for the Roe Jan Park.

Resolution 26-2026 To designate the annual Egg Hunt in the Hamlet Park on Saturday, March 28 (or rain date TBD) as an official town event.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves to designate the annual Egg Hunt in the Hamlet Park on Saturday, March 29 (or rain date TBD) as an official town event.

Resolution 27-2026 To accept the gift of a Prize basket from the Hillsdale General Store (estimated worth: \$100)

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves accepting the gift of a Prize basket from the Hillsdale General Store (estimated worth: \$100).

Resolution 28-2026 to authorize the spending of up to \$500 for supplies for the annual Egg Hunt on March 29, 2026 (or rain date TBD) from A75504-CELEBRATIONS CONTRACTUAL.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board authorizes the spending of up to \$500 for supplies for the annual Egg Hunt on March 29, 2026 (or rain date TBD) from A75504-Celebrations contractual.

Resolution 29-2026: To approve the submission of the application for Hillsdale's participation in the Hudson Flag Day Parade on June 13, 2026.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the submission of the application for Hillsdale's participation in the Hudson Flag Day Parade on June 13, 2026.

Resolution 30-2026 to allocate \$200 from 8000.10-HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICE/Historic Committee for rental of horses for float.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the allocation of \$200 from 8000.10-HOME AND COMMUNITY SERVICE/Historic Committee for rental of horses for float.

Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the medical or employment history of a particular person or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person.

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez at 1:28pm.

Return to Public Session:

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez at 1:41pm.

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

Adjournment

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Hernandez at 1:43 pm.

The motion was

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

