



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 28, 2025
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 special 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 October 28, 2025, at 12:35 pm.

Board members present:

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| PRESENT: | Supervisor | Mike Dvorchak |
| | Councilmember | Joanna Virello |
| | Councilmember | Steve Tiger |
| | Councilmember | Jamie Carano Nordenstrom |
| PRESENT VIA ZOOM | Councilmember | Irwin Feld |

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| ALSO PRESENT: | Robina Ward | Town Clerk |
| | Emily Stalker | Deputy Town Clerk |
| | Richard Briggs | Highway Superintendent |
| | Bart Ziegler | Deputy Supervisor |

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| PRESENT VIA ZOOM | Ken Dow | Town Attorney |
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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 12:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 164-2025 to approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget as the 2026 Final Budget.

On a motion of Councilmember Tiger, seconded by Councilmember Irwin,

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Tiger, Feld, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves the 2026 Preliminary Budget as the 2026 Final Budget.

Sewer Project

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the project is going extremely well. There is a storm coming on Thursday, McCagg is doing the seeding and mulch, and the Highway Department is laying the fabric. He thanked the Highway Department and Highway Superintendent, CPL and McCagg.

New York State Homes & Community Renewal (HRC)

New York State Homes & Community Renewal (HCR) Request for Applications for its new TAG-PHC program of technical assistance grants to help certified Pro-Housing Communities increase their housing supply.

Supervisor Dvorchak introduced Ellen Levy, Housing Committee chair on zoom, to answer and ask questions. Chairwoman Levy stated that one of the ways to increase Workforce housing was through Zoning. She is asking the town board's permission to apply for between \$75,000.00 and \$85,000, the grant is due November 25, 2025.

This could also help with the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Chairwoman Levy will forward the grant application prior to the next town board meeting on November 18, 2025.

Councilmember Carano Nordenstrom stated that she was planning to invite the Housing Committee and the Safe at Home committee to come to town hall for an AARP webinar from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on November 14, 2025. Deputy Clerk Stalker is available for the webinar.

Solar Panels/Highway Garage

Resolution 163-2025 to accept bid from Clemens Electric in the amount of \$25,877.00 for Solar Panel Installation on the Highway Garage.

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

Attorney Dow stated that the town is obligated to get three bids and to document the effort, establish a good faith effort in the case we cannot get three bids.

The motion was tabled, pending Councilmember Carano Nordenstrom contacting Clemens Electric and other Solar Panel vendors.

Budget Amendment

Budget Amendment 10b-2025

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that there is a budget amendment for October 2025.

On a motion of Councilmember Tiger, seconded by Councilmember Carano Nordenstrom.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Tiger, Feld, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves the Budget Amendment 10b-2025.

Adjournment

On a motion of Councilmember Tiger, seconded by Supervisor Dvorchak at 1:15 pm.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Feld, Tiger, Carano Nordenstrom.

Robina Ward, Town Clerk

