



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
Minutes**

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 September 25, 2025, at 12:00 pm.

Board members present:

PRESENT:	Supervisor	Mike Dvorchak
	Councilmember	Joanna Virello
	Councilmember	Steve Tiger
	Councilmember	Jamie Carano Nordenstrom
ABSENT:	Councilmember	Irwin Feld
ALSO PRESENT:	Robina Ward	Town Clerk
	Emily Stalker	Deputy Town Clerk

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 12:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Request for Quotation – Highway Rooftop Solar

Resolution 155-2025

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

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that there were a few changes to think about. Town Clerk Ward stated that we needed a short summary for the newspaper, the RFP would be put on BidNet. It will be posted on Monday and closed at noon on October 10. General discussion on wording and creating a template. Councilmember Carano Nordenstrom stated that she would update the RFP for the meeting tomorrow.

The motion was postponed to the Special Meeting on September 26, 2025.

Speed Limit Resolutions

County route 21 calling on the New York State Department of Transportation, NYS DOT, to reduce the speed limit on County Route 21 between Harlemville Road and State Route 22.

Resolution 143-2025

On a motion of Councilmember Tiger, seconded by Councilmember Virello.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that we had received 26 petitions from local residents and have filled out the required DOT forms.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Tiger, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves application to the DOT to reduce the speed limit on County Route 21.

Resolution 156-2025

To appoint Jamie Carano Nordenstrom as the Hillsdale representative to the Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force for the (2)-year term, from 1/01/2026 through 12/31/2027

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Tiger, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves the appointment of Councilmember Carano Nordenstrom to the Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force for the (2)-year term, from 1/01/2026 through 12/31/2027.

Tentative Budget 2026 Discussions

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that we were reviewing and not voting on anything today. He began the review with revenues in the General Account, first is property taxes, it has been a decade since we increased Property Taxes, there is a lot of cuts on the Federal level, a lot of the money that we have been depending on might not be available and there will be more competition for. This will impact the Capital Projects.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that on the last page there was a new report which outlines the Capital Projects that are not considered as the operating budgets. The list should include the grants received and outstanding. General discussion.

Adjournment

On a motion of Councilmember Virello, seconded by Councilmember Tiger at 1:30 pm.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Feld, Tiger, Virello

Robina Ward, Town Clerk