



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 29, 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 regular 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 May 29, 2025, at 12:00 pm.

Board members present:

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Mike Dvorchak
Councilmember	Joanna Virello
Councilmember	Irwin Feld
Councilmember	Steve Tiger

ABSENT: Councilmember Jamie Carano Nordenstrom

ALSO PRESENT:

Robina Ward	Town Clerk
Emily Stalker	Deputy Town Clerk
Bart Ziegler	Deputy Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: One member 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 12:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizational Chart

Motion to replace committee assignments or any other listing of retired Councilmember Carty with Councilmember Tiger on the organizational chart.

Resolution 87- 2025

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Tiger, Feld

The Town Board approves Councilmember Tiger to replace retired Councilmember Carty on the committee assignments and any other listing.

Resolution 88- 2025

A motion to appoint the Councilmember Tiger as the chief negotiator for the union negotiations.
On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 3 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld
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The Town Board approves Councilmember Tiger as the chief negotiator for the Union Contract.

Court Audit

Motion to accept the Court Audit.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the Town Accountant made a point about what a difference the Court Clerk and Deputy Court Clerk have made in that office, it so well run. Thank you to them both.

Resolution 89- 2025

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

The Town Board accepts the Town Court Audit.

Tax Collector Audit

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that there was one item about the Supervisor giving a receipt to the Tax Collector which he will start doing next year.

Resolution 90- 2025

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

The Town Board accepts the Town Tax Collector Audit.

Sewer District

Absorption Bed Issue

Engineering Quote from CPL

Supervisor Dvorchak explained that the estimate is for the initial engineering for the absorption beds, to be reviewed by the DEC, a lump sum of \$30,000.00. Includes an engineering report, design, contractors' specifications, request for price quotes and to schedule pre construction meetings.

Resolution 91- 2025

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

The Town Board accepts the CPL estimate for the fees associated with the relocation of the absorption beds.

Hamlet Park Survey Proposal

Motion to appropriate funds from HECDC Hamlet Park account, there is currently \$5,000.00 in that fund.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that there is a survey but its from a defunct engineering survey company and it is not signed.

Resolution 92- 2025

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

The Town Board approves spending the funds on a new survey for the Hamlet Park.

Acceptance of Grants

Motion to accept the grants from the Bank of Greene County total of \$2,500.00 Hamlet Committee (\$500), Climate Smart (\$500), Economic Development (\$500), Safe at Home (\$500) Housing (\$500).

Resolution 93- 2025

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello. Supervisor Dvorchak thanked retired Councilmember Carty for all his hard work on this application and thanked the Bank of Greene County .

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

The Town Board accepts the grants from the Bank of Greene County for a total of \$2,500.00.

Car Show Budget

Motion to approve allocation of up to \$2600 for expenses from A7550.4-Celebrations contractual, current balance \$4794, or A64010.4 Publicity contractual, current balance \$4000. Remaining Proceeds to benefit the Hamlet Park.

Resolution 94- 2025

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

General discussion on bands. To be decided. Supervisor Dvorchak said that there was a Hamlet subcommittee who should discuss this and get back to the board.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

The Town Board approves the submitted budget for the 2025 Car Show.

Roe Jan Park

Berkshire Valley Dairy LLC has advised that the park fields are saturated because of the heavy, sustained rainfall in May. If they were to proceed with their legally entitled mowing by May 31, they would cause major damage to the Park with their heavy equipment.

Motion to extend mowing deadline until such time as mowing will not cause damage to the Park.

Resolution 95- 2025

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

General discussion on bird migration, nesting and condition of the fields.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

The Town Board approves the extending of the mowing deadline in June.

Any other Business that may come before the Town

Adjournment

With no further business before the Town Board, on the motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Tiger,

Voted Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Tiger

the meeting was adjourned at 12.14 pm.

