



TOWN OF HILLSDALE
March 18, 2024
Special Meeting 6:15 PM
Public Hearing 6:55 PM
Town Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Agendas

NOTE: After a public hearing on April 25 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. Town Board members may be participating via videoconferencing. [Click here for Zoom Link.](#)

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6:15 PM – Special Meeting

1. Call to Order of Special (Dvorchak)
2. Public Comment (40 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)
3. Adjourn of Special Meeting

6:55 PM – Public Hearing

4. Call to Order of Public Hearing (Dvorchak)
5. Public Hearing on Local Law Change 2025-1 of Grievance Day 20
6. Adjournment of Public Hearing

7:00 PM

7. Call to Order (Dvorchak)
8. Pledge of Allegiance (Dvorchak)
9. Public Comment – Non-Chip Seal Comments (10 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)
10. Approval of [Minutes – Feb 11, 2025](#) (MOTION)
11. Correspondence
 - a. Chambers, James – compliment to Highway Dept.
 - b. Hinds, Kevin – 2/16/25 Chip Seal Support
 - c. Levin, K 2/28/25 – Smart Meters
 - d. Davidsen, Amy – Texas Hill Road Concerns
 - i. Email – 2/28/2025
 - ii. Photos of Negative Impact of Boom Mow

1. Follow-Up Thank you 3/13/25
 - iii. Amended 284 2022 Agreement
 - iv. 2022 284 Agreement
 - v. Letter to Town Board Opposing Paving
 - e. Johnson, Vanessa and Same 3/3/25, 3/16/25 – Support for Dirt Road, Texas Hill
 - f. Solovay, Paul and Susan 3/4/25 – Support for Dirt Road, Texas Hill
 - g. Schrank, B. – 3/5/25 – Support for Dirt Road, Texas Hill
 - h. Cohen, P 3/5/25 – Support for Dirt Road, Texas Hill
 - i. Flamenbaum, M. 3/5/25 Support for Dirt Road, Texas Hill
 - j. Harvey, Brett, Opposition to Paving 3/9/25
 - k. Palio-Johnson, L. 3/9/25 – Opposition to Paving
 - l. Kevin Close – 3/11/25 – Support for Chip Sealing
 - m. Hanselman, Carol 3/11/25 – Support for Chip Sealing
 - n. Miller, James 3/11/25 – Support for Chip Sealing
 - o. Fleischman, Stuart 3/11/25 – Support for Chip Sealing
 - p. Sobel, Elliot 3/11/25 – Support for Chip Sealing
 - q. Hulett-Shepherd 3/13/25 – Support for Dirt Road
 - r. Sheedy, C. , Barry, M. 3/14/25 – Opposition to Paving
 - s. Alexander, L. 3/14 – Support for Chip Seal
 - t. Tregor, L 3/14/25 – Support for Chip Seal
 - u. Scutt, Dell 3/14/25 – Support for Chip Seal
 - v. Hanselman, J./Fire Co. 3/14/25 – Support for Chip Seal
 - w. Cottini, J./Fire Commissioners 3/14/25 – Support for Chip Seal
 - x. Shawshucks, 3/14/25 – Support for Dirt Road
 - y. Johnson, V., Potrzeba, J. 3/15/25 Opposition to Paving
 - z. Kress, M. 3/15/25 Opposition to Paving
 - aa. McDonald, Mark 3/15/25 Opposition to Paving
 - bb. Melamed, D. 3/15/25 Opposition to Paving
 - cc. Gallagher, C 3/15/25 Opposition to Paving
 - dd. Bolevice, E 3/15/25 Opposition to Paving
 - ee. Ziemer, J 3/18.25 – Opposition to Paving
12. Supervisor's Report (Dvorchak)
- a. [February Financials](#)
 - b. County Report
 - i. [Medicaid Resolution](#)
 - c. [Budget Amendment 2025-03](#) (MOTION)
13. Town Clerk Report (Ward)
14. Local Law: Changing Date of Grievance Day (MOTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW 1-2025)
- a. [Local Law to Change from 4th Monday of May to the first Monday following the 4th Monday of May](#)
15. [Fire Fighter Local Law](#) (MOTION)
- a. Public Hearing 6:55 PM April 15 PM
16. [Resolution to Support Roe Jan Library and Continued State and Federal Funding](#) (MOTION)
17. Sewer District Report (Dvorchak)

- a. EFC Wastewater Infrastructure Engineering Planning Grant – Due April 11 (MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT SUBMISSION)
 - b. Josh Riley Community Project Funding Request – Due March 30 - [Grant](#) (MOTION TO APPROVE GRANT SUBMISSION)
 - c. Replacement of Fabrics Quotes (MOTION)
 - i. [Precision](#)
 - ii. [Earthworks](#)
 - iii. [Self-Made](#)
 - d. Replacement of Control Panel (MOTION)
 - i. [Precision](#) - \$1,200
 - ii. [Self-Made](#) - \$10,750
 - e. [Letter to Governor Hochul Supporting SWAP Program](#) (MOTION)
18. Infrastructure (Feld)
- a. West End Bridge
 - i. [Resolution](#) Authorizing the implementation and funding of the costs of 100% of the costs of a transportation project, which may be eligible for federal-aid and/or state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds. (MOTION)
 - ii. [NYS DOT Contract](#) (MOTION)
 - iii. [ROW Cost Estimate](#)
 - b. Hamlet Park Mowing et al. Bids (MOTION)
 - i. [Brothers Contracting](#)
19. Hamlet Committee
- a. [Friends of Hamlet Park/Rheinstrom Grant](#) (MOTION TO SUBMIT GRANT)
 - b. Easter Egg Hunt
 - i. Acceptance of individual Gifts (less than \$100) from local businesses (MOTION)
20. [Hillsdale Event Indemnification Form](#) (MOTION to approve form)
21. Housing Committee Request for \$475 for Firehouse Rental from A80204-PLANNING CONTRACTUAL/Housing (current budget \$750) (MOTION)
22. [Grant Committee \(Carty/Carano Nordenström\)](#)
- a. AARP Age-Friendly Flagship Grant for Picnic Area Activation for Food Access at Hamlet Park submitted March 5 (Carano Nordenström)
 - b. Partners for Climate Action Funding Futures (Carano Nordenström)
 - i. [Grant Letter](#) (MOTION)
23. [State Environmental Quality Review Act \(SEQR\)](#) (MOTION)
- i. [DEC Permit Advisement](#)

24. Highway Superintendent's Report (Briggs)

- a. [Monthly Report](#)
- b. Documents
 - i. [Third Party Quote for Yearly Replenishing of Gravel](#)
 1. Cost Analyses
 - a. [Texas Hill Road](#)
 - b. [Appletree Road](#)
 - c. [Stone Hill Road](#)
 - ii. [Cost Analysis of Continuing Savings of Chip Seal](#)
 - iii. [Chip Sealed Savings Since 2012](#)
 - iv. Letters of Support
 1. [Columbia County Association of Town Superintendents](#)
 2. [Craryville Fire Department](#)
 3. [Hillsdale Fire Department](#)
 4. [Board of Fire Commissioners](#)
 - v. [New Culvert Funding Available from DEC](#)
 - vi. [Past Emails detailing issues on Texas Hill and Request for Solution](#)
 - vii. [Tax Levys](#) – Texas Hill Road, Appletree Lane and Stonehill Drive vs State Road
 - viii. [Gift Law for Dirt Road](#)
 - c. [284 Agreement](#) (MOTION)

25. Any other Business that may come before the Town

26. Adjournment (MOTION)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

[Roeliff Jansen Park and the Columbia Land Conservancy \(Carano Nordenström\)](#)

The Roeliff Jansen Park Steering Committee is proud to announce the Roeliff Jansen Park mad the Top 5 list for the Best Vista Views and Best Picnic Places.

[Safe At Home Committee \(Carano Nordenström/Carty\)](#)

AARP Age-Friendly Program (Carano Nordenström)

Age-Friendly in Action: Insights and Ideas Forum, March 19 and 20 12-3:00P
Register here: <https://events.aarp.org/2025AgeFriendly>

Coffee Hour March 25, 10-11:30 AM at Hillsdale House featuring the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

[Roeliff Jansen Park Steering Committee \(Carano Nordenström\)](#)

Riverkeeper Sweep at Roeliff Jansen Park April 12, 9-11:00 AM, Volunteers to register: carano.nordenstrom@hillsdaleny.com

Hamlet Committee

Flea Market – Saturday, May 24th

Memorial Day Parade - - Monday, May 26th. Kick-off at Noon from Hamlet Park

Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park – June 13th (tentative)

Climate Smart and Clean Energy Task Force (Carano Nordenström/Carty)

[Repair Cafe in Austerlitz](#) March 29, 10-2:00 PM, Volunteers to register: carano.nordenstrom@hillsdaleny.com

CC Climate Smart Task Force (Carano Nordenström)

Climate Mitigation & Adaption Planning April 24, 7-8:30 PM - Public [Zoom Registration](#)

Affordable Energy Event at Roeliff Jansen Park June 7, Time TBD.

Conservation Advisory Council (Carano Nordenström)

Importance and Management of Native Plants with Kristopher Williams CCE Saratoga Invasive Species Coordinator May 1, 7-8:30 PM - Public [Zoom Registration](#)

Columbia County Conservation Plan with the Columbia Land Conservancy (Carano Nordenström)

Building Local Capacity for Conservation with Christine Vanderlan from the Hudson River Estuary Program May 8, 7-8:30 PM - Public [Zoom Registration](#)

Columbia County Multi-Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan Update - Public Review & Comment

The public comment period is from March 15, 2025 to April 15, 2025. Public Comments may be submitted by email with the subject line: "2024 CCHMP Public Comments" to both: Dep Director Henry Swartz - cceoc@columbiacountyny.com & Haley Rivers - hrrivers@ghebond.com

To view the plan DRAFT and learn more please go to the Columbia County web page: [hps://www.columbiacountyny.com/](https://www.columbiacountyny.com/)

NOTE: The Complete Package from the agenda above is available at:

[20250318 Packet](#) – Full Packet