



TOWN OF HILLSDALE

February 11, 2024

Town Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Agenda

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.

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1. Call to Order (Dvorchak)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment (10 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)
4. Approval of Minutes

Before we begin, we have full agenda so we will be adhering to the 3-minute rule for comment by the Board.

- a. [January 6 Minutes](#) (MOTION)
- b. [January 14, Minutes](#) (MOTION)
- c. [January 27 Minutes](#) (MOTION)
5. Correspondence
 - a. Vanessa and Sam Johnson, Proposed Paving of Texas Hill Road and Appletree Lane
 - b. Solovay, L., Paving of Texas Hill Road
 - c. Knopf, M., Paving of Hillsdale Roads
6. Supervisor's Report (Dvorchak)
 - a. [January Financials](#)
 - b. 2024 Financial Report
 - c. [Budget Amendment 2025-2](#) (no budget amendments)
7. Highway Superintendent's Report (Briggs)
 - a. [Monthly Report](#)
 - b. Presentation by Richard Briggs on Proposed 2025 Work
 - i. [Who's the Boss, 2025 Cornell Local Roads Program](#)
 - ii. [Surface Economy: pavement vs. gravel roads, 2025](#)

- iii. [Rural Dirt Assessment](#) – Sheffield, Sandisfield, New Marlborough, MA 2022
 - iv. [Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance for Dirt and Gravel Roads](#), Penn State 2007, as posted on EPA.Gov
 - v. [Road dust and its effect on human health: a literature review](#), as posted on the National Institute of Health, 2018
 - vi. [Comparison Chart](#)
 - vii. Trout Unlimited Study available on hillsdaleny.com, [Ecode](#) and [Ecode](#)
 - viii. ["There is no authority for the establishment of a special road improvement district similar to a water district. Op.State Compt. 78-307. See, also, 3 Op.State Compt. 535, 1947."](#)
 - ix. Highway Law 189: All lands which shall have been used by the public as a highway for the period of ten years or more, shall be a highway, with the same force and effect as if it had been duly laid out and recorded as a highway, and the town superintendent shall open all such highways to the width of at least three rods.
 - c. [State Environmental Quality Review Act \(SEQR\)](#)
 - i. Comprehensive Plan available on [Town Website](#)
 - d. [284 Agreement](#) (MOTION)
 - e. [Salt Shed Grant](#) (MOTION)
8. Town Clerk Report (Ward)
9. Sewer District Report (Dvorchak)
- a. Update
 - i. Purchase of Equipment
 - b. Status: CREST Grant (Barrett) and CREST Grant (Hinchey)
 - c. [Grant Proposal](#): Hudson River Bank & Trust and Rheinstrom (MOTION)
 - d. [CAC Email and Response](#) – George Schmitt to address CAC on 2/20
10. Infrastructure (Feld)
- a. Historic Light Poles Insurance (Feld)
 - b. Moving of Poles – Update (Dvorchak/Feld)
 - i. DOT Approval Required to go out to Bid
11. Roe Jan Park
- a. Maintenance Update (Virello)
 - b. [Amendment to Berkshire Farms Farm Lease](#) (MOTION)
12. Hamlet Committee
- a. Rehabilitation of Basketball Court (Dvorchak/Feld)
 - b. Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 12 at 2PM with Saturday, April 19 as the rain date.
 - c. Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 26
 - d. [Hillsdale Flea](#) – Saturday, May 24, Rain Date Sunday May 25
 - e. Car Show – TBD

13. Policy (Carano Nordenström)
 - a. [Sexual Harassment & Discrimination Prevention Policy](#)
 - b. [Workplace Violence Prevention Policy](#)
14. Grants
 - a. AARP Community Challenge Grant - Flagship (Carano Nordenström)
 - i. [Project Overview](#) - \$17,559.88 Total Project Costs / \$13,559.88 Requested / \$2,000.00 Town Match / \$2,000 Private Match (HECDC) / No Match Required
 - ii. [Budget and Timeline](#)
 - iii. [Resolution](#) (MOTION)
15. Safe at Home Liaison
16. Local Law: Changing Date of Grievance Day (Dow)
 - a. [Local Law to Change from 4th Monday of May to the first Monday following the 4th Monday of May](#)
17. Motion to Amend Resolution 21-2025. An Affordable Energy Event will be held on June 7, not June 14. (MOTION)
18. County Climate Smart Task Force (Carano Nordenström)
 - a. [Capital District Regional Planning Commission \(CDRPC\)](#)
 - b. [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan \(CCAP\)](#)
 - c. [Capital Region Mitigation Measures Municipal Feedback Spreadsheet](#)
19. Real Estate Purchase: [¼ Acre from 2605 State Route 23](#) Update (Dvorchak)
 - a. [Appraisal](#)
20. Any other Business that may come before the Town
21. Adjournment (MOTION)

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

[20250211 Packet](#)

Requested Documents:

1. [West End Bridge Grant Preliminary Cost Estimate with Match](#)

STARTING NEXT MONTH WE WILL BE MEETING ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH