



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
January 27, 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 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 January 27, 2025, at 12:00 pm.

Board members present:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Supervisor	Mike Dvorchak
	Councilmember	Joanna Virello
	Councilmember	Tom Carty
	Councilmember	Irwin Feld
<b>PRESENT VIA ZOOM</b>	Councilmember	Jamie Carano Nordenstrom
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	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. Highway superintendent

Supervisor Dvorchak called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that this was an end of the year, 2024 , budget reconciliation. The court had additional hours, the Town Tax Collector was not paid for a portion of 2023 due to a prior administration problem now corrected this year, the Deputy Clerk additional hours from the mold remediation that was not properly budgeted for this year. Supervisor Dvorchak had made a mistake in taking out money from a personal service account, which cannot be done to use for the Buildings contractual account. Lee Heim had a few extra hours this year. The sidewalk lighting account overage goes back to the mouse problem with the wiring. Social security is slightly over because of the extra hours. General discussion continued.

**Budget Amendment 14-2024**

To approve the Budget Amendment 14-2024.

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Supervisor Dvorchak

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The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld  
                 Abstain 1          Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves the Budget Amendment 14-2024.

**Resolution 23-2025**

Authorization for the transfer of ARPA funds to the Town of Hillsdale Sewer District #1.

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

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld  
                 Abstain 1          Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board authorizes the transfer of ARPA funds to the Town of Hillsdale Sewer District #1.

**Resolution 24-2025**

Renewal of NYMIR Insurance through Metzwood Harder

2025 Renewal: \$48,283 2024

Expiring: \$46,303 (difference +\$1,980)

Deductibles Remain the same (\$1,000)

A1910.4-UNALLOCATED INSURANCE 2025 Budget: \$55,000

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

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 5              Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld , Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board authorizes the renewal of NYMIR Insurance for 2025, an increase of \$1,980.00.

**Resolution 25-2025**

Approval of Parking signs, designed by Tod Wohlfarth using approved brand.

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

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 5              Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board approves the purchase of parking event signs.

**Resolution 26-2025**

To appoint D. Michael Dvorchak as a delegate for the Association of Towns Annual Meeting

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

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 5              Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld, Carano Nordenstrom

Resolved the Town Board appoints D. Michael Dvorchak as a delegate for the Association of Towns Annual Meeting in February 2025.

**Sewer Update:**

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that we needed DEC Testing for SPDES Recertification – sampling and testing to happen over next few weeks, Les Coon will forward result to the DEC and the Town Board.

The second item is the purchase of Fabrics and Control Panel per DEC as part of the Barrett CREST Grant. We are in the final stages of approval for this grant.

The pressure is from the DEC to get these items ordered as soon as possible. This is a reimbursable grant.

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**Possible Purchase of approximately ¼ acre behind Town Hall :**

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the appraisal had been ordered. We will discuss this at the February meeting.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Town Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm

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Robina Ward, Town Clerk