



TOWN OF HILLSDALE
Special Town Board Meeting – October 29, 2024
Minutes

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.

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 September 26, 2024, at 1:00 pm.

Board members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Mike Dvorchak
Councilmember Joanna Virello
Councilmember Irwin Feld

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Councilmember Tom Carty

ALSO PRESENT: Robina Ward Town Clerk
Emily Stalker Deputy Town Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Bart Zeigler, Meg Wormley

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.

ATTENDING ON ZOOM: Kirk Rubenson

Supervisor Dvorchak called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of 2025 Budget

Resolution 95-2024

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the Town Clerk was notified yesterday that the medical premiums would be increased 21%. He asked for a motion to increase line item A9060.8 Medical Insurance by \$3,000.00 to \$28,900 to account for the increase in rates.

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld

Resolved the Town Board approves to increase line item A9060.8 Medical Insurance by \$3,000.00 to \$28,900 to account for the increase in rates in the 2025 Budget and to increase the appropriated fund balance by \$3,000 to \$101,306.

Resolution 96-2024

Supervisor Dvorchak asked for a motion to adopt the budget.

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld

Resolved the Town Board approves the 2025 Budget.

Budget Amendments 10A-2024

Supervisor Dvorchak presented to the board a list of amendments, some of which were the result of a “newbie” mistake involving miscoding of Buildings Equipment vs. Building Contractual. The board was given the list of amendments prior to the meeting.

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld

Resolved the Town Board approves the budget amendment 10A-2024.

Holiday Event / Tree Lighting December 7, 2024

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the Hillsdale Fire Company has a hayride parade with children and Santa lights the tree. The town can sponsor a Holiday event around the tree lighting with a band, around 4:30pm to 5:30pm. He asked for approval for the expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 for the Holiday event.

Resolution 97-2024

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

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld

Resolved the Town Board approves the expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 for the Holiday Event to include decorations.

Sewer District Report

Crest Grant – Barrett

Supervisor Dvorchak reported that the Dormitory Authority has reviewed the application that was approved at last month’s Board meeting. They are requesting that the Town submit other expenses besides lawyer and engineer fees. Dvorchak said that because of the potential leak in at the wastewater plant, we will have no problem in submitting alternate items. The plant needs to be pumped out and there is an existing invoice of approximately \$5,000 to submit. He will contact the Dormitory Rep and seek guidance and submit a revised application to the Board at the next meeting.

Crest Grant – Hinchey

Supervisor Dvorchak submitted the current Crest Grant application for Board approval. Upon approval he will sign and submit. He cautioned that in all likelihood the items contained therein will change depending on the extent of the leak at the wastewater plant, but that he felt it was important for the process to begin as it takes six months to be reviewed by the Ways & Means Committee.

Resolution 98-2024

On a motion of Councilmember Feld , seconded by Councilmember Virello to submit application for review by the Ways and Means Committee.

The motion was

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld

Resolved the Town Board approves to submit an application for review by the Ways and Means Committee.

Town Hall Mold Remediation Project

Change Order

Supervisor Dvorchak reviewed the Final Change order and request for payment with the Board. The project is finished. The original AIA contract was \$198,000.00. The replacement of the Fire Alarm system was eliminated as our current system is up to code and the replacement did not fit with the historic character of the building and would require drilling through concrete walls. The current system is up to code. This resulted in a price reduction of \$22,280. The original project did not include painting in the original scope of work for an additional \$9,702. The moving company gave us a 25% discount for the final price of \$3,800 and the Town Clerk compiled the list of Herrington charges for the additional paint work and reduced the bill by \$1,836.10. The final contract sum is \$187,684.65.

Resolution 99-2024

On the motion of Councilmember Virello , seconded by Councilmember Feld to approve the change order.

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Carty, Feld

Resolved the Town Board approves the final change order and request for payment.

Planning Board resignation

Suzanne Werner has resigned from the Planning Board.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Town Board on a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm, carried unanimously.

Robina Ward, Town Clerk