



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE**  
**Special Town Board Meeting – September 26, 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:

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Supervisor	Mike Dvorchak
	Councilmember	Joanna Virello
	Councilmember	Jamie Carano Nordenstrom
	Councilmember	Tom Carty
	Councilmember	Irwin Feld

<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Robina Ward	Town Clerk
	Emily Stalker	Deputy Town Clerk
	George Schmidt	CPL Town Engineer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bart Zeigler, David Lewis, Brandon Levine.

**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:** Meg Wormley, Gretchen Stevens, Joyce Lapenn

Supervisor Dvorchak called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Rescue Squad Chargeback**

**Resolution 82-2024**

Supervisor Dvorchak asked for a motion to approve the \$140,051.00 chargeback for the Community Rescue Squad. Columbia County will collect it as tax on the taxpayers of Hillsdale and pay the rescue squad directly.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the Supervisor to sign the agreement with the Treasurer of Columbia County

**Purchase of a John Deere Excavator**

**Resolution 83-2024**

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that the Town Board had discussed this issue at the September 10 meeting but we did not pass a resolution. The Supervisor asked for a motion to purchase the John Deere Excavator.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the John Deere Excavator for the sum of \$91,722.04.

**Budget Amendments 9A-2024**

**Resolution 84-2024**

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that there were funds that had not been spent in the preceding months and had asked the board for suggestions on how this money could be spent before the end of the financial year. One of the suggestions was the purchase of an excavator for the Highway department, the Highway budget has approximately \$45,000.00 and the balance would come from these unexpended funds.

The Budget amendment 9A-2024 was amended to exclude the unexpended funds in the Town Board equipment account A1010.2, \$3000.00, and to include \$3,000.00 from the Contingency fund.

Councilmember Carano requested an Apple laptop.

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

The motion was

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

Resolved the Town Board approves the budget amendment.

**Sewer District Report**

**Report on Testing**

Supervisor Dvorchak reported that there was a problem with a smell at the plant.

George Schmidt from CPL the Town Engineer reported that there was evidence of water where it should not be and that he and the Sewer Operator will investigate and have testing and monitoring to determine the actual flows coming into the plant. In answer to a question from Councilmember Carano George explained that the DEC reviews the self-reporting. The town is waiting for quotes for the monitoring, there are only 2 companies. General conversation on the role of Town Engineer and billing.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Town Board on a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm, carried unanimously.

