



**TOWN OF HILLSDALE**  
**Town Board Meeting – March 27, 2024**

The regular 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 March 27, 2024, at 3.30 pm. Board members present:

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Mike Dvorchak  
Councilmember Jamie Carano Nordenstrom  
Councilmember Irwin Feld  
Councilmember Joanna Virello  
**ATTENDING VIA ZOOM** Councilmember Tom Carty

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robina Ward Town Clerk  
Emily Stalker Deputy Town Clerk  
Kenneth Dow Town Attorney  
Robert Patterson Town Accountant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 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.

Supervisor Dvorchak called the meeting to order at 3.30pm with the Pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. February 15, 2024

On a motion of Councilmember Virello , seconded by Councilmember Feld.  
The motion was abandoned for further discussion in Executive Session.

b. March 1, 2024

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

ADOPTED Ayes 4 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld,  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Carty  
Abstain 1 Carano

The Town Board approved the March 1, 2024 minutes.

**2023 RESERVE ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION 28B-2024**

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

The following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

Resolved to use the unassigned fund balance for the cost of the work, completed in 2023, on the TriBrook bridge and the sealing of the sidewalk on Route23.

**HARASSMENT POLICY**

**RESOLUTION 29-2024**

On a motion of Supervisor Dvorchak , seconded by Councilmember Feld.

The following resolution was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

Resolved to adopt the sexual harassment and discrimination policy.

**REQUEST FROM COURT CLERK**

**RESOLUTION 30-2024**

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

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

Resolved to have a Sherrif present at the town hall for court night. The cost is paid from the General Fund Court .4 account.

**PLACEMENT OF WEIGHT LIMIT SIGNS WEST END BRIDGE**

**RESOLUTION 31-2024**

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

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

Resolved to place signs on West End Bridge with a 5 ton weight limit.

**PLANNING BOARD SECRETARY BUDGET AMENDMENT**

- a. Planning Board Secretary – 10 hours a month.
- b. Planning Board Deputy Secretary – 6 hours a month.
- c. Appointment.

**RESOLUTION 32-2024**

On a motion of Supervisor Dvorchak, seconded by Councilmember Feld.

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

Resolved appoint Danielle Camacho to the position of Planning Board Secretary.

**RESOLUTION 33-2024**

On a motion of Supervisor Dvorchak, seconded by Councilmember Virello.

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

Resolved appoint Emily Stalker to the position of Deputy Planning Board Secretary.

Salary for Clerk Administrator.

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

The motion was abandoned for further discussion at the April 9 Town Board meeting.

**LOCAL LAW ALLOWING FOR VOTING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING**

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

The motion was abandoned for a Public Hearing on April 9, 2024 at 6:45pm, prior to the regular Town Board meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello to move into Executive session at 4:50 pm to discuss the February 15, 2024 minutes.

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello to move out of Executive session at 5.05 pm.

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 4              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano  
                    Nays 0  
                    Absent 1          Carty

**RESOLUTION 34-2024**

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

The motion was

ADOPTED      Ayes 3              Dvorchak, Virello, Feld,  
                    Nays 1              Carano  
                    Absent 1          Carty

Resolved accept the February 15, 2024 minutes.

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With no further business before the Town Board on a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm carried unanimously.

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Robina Ward, Town Clerk