



TOWN OF HILLSDALE
Town Board Meeting / Budget Workshop - January 25, 2024
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A budget workshop 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 25, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

Board members present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Mike Dvorchak
Councilmember Jamie Carano Nordenstrom
Councilmember Tom Carty
Councilmember Irwin Feld
Councilmember Joanna Virello

ALSO PRESENT: Robina Ward Town Clerk
Kenneth Dow Town Attorney
Robert Patterson Town Accountant

OTHERS PRESENT: Meg Wormley, Newsletter Editor, Kevin and Cassie Hindes.

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 2:00pm with the Pledge to the Flag.

Supervisor Dvorchak began the meeting stating that he liked the idea of adding a Correspondence section to the beginning of the February Town Board meeting. Councilmember Carano Nordenstrom suggested the documents should be listed, not necessarily read out. Most emails received by the Town are added to the website. Attorney Dow stated that communications that were pertinent to the discussions should be placed on the website and are foible. Supervisor Dvorchak noted that the Town had received letters of support from Hinchey and Barrett in support of the grant application for the West End Bridge. A letter about the delay of the construction of the bridge connecting the Harlem Valley Rail Trail was received by the Supervisor. Supervisor Dvorchak and Copake supervisor Wolfe will discuss this matter.

KENNETH DOW AGREEMENT LETTER

RESOLUTION 9-2024

On a motion of Councilmember Virello, seconded by Councilmember Feld, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano, Carty
Nays 0

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RESOLUTION 8-2024

On a motion of Councilmember Feld, seconded by Councilmember Virello, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Dvorchak, Virello, Feld, Carano, Carty

Nays 0

WHEREAS, the consent of the Town Board and Sewer District No. 1 of the Town of Hillsdale is required in order to permit a proposed relocation of a portion of the sewer line serving such Sewer District, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale is the sole entity authorized to act on behalf of Sewer District No. 1 of the Town of Hillsdale, and

WHEREAS, consent of the Town Board to relocate a section of the sewer main as detailed in the plan prepared by engineer Patrick J. Prendergast, P. E. of Valatie, N. Y. and submitted by Kevin Hindes at the January 9th Town Board meeting will allow a new business to open, and

WHEREAS, the plan has been approved by CPL, the Town Engineer, as well as the Columbia County Department of Health, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports economic development in our business district and the creation of a new amenity for its citizens and visitors alike, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes both the substantial investment in the Town made by an entrepreneur, and the restoration of an historic building, and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the relocation of the subject section of sewer main can be accomplished with no or negligible disruption of sewer service to system users;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale, on behalf of itself and of Sewer District No. 1 of the Town of Hillsdale, formally consents to the sewer force main relocation, including entering into the necessary easements indicated on the subject plan, as put forth in the plan proposed by Kevin Hindes and certified by engineer Patrick J. Prendergast, P.E. of Valatie, NY, entitled *Site Plan Twisted Sisters Coffee Shop 329 Whitehill Lane Hillsdale NY* and dated 12/27/23, submitted at the Town Board Meeting of January 9, 2024 and appended to this Resolution.

The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared adopted by the Town Supervisor.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that coming from training there is a lot we need to do. Getting the email protocol correct and Office 365 is a huge leap and now we need to use those tools. The Town needs to review its policies, one or two a month. Updating our Harassment Training will be happening soon through NYMIR. All employees must take the training.

Supervisor Dvorchak attended a FEMA webinar, the FEMA plan is updated every 5 years. Lee Heim will be the towns Flood Plain Administrator; we need a second, the Highway Superintendent was suggested or the Fire Chief. The town needs to complete the form.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Accountant Patterson reviewed the monthly financial statements, using the December 2023 report, 18-20 pages. He stated that the Board was responsible for reading and understanding the reports.

There was a general discussion of the Town Board with Accountant Patterson on financial reporting.

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With no further business, on a motion of Councilmember Carty, seconded by Councilmember Carano Nordenstrom, the meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm. Carried unanimously.

Robina Ward, Town Clerk