



TOWN OF HILLSDALE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES - January 4, 2024
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An organizational meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on January 4, 2024, at 4:00 pm with the following members present:

PRESENT:

Supervisor	Mike Dvorchak
Councilperson	Jamie Carano Nordenstrom
Councilperson	Tom Carty
Councilperson	Irwin Feld
Councilperson	Joanna Virello

OTHERS PRESENT: Robina Ward, Town Clerk, Meg Wormley, Howard Van Lenten, Steve Bluestone, Craig Norton, Marcy Feld, John Farrell, Tod Wohlfarth, and other members of the public. Supervisor Dvorchak welcomed everyone to the town's Organizational Meeting of 2024, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated there was an item of housekeeping in reference to the town's accounts with the Bank of Greene County, removing persons and officers from the signers list and adding current persons and officers as authorized signers.

On a motion made by Councilperson Virello and seconded by Councilperson Feld, the following names are to be removed and others added to the town accounts:

Chris Kersten, Former Supervisor,

Tom Carty, Former Deputy Supervisor

Kathi Doolan, Former Town Clerk

Elizabeth Sheer, Former Deputy Town Clerk

Names to be added:

Dennis Michael Dvorchak, Town Supervisor – General Account

Steven Tiger, Deputy Town Supervisor – General Account

Robina Ward – Town Clerk – Town Clerk Account

Emily Stalker – Deputy Town Clerk – Town Clerk Account

Adopted Vote**Aye: 5 Nay: 0**

Motion is passed.

On a motion made by Councilperson Virello and seconded by Councilperson Feld, that the original Organizational Plan as submitted by the Supervisor with the changes submitted on the January 3 email be approved.

Councilperson Feld made a statement in support of Supervisor Dvorchak and praising his record

Supervisor Dvorchak thanked Councilperson Feld for his comment.

Supervisor Dvorchak asked for comments and discussion on the motion.

Councilperson Carano Nordenstrom began to speak.

Supervisor Dvorchak apologized and interrupted, stating that there should have been a reading of the changes d into the record to the original document was the one posted on the Town website.

The Town Clerk read the changes, (see attached document).

Councilperson Carano Nordenstrom stated that as a dropped document redlining is an efficient way for the back and forth for Town Board input. It creates clarity especially in a document that is 13 pages long and that we should make it easy for our town board to collaborate digitally.

Supervisor Dvorchak agreed.

Councilperson Carano Nordenstrom continued that she had requested to be appointed as the liaison to both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and that Supervisor Dvorchak did not put her name forward for the two positions.

Supervisor Dvorchak stated that if Councilperson Carano Nordenstrom would like to put her name forward she could make a motion.

Councilperson Carano Nordenstrom made a motion to make an amendment to put her name forward, keeping Supervisor Dvorchak and Councilperson Carty as liaisons, that they would serve together. Supervisor Dvorchak asked for a second, hearing none he declared the motion was not before the board. The Supervisor asked for any further comments or amendments. Councilperson Feld asked for the motion to be re-read. A role call followed.

Adopted Vote**Aye: 5 Nay: 0**

Motion is passed.

Supervisor Dvorchak presented a budget amendment for the position of Clerk Administrator, explaining the need for additional work so we are better prepared for the Mold Remediation move and the scanning of records to make them easily accessible for the public. A motion to approve was made by Councilperson Virello and seconded by Councilperson Feld.

Adopted Vote**Aye: 5 Nay: 0**

Motion is passed.

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Councilperson Virello, seconded by Councilperson Carty to discuss matters regarding the town Attorney position. Time 4.15pm.

Adopted Vote

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

A motion to return to the Organizational Meeting made at 4:19pm by Councilperson Virello and seconded by Councilperson Carty.

Adopted Vote

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

A motion to appoint Kenneth Dow Esq. as the Town Attorney was made by Councilperson Carty and seconded by Councilperson Virello.

Adopted Vote

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Virello and seconded by Councilperson Carty.

Adopted Vote

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

Respectfully submitted

Robina Ward

Town Clerk