



**July 21, 2026 Agenda
PUBLIC HEARING 6:45
Town Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

ZOOM INFORMATION:

<https://zoom.us/j/93741165888>

BELOW IS A DRAFT AGENDA: FOR THE LATEST VERSION

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PUBLIC HEARING 6:45

For a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Require Initial Submission of all Zoning Applications to the Zoning Officer."

1. [Redlined Version of Proposed Changes](#)
2. ["The Columbia County Planning Board finds that this proposed action has no significant county-wide or intercommunity impacts associated with it. Therefore, the Town of Hillsdale Town Board may take final action with a simple majority vote."](#)

Our current law requires all applications to be submitted to the Zoning Officer and as such there will be no additional responsibilities added or additional monies needed.

ZEO responsibilities are section 245-71,D; "Day-to-day administration of this chapter, including the initial processing of all applications for building permits or other approvals required by this chapter;"

However, most Town Planning and Zoning Boards require a "permit denial & referral." Our current law is missing this component. Without the referral, the resident does not have standing to proceed to the Planning or Zoning Board as stated in general municipal law.

This revision will promote clarity, efficiency, transparency and a linear process for the applicant.

TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order (Dvorchak)
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Dvorchak)
3. Public Comment – (10 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)
4. [Correspondence](#)
 - a. Davidsen, Amy, Remarks from June Meeting
 - b. Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna representing Eric Clark, Maple Street Closure
 - c. Shepardson, Tom – FOIL Request regarding Maple Lane
5. Approval of Minutes (MOTION to approve the minutes listed below):
 - a. [June 16, 2026 Minutes](#)

- Offered by _____ Seconded _____
VOTE:AYES: NAYS:
6. Supervisor's Report (Dvorchak)
- a. County Report
 - b. [June Financials](#)
 - c. [Budget Amendments 2026-07](#)
- Offered by _____ Seconded _____
VOTE:AYES: NAYS:
7. **Resolution XXX to pass Local Law X-2026: "A Local Law to Require Initial Submission of all Zoning Applications to the Zoning Officer"**
- Offered by _____ Seconded _____
VOTE:AYES: NAYS:
8. Town Clerk Report (Ward)
9. Highway Superintendent's Report (Briggs)
- a. [Monthly Report](#)
 - b. Culvert Grants
 - c. Salt Shed Grants
10. Sewer (Dvorchak)
- a. July 28 – Pumping of tanks at the Wastewater Plant to occur
11. **Resolution XXX-2026 [A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS BILL OF RIGHTS](#)**
- Offered by _____ Seconded _____
VOTE:AYES: NAYS:
12. **Resolution XXX-2026 to designate Supervisor Dvorchak to attend the [Annual Legislative Priorities Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York](#), to be held during September 23, and to cast the vote of the aforesaid town, pursuant to §6 of Article III of the Constitution and Bylaws of said Association:**
13. **Resolution XXX-2026 To approve [Letter of Support](#) for the Village of Philmont's application to the NYS 2026 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). (Stevens)**
- a. [Request from Brian Johnson, Mayor of Philmont](#)
- Offered by _____ Seconded _____
VOTE:AYES: NAYS:
14. [Revolutionary War Veteran Memorial/Cemetery Project](#) (Feld)
15. **Resolution XXX-2026 to discontinue any further consideration of closing off Maple Street.**
- Offered by _____ Seconded _____
VOTE:AYES: NAYS:
16. Hamlet Park (Ziegler)
- a. **Resolution XXX-2026 to approve rebidding the Bandshell project for solely the construction and concrete cost and eliminating the electrical and landscape work.**
- Offered by _____ Seconded _____
VOTE: AYES: NAYS:
17. CSC CEC Task Force/CAC (JCN, NH)
- a. [July 6 Meeting Notes](#)

- b. Resolution XXX-2026 Town of Hillsdale CSC Co-Sponsorship of Repair Cafe at Roeliff Jansen Library on October 3 (Motion)

Offered by _____ **Seconded** _____

VOTE: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

- c. [Level 3 Charger Town Engineer Scope of Work](#)
d. [The Understory Regional Resilience Grant Scoping](#)
e. [Tom Carty's Highway Garage Solar Project Estimate 11/2025](#)
f. CEC Electric Landscaping Equipment Grant(s) Compliance

18. [ChargePoint](#)

19. Roe Jan Park (Hernandez)

20. ResolutionXXX-2026 to move the August 2026 meeting from August 18th to August 25th at 7PM.

Offered by _____ **Seconded** _____

VOTE: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

21. Any other business that may come before the Town

22. Adjournment (MOTION)

Offered by _____, **Seconded** _____

VOTE: AYES: _____ **NAYS:** _____

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

[West End Bridge Replacement Updated Schedule](#)

[Route 22 Resurfacing Starting May 26th](#)

PUBLIC NOTICE, TOWN OF HILLSDALE, COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for a proposed Local Law entitled “A Local Law to Require Initial Submission of all Zoning Applications to the Zoning Officer.” PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Hillsdale shall hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 beginning at 6:45 pm at Hillsdale Town Hall, 2609 State Route 23, Hillsdale, NY 12529 for the purpose of taking public comment on a proposed local law entitled “A Local Law to Require Initial Submission of all Zoning Applications to the Zoning Officer.” This law clarifies the filing procedure for zoning applications to clearly require all such applications to be filed initially with the Zoning Officer for review and referral to the appropriate review board or boards. At such public hearing, all interested persons shall have the opportunity to be heard.

Copies of the proposed “A Local Law to Require Initial Submission of all Zoning Applications to the Zoning Officer” are available in the Town Clerk’s Office, 2609 State Route 23, Hillsdale, NY 12529 and on the Town website at <https://hillsdaleny.com>

Robina Ward

Hillsdale Town Clerk

NEXT MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING: TUE, AUG 25th, 7PM (TBD)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE

Please Mark Your Calendars

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

TENTATIVE 2026 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 24th NOON Budget Workshop

Friday, September 25th NOON Budget Workshop

Monday, October 5th NOON Budget Workshop

Tuesday, October 20th 6:00 PM Public Hearing

Tuesday, October 27th 7:00 PM Special Budget Meeting (if needed)

SEQR Public Documents: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)