

Regular Meeting, Hillsdale Town Board, Tuesday, May 15, 2007

A regular meeting of the Hillsdale Town Board was held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at the Town Hall at 7:40 p.m. with the following members present

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Arthur Baer  
 Councilwoman Ann Baldwin  
 Councilman Carmen Barbato  
 Councilman August Sena  
 Councilman Peter Cipkowski

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ruth Dodds, Town Clerk; Richard Briggs, Highway Superintendent; Richard Roth, Independent Reporter; Lauren Avenia, newly appointed Park Director; Kelly Fox, Bob Kessler, Bud and Pat Atwood, Martin Silvan, Judith Balducci, Joseph DeRiggi, and about three others.

Resolution #50

**APPROVE MINUTES**

On motion of Councilman Cipkowski, seconded by Councilwoman Baldwin; the following resolution was

**adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, after the correction of the spelling of Councilman Sena's name.

**SEWER**

Contracts #1 and #2 are being rebid. The bids will be opened on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. The two bids received in the first bid process were rejected because they were too high. Erin Moore, Clark Engineering, will meet with the contractors May 23<sup>rd</sup> to answer questions and walk the district.

**PARK & RECREATION**

Under beautification, the barrels will be planted in the next few weeks.

Clean-up day was last Saturday. It was not nearly as busy as last year—about a quarter.

Perhaps a reason might be the big sign advertising clean-up day was not put in front of the monument by the Town Hall as it had in the past.

We have a new park director, Lauren Avenia. She has mailed out registration forms for the summer program. There is a sign out front advertising sign up dates—June 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and June 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00. Lauren and Jake Piser are painting picnic tables and playground equipment.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

We are back up to an average of 700 hits per day on the web site. Was down to about 600 earlier.

There will be a newsletter completed to be distributed Community Day which is August 18<sup>th</sup>, noon to 7:00 p.m., at the Roe Jan school. The County Health Department needs to be notified of the day, location, and number of people expected. There will be a

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farmers market and other vendors. More volunteers and vendors are needed. Please call Juanita O'Rourke at 325-1059.

### **HIGHWAY REPORT**

As we all know, there was a lot of damage to our roads during the last rain storm/flood. FEMA will pay 75%, the State 12.5% and the Town 12.5%. Attempting to get the State to pay 25% because of the amount of damage. Our Highway Department has about 60% of the damage repaired at a cost of approximately \$500,000.

#### **Fuel Pump Systems -**

We do need to replace our fuel pumps. Valley Petroleum has been patching our present pumps to keep them working. Richard pointed out that while we are replacing the pumps, it makes sense to install the whole computerized system. This would make for more accurate and better bookkeeping.

We have the same two bids as last month and both bids are for the same equipment:

Conklin Services & Construction, Inc	\$16,980
Valley Petroleum Services	\$15,000

Valley Petroleum's bid mentions reusing existing pump. This was discussed. Richard thinks if just the fuel pump is replaced the cost would be about \$10,000. Carmen will look into just replacing the pump. Richard will look up the balance in account 5110.4.

### **Resolution #51**

On motion of Councilwoman Baldwin, seconded by Councilman Sena; the following resolution was

**adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Whereas there still remains a question of reuse of pump in Valley Petroleum's bid, the actual cost of just a new pump and funding;

Therefore, be it Resolved to table the bids until next month.

### **Traffic Safety Studies**

NYS Department of Transportation has ruled that traffic safety studies for reduced speed requests are now the responsibility of the town. They estimate the cost for each road about \$1,000. Hillsdale has a request for about ten roads. This will have to wait until next year so money can be budgeted. There are three possibilities—the town hire an engineer to do the study, several towns join together and hire an engineer, or possibly towns pay the County engineer.

### **Sidewalks**

Sidewalk repair – just patch dangerous spots until the sewer is complete.

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### **Building Department**

The committee of Ann and Augie met with John Florio to determine the effectiveness of the increase in the size of the department. John reported that there are 56 open files – 32 are 7 months old and older. Of the 32 files, 17 are paid applications for small projects, (decks, etc) and 13 are for paid certificate of compliance. John does not want to deposit these checks because that would indicate his approval, which he has not given. He is asking the town pass a law/resolution enabling him to deposit the checks with ability to refund. The committee stressed the importance of Ed and Peter knowing the whole job and doing it. They also gave John some recommendations.

### **No Parking at Civil War Monument**

The no parking sign is no longer at the monument. The only legal enforcement at this time is not parking within 10' of a stop sign. In order to have no parking effect in that area, the Board has to pass an ordinance stating there will be no parking from NYS Route 23 to the end of the monument pavement. Dick will need to draft this. No sidewalk is necessary for this ordinance, however, a raised, legally installed sidewalk is necessary for a crosswalk.

\*Ridge Line Scenic Overlay Local Law #6 public hearing will be Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m., at the Highway Garage with a special meeting to follow.

\* The ADA bathroom is complete. The front door will be completed when the back ordered door bar comes in.

\*MVP Health Care is changing our coverage to comply with the recently passed Timothy's Law that expands mental health benefits for members of fully insured health plans issued in New York State.

\*There will be a meeting of representatives of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, the four fire companies covering Hillsdale, the Highway Superintendent, and Building Department on Wednesday, at 7p.m. at the Firehouse to discuss driveway approvals.

\*Ned Schneier, trustee of the Roe Jan Community Library, informed the Board of the progress on the new library. A professional fund raiser has been hired. Mr. Schneier's optimistic schedule is - break ground in the spring/summer of 2008 and open the new library in 2009.

Resolution #52

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilwoman Baldwin; the following resolution was

**adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board move into executive session to discuss real estate proposals.  
Time 8:52 p.m.

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Resolution #53

**CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Cipkowski; the following resolution was

**adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved that this Board close executive session and move back into the regular meeting.  
Time 9:31 p.m.

Resolution #54

**PAY BILLS**

On motion of Councilman Cipkowski, seconded by Councilman Sena; the following resolution was

**adopted - vote - ayes 5 nays 0**

Resolved to pay the bills in the following amounts:

General Fund	Voucher #106- #129	\$14,667.49
Highway Fund	Voucher #84 - #102	\$62,218.11

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_ Ruth Dodds, RMC, Town Clerk