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January 21st, 2025 Board Meeting

The Town Board meeting for the Town of Kingsbury was conducted on Tuesday January 21st, 2025 at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

Present: Dan Washburn, Deputy Supervisor
Sean Akins, Councilman
Bill Haessly, Councilman
Jim Lindsay, Councilman

Absent: Dana Hogan, Supervisor

Others Present: Jeff Meyer, Town Attorney
Mason Leonard, Highway Superintendent
John Rosati, Water
Mike LaRose, Highway
Todd Humiston, Code Enforcement
Sandra Redding, Deputy Town Clerk
Dan Colomb, Resident at 726 County Line Rd

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Washburn at 6:30pm and opened for order of business with the Flag Salute by Councilman Lindsay.

The minutes of the January 2nd, 2025, Organizational Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a motion by Councilman Haessly and seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

First on the agenda was the RFP water study. Councilman Lindsay had questions regarding the study and Supervisor Hogan said at the last meeting he would investigate the verbiage. Rebecca had found and gave Supervisor Hogan the page that clarified a couple things the board was questioning such as water capacity and working with other towns. We only got one bid for the study. It will include testing the hydrants, checking the water flow, mapping everything and then coming up with a plan on what we need to do moving forward with the water district. The total cost of the only bid we got was \$27,280.00 and that was from Swazo and Doherty Associates. She has worked with the Town in the past doing the water line extension. Discussion was had and there was a little bit of concern, only having one bid

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but we have worked with them, and they have great references. We currently have a moratorium in place, and we need to get this water study going so we can figure out what our next steps will be. Councilman Haessly requested to view the draft and to have time to fully review it before deciding. It was discussed that if we don't accept this bid, we will have to start all over.

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 3 ayes accepts the bid. Councilman Haessly did oppose the motion.

Second on the agenda was the Senior Center Board of Directors asked Paige Zahaba to be on the Board of Directors since she is now Town Clerk and Paige accepted

There was no Legal update for open session.

The Town Clerk Updated the Board on the tax collection and that the Town will be paid off as of tomorrow morning. The new Deputy Sandra has started and is doing a great job.

The Town's Code Enforcement, Dog Control Comptroller and Town Justice had no updates.

The highway Superintendent had a couple updates. He had John Rosati give the first update about 1012 Dix Ave and a high read he had gotten. The numbers were way off, and John said the reader and the meter were not working properly. He reached out to Rebecca and agreed to install a new meter. He waited two weeks and went back, and it was below the minimum. John and Rebecca agreed to ask the Board if they could issue a partial refund of \$50.00 in the form of credit on their to the homeowner.

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to approve the refund after a faulty meter reading.

The second highway update was Mason talking about the fact that the Highway has had six snow events since the first of the year. He also got one of his trucks back, so they are running full fleet.

Councilman Lindsay and Councilman Haessly met Fort Edward Rescue squad, and they are looking for some funding. Dana has had conversations with Mr. Fisher from Fort Edward. Supervisor Hogan has had conversations with Supervisor Fisher from Fort Edward so when Supervisor Hogan gets back next meeting, they can all discuss it.

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the written reports of certain officers for the month of December as follows:

Code Enforcement Officer:

-9 Permits issued

-6 Fire Inspections performed

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Dog Control Officer:

-4 Complaints

-0 Seizures

-2 Tickets

-2 written Warnings

-1 Verbal Warning

-Mileage:61,223

Town Clerk:

-\$28.34 paid to Encon

-\$5,630.27 paid to Supervisor

-\$15.00 State Share of Bingo

-\$60.00 Paid to HF Village

-\$170.00 Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control

-\$112.50 Paid to Department of Health

Town Comptroller:

-Receipts \$406,255.17

-Disbursements \$581,068.00

Councilman Washburn opened public comment. Dan Colomb from 726 County Line Road addressed the Board. He said last year Dave O'Brien from the IDA came in front of the Board about removing some lots because they were reclassified as wetlands and Dan wanted to know if there were any updates on that. He purchased 5 of the plots and just got his sewer bill. There was a brief conversation about removing them from the water district, but the sewer district needs to remove them first. The Town attorney said officially it is no longer a town sewer district and is now Washington County Sewer District. Dan went down to the Washington County Sewer District and they told him to come in front of our Board. The attorney said we would have to adjust our water district boundaries and Councilman Washburn said we wouldn't be doing that until Washington County removed those lots from their sewer district because the Town didn't want to go back and forth and have someone add it back in. The attorney said he would have to go back to his notes and update the Board in case they want to consider it. Councilman Washburn wants to discuss

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with Supervisor Hogan and attorney Jeff Meyer and will update Dan Colomb after. He asked him to leave his contact information with the Town Clerk and we'd be in touch. No further public comment.

A motion by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes at 6:48pm to enter Executive session for personnel and legal matters.

No action is expected to be taken in Executive session.

A motion by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes at 7:39pm to exit Executive session. No action was taken.

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige Zahaba". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Paige Zahaba, Town Clerk