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Kingsbury Town Board Meeting February 3rd, 2025

The Town Board meeting for the Town of Kingsbury was conducted on Monday February 3rd, 2025, at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

Present:

Dana Hogan, Supervisor

Sean Akins, Councilman

Bill Haessly, Councilman

Jim Lindsay, Councilman

Dan Washburn, Councilman

Others Present:

Jeff Meyer, Town Attorney

Mason Leonard, Highway Superintendent

Todd Humiston, Code Enforcement

Mike LaRose, Highway

Scott Lindsay

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hogan at 6:35pm and opened for business with the Flag Salute by Councilman Washburn.

The minutes of the January 21st, 2025, Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a motion by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

First on the agenda was the Fort Edward Rescue squad funding request. Approximately two weeks ago Councilman Haessly and Councilman Lindsay agreed to meet as the Public Safety committee with the Fort Edward Rescue Squad. They went over some of the financial records and they didn't really have a set number on what they were looking for. They sent Dana an email with a funding request for \$600,000.00 between the Town of Fort Edward and the Town of Kingsbury. This funding would allow them to provide adequate staffing, one advanced life support crew 24/7, one basic life support crew 24/7, one basic life support crew 10 hours and 7 days a week and state of the art equipment. Councilman Haessly said they are running into financial problems most likely because the cost of equipment has gone up and then being able to staff full time people and part time volunteers. They also aren't receiving the donations they use to. Councilman Lindsay thinks they should form a district. That would take a while but then they'd be able to tax people to get the funds they need. Supervisor Hogan reached out to Tim Fisher to see if they had reached out to him. He said he'd also like to help but the numbers they are asking for are high. Supervisor Hogan said he sent a letter of response to discuss this request. About three months ago they approached Dana and said they were going to go through with a special taxing district and then they pulled away from

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the idea. Supervisor Hogan thinks they should go back to that idea to get the volume of money they need. With a special taxing district, they would look at the Town of Fort Edward and the Town of Kingsbury and figure out which properties would be included in this district and then they would set a budget and bill those taxpayers for it. The public would have to vote to go through with this. The Fort Edward Rescue Squad would have to disclose financial records to the public if they agreed to this. Supervisor Hogan suggested that we encourage them to look back into the Special Taxing District. The Board all agreed with that suggestion.

The Town Clerk updated the board that today was the last day with the part time tax collectors and that the Town is officially paid off.

Highway Superintendent Mason Leonard spoke with Randy Weeks who works over at Boces. He has a student who is interested in an internship with our Highway Department and Mason would like to know the steps he would have to take to do this. The County has made changes over the last couple of years and Supervisor Hogan would like Mason to double check if we would have to pay him or if he would receive course credit. Supervisor Hogan is okay with the idea and the rest of the Board seemed to agree.

Mason also updated the Board that the tractor is in at Falls Farm and Garden and that they would be getting the invoice soon.

Supervisor Hogan let everyone know that the Kingsbury Firehouse is having their annual banquet, and the entire Board is invited. They would have to RSVP by February 5th. The event will be held February 22nd at the Fort William Henry Carriage House. Supervisor Hogan said we should all RSVP regardless and he can do a group response if they would like.

There was no public comment.

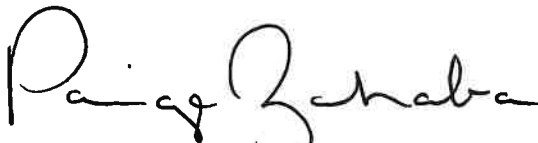
A motion by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes at 6:55pm to enter Executive session for personnel and legal matters.

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 5 ayes at 7:11pm to exit Executive session. No action was taken.

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paige Zahaba". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paige Zahaba, Town Clerk