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Kingsbury Town Board Meeting March 17th, 2025

The Town Board meeting for the Town of Kingsbury was conducted on Monday March 17th, 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, Dog and Code Enforcement
Chris Krahling, ASA
Alex Warshal, ASA
Ralph Spear, 1977 State Route 196 Fort Edward

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hogan at 6:30pm and opened for business with the Flag Salute by Councilman Akins.

The minutes of the March 3rd, 2025, Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a motion by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

I. ASA Seeking Letter of Support

The ASA (Agricultural Stewardship Association) seeking a letter of support from the Town Board for the state PDR grant application Chris Krahling and Alex Warshal came to represent the ASA and present to the Board why they need the letter of support. They work out of Greenwich but only work with Washington County and Rensselaer County. They just crossed the 33,000-acre mark between the two counties. They have submitted about 25 pre-applications and the one of the projects that ranked up towards the top was the one involving Fred Burch's and Ralph Spears property Fred got held up and couldn't attend the meeting, but Ralph came to show his support. Letters of support are required by the towns where the projects are located. There should be competition for the funding once it opens, so they are trying to get together everything they need ahead of time. There is no other involvement required by the Town other than writing a letter of support. A brief discussion occurred with Chris answering a couple of questions. A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Aikens and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to approve the letter of support. Supervisor Hogan will sign the letter tomorrow and the Town Clerk will email it to Chris Krahling afterwards.

II. StoredTech Windows 11 upgrade quote

The approval of the StoredTech Windows 11 quote was quoted at \$1,684.49. Councilman Haessly questioned if the motherboard would support the upgrade. Councilman Washburn

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saw in the quote that they would install additional memory in machines with less than 16GB. A motion made by Councilman Haessly and seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to approve the quote.

III. NYMIR 2025 Renewal Application

David Meager plans to attend one of the April Board meetings but the Board needs to make a motion to resolve so Supervisor Hogan can sign the renewal application. A motion by Councilman Haessly and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept.

IV. Water Engineering Update

Highway Superintendent Mason Leonard to update the Board on the Water Engineering study. Mason spoke to Kathleen Suozzo and Chris from Queensbury water last week. Kathleen wanted to gather some intel from Queensbury along with Kingsbury. They answered all her questions, but they concluded that Queensbury is not looking to extend the water agreement with Kingsbury usage wise. They have a lot of things in the house that they need to fix first and they are not looking to expand any of their customers right now. We have roughly 350,000 gallons every day for capacity and we are currently using 200,000-220,000 gallons right now. Supervisor Hogan spoke with John Rosati, and they discussed that we should either be looking into a water tower of our own or a water system of our own. Supervisor Hogan got an email about water grants for 2025 so he thinks we should be looking into applying. Mason thinks this is a great idea for the Town. A brief discussion about the placement and cost of a water tower occurred. Superintendent Leonard is concerned because we have two facilities being built and when they open it will place our water usage at 300,000-320,000. A grant on average would cover roughly 80% depending on the grant. The study should be finished around the middle of May and then we can discuss the next steps.

V. Guardian Dental Renewal

A motion to approve is made by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

VI. Legal Updates

No legal update by Attorney Jeff Meyer. He did let us know that Thursday is the hearing of the boundaries, and it is open to the public at the Warren County Court House.

Reports

Paige Zahaba, Town Clerk

County and Town Tax Collection. For the month of February total penalties collected were \$2,418.66 and returned check fees were \$20.00. Altogether she has collected \$6,920,821.98 since January 2nd and still has 2 weeks left to collect.

Todd Humiston, Dog Control

The annual inspection with Ag & Markets went well. He had no updates for Code Enforcement.

Highway Superintendent, Mason Leonard

1. An RFP for winter sand screening. Every 2 years they do winter sand screening. Contractor sales got the bid at \$20,950.00. Monroe Tractor came in 2nd and United Ag and Turf came in 3rd. Mason would like to start screening the middle of April and looking for approval on his

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bids. A motion to accept was made by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to go with Contractor Sales at \$20,950.00.

2. Moss Street Cemetery mowing quotes: Mason put it out last year and got no bids so this year he reached out to 3 companies. Lopez Property Management, RPM Outdoor Services and S&M Mowing. S&M Mowing did the service last year for us, but he is now sick and not responding back. RPM Outdoor Services came in with the lowest bid. They are charging \$1,300.00 per mow with a maximum of 15 mows total. A motion to accept RPM Outdoor Services bid was made by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.
3. Street Sweeping quotes: Last year they did 24 hours of street sweeping and this year Mason would like to drop it down to 8 hours because he used salt down the side of town and there is no need for it. He sent it to Kingsbury Sweeping, Join the Line and Carver for quotes. Kingsbury Sweeping won the bid at \$200.00 an hour. A motion made to approve Kingsbury Sweeping's bid was made by Councilman Haessly and seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

Mason did update the Board that he is hoping by next winter he is using brine on the roads. Other Towns use it and say it works well. It would be a great alternative for high traffic roads in the Town.

Councilman Haessly asked Attorney Jeff Meyer how far the roadway extends from the center of the line that's owned by the Town. Jeff responded with it isn't always a firm answer. Councilman Haessly thought when they surveyed a road that they look for property lines and that they use 25 ft from the center of the road. Jeff said typically when they survey a Town road, they show the survey line to the center line to be safe. Not everyone does that though and it could get sticky.

Supervisor Hogan believes the Town is going to need to create a Local Law for battery Storage. He has heard about other Towns in Washington County having trouble with it. There is currently a working group created by Chairman Bob Henke from Washington County and Vice Chair Cassie Fedler a part of this group. They are trying to put together a template for a battery storage law to recommend to Towns in the County to put it out there. The current law doesn't include batteries. The other day at the County meeting Public Safety joined and there is concern over a fire that occurred in the Western part of the State that took four days to put out. When lithium catches fire there isn't really anything you can do and that's a big concern. Once finalized with the County Supervisor Hogan will share it with the Board and see if they want to use that or make it their own. Attorney Jeff Meyer said there is a facility in the preliminary stages being proposed in Fort Ann. Supervisor Hogan and the Board have requested that Jeff Meyer draft the language for a moratorium for the next meeting.

Supervisor Hogan also let the Board know that the American Legion celebrated their 106th birthday last Friday night.

A motion by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the written reports emailed to the board March 4th, 2025 as follows:

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Code Enforcement Officer: No. Permits – 9 ; Fire Inspections- 4 ; Research Fees- \$175.00; Building Inspections- 5.

Dog Control Officer: Complaints- 1 ; Verbal Warning- 1: Mileage- 61,415.

Town Clerk: Paid to Encon- \$51.96 ; Paid to Supervisor- \$6,074.92; State Share of Bingo- \$152.18

Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls- \$70.00 ; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control- \$132.00; Paid to Department of Health- \$22.50.

Town Comptroller: Receipts- \$109,865.72 ; Disbursements- \$272,527.18.

There was no public comment.

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes at 7:15pm to enter Executive session for pending litigation.

No action is expected to be taken in Executive session.

A motion by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes at 7:35pm to exit Executive session. No action was taken.

A motion by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes at 7:35pm to adjourn.

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