

April 3, 2023 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The first regular meeting was conducted on April 3, 2023, at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Richard Doyle, Deputy Supervisor
William Haessly, Councilman
James Lindsay, Councilman
Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Pomainville, Comptroller
Todd Humiston, Code Enforcement & Dog Control Officer
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent
Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney
Dave Meager, Amsure Insurance
Town Residents: Lorraine Forcier, Cynthia Roberts,
Lisa Boucher

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

The minutes of the March 20, 2023, Town Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

Dave Meager of Amsure Insurance presented a summary of insurance from NYMIR for the Town. The buildings and their contents will be insured for three and a half million dollars for any one claim. All of the insured amounts have increased 6% this year. If a claim for loss exceeds \$25,000.00 the deductible amount is waived. Any general liability claim appears to have a million-dollar limit, but the Town has a \$5 million dollar umbrella, which would bring it to \$6 million dollars for any general liability claim. The Public Officials Policy protects all employees of the Town. The automobile coverage also has a \$6 million-dollar limit. The Comptroller and the Highway Superintendent reviewed the values of the Highway Equipment. Under Crime Coverage the Supervisor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Comptroller have additional coverage because they handle the most money. Worker's Comp is covered by Shelter Point with a maximum weekly benefit of \$510.00. The Cyber Insurance covers data breach with a million-dollar limit. There will be a 5% increase in the annual premium. The renewal premium will be approximately \$39,545.50.

Supervisor Hogan expressed his concern at the insured amount for the Highway Garage being too low. He suggested the Board consider increasing the insured value and increasing the deductible amount. Mr. Meager will get back to Supervisor Hogan with a cost for the policy with the suggested changes. After discussion, a **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the renewal of the insurance policy with NYMIR as it is; with the understanding there may be an increase in the coverage of the Highway Garage.

The Comptroller has filed the AUD report with the State and the Town Clerk has had a notice published in the Post-Star.

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The Highway Superintendent and the Comptroller received quotes for Street Sweeping. The lowest bid was from East Coast Industrial Services located in Pine Bush, NY. Their quote was approximately \$1,100.00 less than Kingsbury Sweeping, which usually sweeps the roads in Kingsbury. The Comptroller estimates the cost to be approximately \$5,000.00; last year's cost was approximately \$7,000.00. A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes for East Coast Industrial Services to sweep the Town streets.

Councilman Doyle gave an updated report on the Comprehensive Master Plan. Nicole Allen of Laberge is expecting to have the draft of the Plan to Councilman Doyle soon. Once the report is received it will be distributed to the committee members and a meeting will be scheduled for their comments and input. Then a meeting with the Town Board, Planning Board and the Zoning Board will be scheduled for their review and followed up by two Public Meetings. Supervisor Hogan commented he received an email with an apology for the delay in the Master Plan due to staffing issues.

Attorney Meyer asked if Laberge is doing the Town Law Compliance, (legal adoption procedure) and SEQR for the Comprehensive Master Plan. The Comptroller will contact Laberge to confirm they are.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: The Moss Street Cemetery Association will be conducting their annual meeting at Town Hall on April 26th at 6 pm. The tax collection has been completed and the unpaids will be turned over to the Washington Co. Treasurer.

COUNCILMAN REPORT: Councilman Washburn reported Bucks County Biscotti located on Casey Road has an outdoor stand with product to buy.

Councilman Haessly would like to continue a conversation about the low-income senior exemption. Supervisor Hogan will check with Assessor Colleen Adamec.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Supervisor Hogan has a meeting on April 17th with the Union Cemetery related to the Moss Street Cemetery.

The Supervisor, Town Clerk, and the Deputy Clerk attended the Annual Firemen's Banquet where Jerry Kearns was honored for his 60 years of service. Other members were also recognized for their time of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Town resident, Cynthia Roberts, thanked the Board for the update on the Comprehensive Master Plan.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk