

The first meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on Monday May 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. at 210 Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. Lindsay, Supervisor  
Paul Bromley, Councilman  
Henry Freebern, Councilman  
Richard Doyle, Councilman

ABSENT: William Collins, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Debbie Battiste, Recreation Director  
Becky Smith, Recreation Board  
Matt Fuller, Town Attorney  
Matthew Mabb, Village Judge  
Dianne Wilson, Fort Edward Rescue Squad  
John Smith, Fort Edward Rescue Squad  
Michelle Smith, Fort Edward Rescue Squad  
Mary Lou Plummer, Fort Edward Rescue Squad  
Jane Havens, Strand Revival Committee Chairperson  
Tim Havens

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lindsay and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Freebern.

The minutes of the April 27, 2015 Town Board Meeting and of the Workshop conducted at Village Hall on Monday May 4, 2015 were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk. However, Recreation Director Debbie Battiste would like to clarify the following statement in the April 27, 2015 Town Board Meeting Minutes: Roger Wicks suggested they should hold their meetings in February and not wait until April. Battiste is concerned that it indicates that the Recreation Board does not meet until April. Battiste would like to clarify they do meet; the statement is for when changes are necessary they should meet with the Town Board before April.

Supervisor Lindsay read an e-mail from Dianne Wilson, the President of the Fort Edward Rescue Squad, requesting forty-five (45) minutes for the purpose of a presentation requesting financial support from the Town to the Rescue Squad. There will be a presentation at the Fort Edward Town Board Meeting at 7p.m. this evening, after which Wilson will attend the Kingsbury Town Board meeting.

Recreation Director Debbie Battiste reported after discussion at the May 7, 2015 Recreation Board Meeting they would like to try ordering T-shirts for the Recreation Program as in the past. Battiste reported the \$6.00 charge for a child to register for a program had always covered the cost of the shirts. At the last Town Board Meeting it had been discussed purchasing pinnies to be shared by the Recreation participants. Battiste is concerned by the idea of sharing the pinnies, raises health issues, for example Mersa and ringworm. Battiste also explained someone would have to be responsible for laundering the pinnies before the next scheduled event. Occasionally when it is necessary to use pinnies, Tom Darfler brings them home and washes them before the next event.

Recreation Director Battiste would like to go out to bid for the purchase of T-shirts for the participants in the Recreation Program. It had been decided to no longer order T-shirts, but to provide each participant with a trinket, such as a bag or water bottle. Battiste had requested samples of these items, the bag was

not large enough to hold a pair of sneakers and the water bottle they really wanted was \$8.00. Becky Smith commented she was concerned with the high shipping costs associated with the ordering of the trinkets, she thought it would make more sense to order locally and avoid the cost of shipping charges. The Board agreed to allow Battiste to go out to bid for the T-shirts for the Recreation Program. Becky Smith of the Recreation Board also commented they will make sure they are using the correct bid process. Battiste will amend the specs to avoid any confusion, as she had encountered last year.

Supervisor Lindsay asked Battiste how many men's softball teams there were. She reported there are eight teams, with one night of the field being used. Lindsay is hoping the softball costs are lower this year to avoid any burden on the taxpayers. Last year the Town spent approximately \$1,300.00 on the men's softball program. At one time there were 32 teams, which paid for the costs of the men's softball program.

Supervisor Lindsay reported the Special Election will be held on May 13, 2015 from noon until 9 p.m. at the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Hose Co. on Burgoyne Avenue. There will be two (2) voting machines, and all nine districts will vote at this location. The voters must be a resident in the Town of Kingsbury for at least thirty (30) days. The election is in regard to a resolution adopted by the Board for the Town to borrow up to \$650,000.00 to renovate 6 Michigan Street, the location of the new Town Hall.

Supervisor Lindsay reported Code Enforcement Ross Cortese and Attorney Jeffrey Meyer are working to clarify the language in the Town Code for the use of solar energy. At this time there is no language to regulate solar farms. At the Board meeting scheduled for June 8, 2015 ideas will be presented, then presented to the Planning and Zoning Board. Attorney Meyer can then prepare the language and the Board can introduce a Local Law and schedule a public hearing for the Board meeting on June 22, 2015.

Supervisor Lindsay announced there will be no Board meeting on Monday April 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day, but if necessary a meeting can be scheduled.

Town Clerk reported that she is ready for the Special Election. The Town Clerk asked permission from the Board to add the minutes from the Strand Revival Committee Meetings to records updated by General Code each year. The Board approved the request.

The Girls' Basketball League decreased to approximately ten (10) teams when Fort Edward started a program, which was held inside in the gym. At this time there are 16 teams under the direction of Greg Smith, who is doing a great job. Greg has made some changes in the program, the basketball games are now held in the gym and not outside. He has also changed the schedule so the girls play two (2) games each night instead of one game two (2) nights a week. The school is now involved, with no charge to use the gym.

Supervisor Lindsay reported the Board will have a response from the Mayor and the Village Board this evening, after the Village Board meeting, in regard to the Court Consolidation Workshop which was held on May 4, 2015.

Strand Revival Committee Chairperson Jane Havens asked Supervisor Lindsay when is enough, enough. The Board has gone to the table with the Village Board each time requested with no results for the consolidation of the courts. Supervisor Lindsay responded we must follow through, the judges have agreed they could work together in the same court room. The Board wants to make sure they are doing the best for the tax-payers as they have in the past, then they will move forward.

Mayor John Barton and Village Trustee James Gallagher arrived at the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mayor Barton presented a copy of a resolution the Village Board had just passed at their Board meeting. Supervisor Lindsay asked the Mayor about the night court issue, the Mayor indicated the answer was in the copy of the resolution he had presented. He commented it is going to take a little while to digest, you are still having the vote, just look at it and let me know and we will go from there.

Dianne Wilson, Mary Lou Plummer, John Smith and Michelle Smith of the Fort Edward Rescue Squad were present to request financial support from the Town. President Dianne Wilson gave a presentation on the history, operation and the costs of the Fort Edward Rescue Squad. Wilson reported that the Fort Edward Rescue Squad had never requested financial support. After discussion Supervisor Lindsay suggested the Board meet with Fort Edward Town Board and Attorney Meyer research what options are available. Attorney Meyer will research the pros and cons of forming a district or entering into a contract. Supervisor Lindsay will keep in contact with Dianne Wilson.

The Board discussed the Resolution delivered by Mayor Barton earlier in the evening. The Resolution described two (2) options in regard to the future location of Town Court. After discussion Supervisor Lindsay suggested the Board meet and address the contents of the Resolution and respond to the Village Board.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by four (4) ayes to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk