

## June 5, 2023 Town Board Meeting Minutes

The first regular meeting was conducted on June 5, 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: Town Residents: Patty Nicholls & Jeff Zappieri  
Shane Reynolds, Water Superintendent  
Mike LaRose, Highway Employee

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 Haessly.

The minutes of the May 15, 2023, Town Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 3 ayes from Supervisor Hogan, Councilman Lindsay and Councilman Washburn and 2 abstentions from Councilman Doyle and Councilman Haessly to accept a bid in the amount of \$80,394.00 from Jointa Galusha for the paving of the American Legion parking lot. The Town will use ARPA Funds to fund this project. Jointa Galusha can do the paving the second or third week of June. Supervisor Hogan would like to Comptroller and the Town Attorney to review the final rule from the US Treasury to confirm that the American Legion is an acceptable organization to make this a contribution to in terms of the taxing designation. The American Legion may not have the funds for this project; Jointa Galusha may have to send an invoice to the Town for the project.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes granting approval for the Comptroller to attend a Comptroller OSC virtual training: a 2 day class, at the cost of \$85.00 which will provide her with 12 professional CE credits.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to re-appoint Karen Larose to the Planning Board for a 7-year term.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to appoint Sean Geraghty as Deputy Highway Superintendent with an annual stipend of \$3,000.00, to be pro-rated through the end of 2023; the appointment will begin on May 29, 2023.

Supervisor Hogan reported there has been a request for a waterline change order per NYSA DOT. Water Superintendent Shane Reynolds explained he received an estimate for the changes in the amount of \$4,970.00 to go from a 2-inch service line to a 6 inch, specifically for DOT. Supervisor Hogan stated he did not know why the Town of Kingsbury would pay for the change as it was requested by the NYSA DOT. He would like to table this issue. He spoke with Eric Behrens who seemed to think the number was high; he wanted to contact the estimator at Bellamy and find a way to pay for it themselves. A **motion** by

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Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to approve the waterline change order per the NYSA DOT.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the annual agreement between the Washington County Youth Bureau and the Town of Kingsbury with an amount of \$2,451.00 which goes to Aaron Dudley for the Kingsbury Rec Program.

### LEGAL UPDATE:

Attorney Meyer stated the Town Board has discussed getting out of the sewer business for several years. Kingsbury Sewer District #1 is the sewer district in the Industrial Park north of Casey Road. For the Town to get out of the sewer district for Sewer District #1 it requires action to be taken from Washington County, the Town of Queensbury and the Town of Kingsbury working together. Currently there is zero debt in the Town's district which makes it simpler. The first step is to authorize the Supervisor to sign a petition which is a formal request of the County to dissolve Kingsbury Sewer District #1. A Public Hearing will be set up for the second meeting in July.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes giving permission to Supervisor Hogan to sign a petition for the extension of the Washington County Sewer District and the dissolution of Sewer District #1 in the Town of Kingsbury and to schedule a Public Hearing on July 17, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Supervisor Hogan announced the next meeting will tentatively be scheduled for Tuesday June 20, 2023.

### COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Doyle received a draft implantation plan for the Comprehensive Master Plan. The draft is an outline of what should be done once you accept the Master Plan. There are references to small housing and accessory dwelling units. He is not certain what the small housing is. Councilman Doyle will forward a copy of the draft to the Board and the Comprehensive Master Plan Committee, and it will be discussed later.

### SUPERVISOR REPORT:

There will be an Enhanced Star Open House at the Town Hall on June 8, 2023, at 6:30 pm. The Assessor reported there were many residents not taking advantage of the Enhanced Star Exemption. Approximately 234 residents were identified as possibly being eligible for the exemption. Supervisor Hogan has made phone calls and sent mailers.

There will be a retirement on Saturday June 10, 2023, at 6 pm, at Fire Rock for Tim Morgan and Larry Harris.

Supervisor Hogan participated in the Memorial Day Parade.

ARPA Funds remaining is approximately \$49,564.19.

\$100,000.00 has been set aside for the Burgoyne Avenue Waterline Extension; if any funds remain, they will be returned to the fund.

\$125,000.0 has been set aside for the re-paving of the American Legion; the bid received was \$80,394.00; the balance of approximately \$45,000.00 will come back to the fund.

Supervisor Hogan announced if any non-for-profit organization that can show a loss of revenue because of Covid and it serves the community, the Board would consider contributing to them.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Town Resident, Jeffrey Zappieri, stated the draft implantation plan piece of the Comprehensive Master Plan comes near the tail end of the plan. At the last meeting it was discussed that there were some items in the Plan that the Department of State wanted to see addressed that were not appropriate for Kingsbury; Mr. Zappieri asked if those issues had been resolved or if it was still up in the air.

Councilman Doyle stated Nicole Allen tried to incorporate some by stating we should try to focus growth on housing close to the Village line where sewer and water may be available or extensions would be in the future to encourage ways in community planning to do more walking, more biking and less car use. Kingsbury did not think that was realistic. Nicole Allen is trying to include some of them, like the small housing to satisfy the Department of State for the purpose of the grant. The discussion continued. Councilman Doyle will forward information he has received regarding the Comprehensive Master Plan to Mr. Zappieri.

Town Resident Patty Nicolls reported a few years ago she went to a sale at the Old Fort Museum and purchased an old suitcase. In the suitcase there was an original typewritten letter by a man who was born in 1822. The letter was about the stone house that is on Pearl Street behind the Post Office. The original is with the current owners of the house. A copy was given to Town Historian John Mead who was thrilled. She provided a copy to the Supervisor who will scan it and send it to the Board. (Copy attached)

Sean Geraghty introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Geraghty is the newly appointed Deputy Highway Supervisor.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin