

June 20, 2022, Town Board Meeting Minutes

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on June 20, 2022, at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

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

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Pomainville, Comptroller
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent
Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney
Todd Humiston, Dog Control & Code Enforcement
Town Residents: Lisa Harrington, Jessica Dashnaw, Janet Curley

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

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2022, Town Board Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

1. Court Parking Lot Discussion

There were people in the parking lot after hours disturbing neighbors. There was a group discussion, and it was agreed that a fence would be put up and signage.

2. Truck Purchases for the Highway Department

Mike Highway Superintendent spoke about ordering new fleet trucks by the end of August 2022. Mike would like to order the dump boxes and sanders now so we could have them for when trucks arrive. This went out to bid and have received 2 back, waiting on 3rd. Mike quoted prices for the boxes and sanders. He asked if he could get approval to order and all Board members agreed.

3. Cyber Security Quotes

Rebecca Pomainville discussed price quotes for cyber security. Orbitalfire is the lowest cost provider. There was a very brief group discussion. A **motion** was made by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Haessly to accept the Orbital quote and carried with a vote of 5 ayes, none opposed.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Update regarding Vital Record books for Town & Village 1993 – 2019. As part of a Washington County grant all vital books for Birth, Death & Marriage have been taken from Town Hall by Washington County, (Melanie Howard, Archivist), records since been scanned and now available via laser fiche on our computers. The County is currently working on categorizing & sorting the type of vital, year, month & date, names. This process is a manual effort as the scan does not read cursive. The plan is to eventually create digital books. We can now search, view & print however it is quite difficult and very time consuming.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT: Todd Humiston announced at the end of the month the Planning Board has two positions that are up for reappointments. Todd Murphy an alternate Board member and Randy Getty a primary Board member. Todd advised the Board he has spoken to both and the chairperson, they would like to be reappointed. There was a brief group discussion. There was a **motion** to reappoint Todd Murphy and Randy Getty to the Planning Board by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Lindsay 7-year term for Randy Getty and a 2-year term for Todd Murphy and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, none opposed.

COMPTROLLER REPORT: Rebecca Pomainville discussed our Assessor requesting payment for one of our BAR members typing of the minutes. The past Assessor Board has had minutes completed by a hired stenographer. We do not require a transcription we just need a record of each individual and the results. John Murry has offered to type the minutes and has completed the minutes. We are looking for permission to pay for his additional service, looking at \$225.00 as a reasonable payment. There was a discussion, it was found acceptable. A **motion** was made by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Haessly to pay John Murray \$225.00 for typing the minutes for Board of Assessor Review Meetings\ and carried with 5 ayes.

COUNCILMAN REPORT: Councilman Doyle reached out to Nicole regarding next steps to be taken in the development of the Comprehensive Master Plan needing input from the Board. Councilman read the plan including elements required that need to be met with specific plans. There are recommendations and about \$14,000.00 to be spent. There was a group discussion and all Board members agreed to proceed.

LEGAL UPDATE: Jeffrey Meyer spoke on the topic of the Water District and Mr. Chase encouraging movement. Supervisor Hogan discussed the water study survey and a future meeting planned with Town Water Supervisor Shane Reynolds, Village Water Superintendent, and himself for the possibility of drafting an RFP for water usage/capacity. The meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2022, to discuss potential parameters.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: Derby Park is complete, looks amazing. Mr. Nickas deserves much of the credit. There was a brief group discussion. Cudos to everyone involved, it looks beautiful.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the reports for the month of May 2022 as follows:

Code Enforcement: No. Permits :11 Fire Inspections: 14.

Dog Control Officer: Dog Bites: 1; Tickets Issued 3; Mileage: 53,814

Town Clerk: Paid to Encon \$422.32; Paid to Supervisor: \$6,422.45; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls: \$150.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control: \$137.00; Paid to the Department of Health: \$112.50

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$159,032.72; Disbursements: \$382,062.90

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Residents spoke regarding their neighbors and complained they were having financial, trespassing, property, safety, nuisance, and harassment issues/stability. They thought neighbors were abusing State, County, Town resources. There was a lengthy group discussion. Residents felt police, fire, CPS are constantly being called. Seems since June 2020 things have been escalating, including bodily harm. They wanted to address the nuisance law to address these concerns. Nuisance law is to address property maintenance, landlord issues with tenants and code issues. This is not the intended purpose of the nuisance law. Residents were asked if there have been any arrests/charges/convictions due to all the calls and residents felt they were all unfounded. Law enforcement has wished them the best of luck per the residents. Residents were questioned if the police are not charging anyone then what could the Town do? With no convictions it is hard to accumulate points or be successful in front of a Judge. The Town does not get involved or pursue with further action, litigation, private disputes, or property/civil matters and suggested to continue utilizing law enforcement. Residents were suggested to discuss or write to Sherriff Murphy.

Supervisor Hogan announced the need for an Executive meeting required for potential litigation against the Town. There was a **motion** by Councilman Washburn and seconded by Councilman Doyle to go into Executive Session at 7:28 pm and carried by a vote of 5 ayes, Code Enforcement Officer Humiston was asked to attend the session.

The Town Board came out of executive session at 7:40 pm, with no action taken. There being no further business before the Board a **motion** was made by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:42.

There will be no Board meeting scheduled for July 4, 2022. The next scheduled Board meeting will be on Monday, July 18, 2022, 6:30 pm at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Weizenhofer
Deputy Town Clerk