

July 16, Town Board Meeting Minutes

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on July 16, at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Sean Akins, Councilman
William Haessly, Councilman
James Lindsay, Councilman
ABSENT: Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Pomainville, Comptroller
Paige Zahaba, Deputy Town Clerk
Todd Humiston, Code Enforcement & Dog Control Officer

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

A **motion** by Councilman Akins seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the minutes of the July 1, 2024, Town Board Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Hogan proposed the Board enter into an executive session. Larry Paltrowicz, who is representing the Town in a legal matter was present at the meeting in connection with labor matters. A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to enter into an executive session at 6:32 to discuss a legal matter.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to exit the executive session at 7:25 pm.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to approve the terms of the collective bargaining agreement and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement.

Comptroller Rebecca Pomainville discussed quotes she had received for the renewal of health insurance for Town employees. She reported there has been a 15% increase from the current plan. The MVP Health Plan had a 13% increase but does not include the current vision coverage we have. She also received quotes from traditional plans with a high deductible, but the rates were astronomical. The Town is at about 52% of the deductible reimbursement which is about average for this time of year. It is still cost-efficient for the Town to maintain the current health insurance. She recommends the Town renew with the current program. A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to authorize the Comptroller to proceed with steps to renew the health insurance plan with the 15% increase. (Quotes attached)

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to renew the Cybersecurity Insurance with no increase. The total policy cost is \$3,528.51.

A **motion** by Councilman Akins seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept a budget transfer for \$500.00 to cover the \$500.00 that was previously approved by the Board

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for the Feeder Canal Alliance. The Board had originally budgeted for \$1,000.00. (Budget Transfer attached)

Councilman Lindsay asked Rebecca if the Town was ok budget-wise due to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters. She stated due to the increases in the 2024 Budget we will be good to go.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: Town Clerk attended a Senior Center Board Meeting last week with the following updates:

A contract was received for the new bus with delivery anticipated late fall or early 2025.

The Senior Center is seeking a volunteer to do some computer work.

The Comptroller provided an update on the payment of the grant received for the Burgoyne Avenue Waterline Extension. Rebecca has reached out to her DOT contact asking for any forecast of when they would pay out grant funds. She has received no responses. The grant, though it is a NYS DOT grant, is actually a Senate grant, and they are confused on what to do. Supervisor Hogan will contact Senator Dan Stec to see if he can intervene on the Town's behalf.

The Board discussed allocating the ARPA funds once payment is received for the grant for the waterline extension.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Mason and his crew are out clearing trees from the mess of a storm we had.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the reports of certain officers for the month of June as follows:

Code Enforcement Officer: No. Permits 6; Fire Inspections 2; Building Inspections 16; Total Fees \$22,064.00

Dog Control Officer: Complaints 4; Tickets 2; Written Warning 2; Mileage 60,264

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$269.24; Paid to Supervisor \$23,741.82; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$;220.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$82.00; Paid to the Department of Health \$135.00; State Share of Bingo \$292.50

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$701,884.09; Disbursements \$185,121.54

Town Justice for March: Fees Collected \$14,568.00

PUBLIC COMMENT: There is no public comment.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to enter into an executive session at 7:42 pm to discuss a legal issue.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to exit the executive session at 7:55 pm. There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk

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