

August 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on August 19, at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mason Leonard, Highway Superintendent
Todd Humiston, Code Enforcement & Dog Control Officer
John Rosati, Water & Highway Equipment Operator
Highway Employees: Mike LaRose, Jacob Rich, Randy Underwood
Mike Graham, Former Highway Superintendent

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 Lindsay.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2024, Town Board Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk asked to verify the correct title for John Rosati as discussed at the last board meeting in an executive session. Mr. Rosati responded it would be Water Treatment Plant Operator/Heavy Equipment Operator. The Town Clerk will make a correction to the August 5th meeting minutes.

A **motion** by Councilman Akins seconded by Councilman Washburn for the following resolution:

RESOLUTION – BARNSTORMERS SNOWMOBILE TRAIL

A motion by Councilman Akins

Seconded by Councilman Washburn

And carried by a vote of 4 ayes

The Town Board of the Town of Kingsbury acknowledges the snowmobile trail will be running along the shoulder of Tow Path Road for 600 feet; the Tow Path Road is under the NYS Canal Corporation jurisdiction and maintained by the Town of Kingsbury. The Town Board also acknowledges the snowmobile trail will be running 200 feet on the shoulder of New Swamp Road.

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(signed document attached)

A motion by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes for the following budget transfer:

TOWN OF KINGSBURY – BUDGET TRANSFER: AUG 19, 2024 MEETING

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GF/WT	FROM:	ENGINEER-CONTRACTUAL	1.1440.4	\$20,000.00
	TO:	ATTORNEY-CONTRACTUAL	1.1420.4	10,000.00
		CEMETERIES-CONTRACTUAL	1.8810.4	10,000.00
	PURPOSE:	ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR LABOR ATTORNEY		
		CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT NOT BUDGETED		

LEGAL UPDATE: Attorney Meyer was unable to attend the meeting; Supervisor Hogan stated there had been a question about utilizing Attorney Paltrowitz's services going forward; Rebecca recommends making the recommendation the Town go to hourly because the Town has gone over the legal budget. His hourly rate discounted is \$300.00 per hour. This will be effective September 1, 2024, as opposed to \$2,500.00 per month. Mason asked if there was a minimum when he calls. After discussion the Board stated it is probably 10 to 15 minutes including emails.

TOWN CLERK REPORT: The office is preparing for the tax collection.

Former Highway Superintendent Michael Graham: a Peckham employee, attended the meeting to announce the Open House for Peckham Industries for their 100-year anniversary on October 19th at their Hudson Falls location. They are seeking permission to use the Highway Garage for parking, there will be buses to shuttle people from the highway garage across the street to the event. A certificate of insurance will be provided. It is free to the public; there will be food trucks, prizes, games for the kids, sand boxes.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

Mason introduced John Rosati the new Water Operator/ Heavy Equipment Operator who will become full-time on August 26th.

Mason is working on a tractor quote and a mower quote. He thinks we may be able to use ARPA funds, they can be used on anything except for financing stuff. He is also working on quotes for new trucks that are 18 to 20 months out. He received a quote for \$150,000.00 for the body, wing, plow for a truck. The cab and chassis are around \$170,000.00 to \$175,000.00, total being approximately \$325,000.00. Mason stated not to put any pressure on the Board, but as of January 1, 2025, for every 10 trucks they sell they must sell 1 electric truck, and the prices will probably go up.

Mason is also seeking approval for Rebecca to pay him a water stipend for working on weekends. A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes approving the water stipend for Mason.

The projects lately for the highway employees have been storm clean-up and regular maintenance on the highways and equipment.

Supervisor Hogan received a nice compliment on the Kingsbury roads.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS:

Councilman Lindsay stopped at the Highway Garage to look at the newest acquisition, a 2004 Volvo, the Town had acquired and thought the Town got a good deal. Mason stated they will also receive some tires for the Volvo.

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SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The opening ceremony of the Washington County Fair was today.

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 July as follows:

Code Enforcement Officer: No. Permits 7 ; Fire Inspections 3 ; Building Inspections 30; Pool Inspections 2; Total Fees \$1,025.00

Dog Control Officer: Complaints 3; Tickets 2; Seizures 1 ; Mileage 60,0517

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$588.38; Paid to Supervisor \$5,180.99; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$30.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$148.00; Paid to the Department of Health \$90.00

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$184,575.72; Disbursements \$455,498.34

PUBLIC COMMENT: There is no public comment.

Supervisor Hogan requested an executive session for a legal update; a **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to enter into an executive session at 6:45 pm.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to exit the executive session at 6:48 pm. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk