

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was held on October 13, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 210 Main Street, Hudson Falls, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lindsay at 7 p.m. and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Collins.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Graham, Superintendent of Highways
Ross Cortese, Code Enforcement Officer
Mary Ordway, Comptroller
Jonathan Newell, Hudson River Music Hall
Stu Kuby, Hudson River Music Hall

The minutes of the September 28, 2015 Town Board meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to set a public hearing on October 26, 2015 for the Fire Protection District Contract at 7:05 p.m. and the 2016 Preliminary Budget at 7:10 p.m.

Councilman Doyle reported there will be a meeting on Monday, October 19, 2015 to discuss the Town of Kingsbury water rates.

Supervisor Lindsay spoke with Nancy Sunukjian, the Director of the Office of Justice Court Support. She suggests when the Town applies for the 2015-16 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant; the application should request assistance for the whole new Town Court Project and not one item needed for the new Town Court. After discussion a **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of five ayes authorizing Town Justice, Michael Keenan to apply for Justice Court Assistance Program Grant.

Councilman Bromley reported on the progress of the renovation and construction of the new Town Hall and Court Room. The roof is complete, the interior petitions in the Town Hall are complete, the staircase going to the basement is started and the exterior outlets on the Town Hall side will be started. Once the exterior outlets are complete the spray foam can be applied. The spray foam will be in two steps, the first on the Town Hall and the second on the Court Room. He also reported the furnace was delivered today. The supplier for the siding will be at the site tomorrow, once ordered; it will arrive in 2 to 3 weeks. Work will also begin on the handicap ramps so that blacktop work can be complete before the cold weather arrives.

Supervisor Lindsay reported that effective on June 1, 2016 Code Enforcement Ross Cortese will become a full-time employee for the Village of Hudson Falls. The Board discussed their options for Code Enforcement and Planning and Zoning and decided a meeting will be planned to discuss further.

Supervisor Lindsay received an e-mail from Mayor Barton to inform him that the Village is moving forward with the process of dissolving their Court and abolishing the Office of Court Justice. Supervisor Lindsay stated we would have to have an appointment and a special election, if the Town decides to have two judges. Supervisor Lindsay will notify Town Justice, Mike Keenan and schedule a meeting.

Town Clerk reported that she had received an email from Washington County Real Property requesting a return address to be printed on the envelope for the 2016 County/Town tax bill. After discussion the Board agreed the address of the new Town Hall of 6 Michigan Street should be printed on the bills.

A **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 eyes to accept reports from certain officer for the month of August as follows:

Code Enforcement Officer: No report at this time

Dog Control Officer: Complaints/Calls 48; Seizures 8; Unlicensed Dogs 0; Euthanasia 0; Summons Issued 2; Bites Investigated 5; Dangerous Dogs 1; Mileage 614, with 58 miles charged to Fort Edward & 242 miles charged to Fort Ann

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$3,545.71; Paid to Supervisor \$8,916.39; Paid to NYS Dept. of Health \$135.00 Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$20.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$655.00

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$24,621.22; Disbursements \$516,040.73

Town Justice: Fees Collected: \$9,809.00

Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese reported on the status of 1125 State Route 196 property, which has lots of tires which need to be cleaned up. The owner did not appear for two court dates, but did show on the third court date. At that time they set another court date, in the meantime the owner was to clean up the tires before the next court appearance. The owner lives in New Jersey, but a real estate agent was responsible to clean up. The site was checked before the next court date and no clean-up had occurred. The owner did not appear for his court date and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. Cortese will contact the real estate agent to get an update. Councilman Bromley is concerned with the water in the loading dock area which is 6 to 7 feet deep, with 2 TV's and tires floating in it. If a child fell into this area they may not be able to get out. Cortese reported that two things must happen before the DEC steps in; there must be 1,000 tires on the property which have been on the property for more than 18 months. Supervisor Lindsay reported that if the Town wanted to act as the Board of Health, the County could put in writing the location is a hazard.

Comptroller Mary Ordway explained the details the Central Garage Account from 2012 - 2015 which had been questioned at the Budget Meeting. The account had gone from \$8,800.00 in 2012 to \$24,200.00 in 2015. In 2012 Waste Management, the phone, National Grid, Verizon Wireless, water, fire extinguisher service, furnace repair, rat control and fax supplies; with a total of \$8808.00.

In 2013, National Grid cost was \$11,000.00, an overhead door repair was \$718.00 and the first delivery of propane in the amount of \$1,730.00. The total for 2013 was \$18,000.00.

In 2014 both Highway Garages had expenses. National Grid was \$12,000.00, the phone had increased \$400.00, Waste Management increased \$300.00, Verizon Wireless increased \$300.00, water had increased \$72.00, fire extinguisher service increased \$200.00 and \$12,000.00 in propane. Office furniture and a refrigerator were purchased for the new Highway Garage for \$3,700.00.

In 2015 it is anticipated Waste Management approximately \$1,000.00, Cornerstone has dropped to approximately \$830.00, National Grid approximately \$8,000.00, Verizon Wireless is up to \$1,100.00, water for Dix Avenue location, the purchase of fire extinguishers for the new Highway Garage, overhead garage door repair of \$559.00. Councilman Bromley questioned the repair of the overhead garage door. Superintendent of Highways, Michael Graham explained the warranty had expired and 3 to 4 sensors would not work and 2 to 3 of the motors had to be re-calibrated with a laptop computer because they would not work. In addition there are always repairs to the waste oil furnace of approximately \$200.00 and propane is estimated at \$12,000.00.

In the Preliminary Budget for 2016 an additional \$12,000.00 is estimated for a pole barn; bringing the total to \$36,000.00.

Superintendent of Highways, Michael Graham reported the screen will be leaving tomorrow; with 6,000 to 6,500 yards of sand being screened and approximately 3,500 yards of gravel. Approximately 4,500 yards of sand were trucked to the highway garage with about 1,000 yards leftover. The highway crew is working on a planter in the front of the garage, with a flag, a sign and an old grader, donated by Peckham's. The work is complete on Water Superintendent James Chase's truck. The next rainy day the guys will be putting on plow frames. A discussion followed about the purchase of a new loader.

Jonathan Newell of the Hudson River Music Hall asked what the date of the last official meeting of the Town Board would be at their current location. Councilman Bromley responded the hope is January 1, 2016. Newell reported they were keeping busy with a lot of meetings with good progress. Newell has received requests for bookings. Newell is also working with a professional fund-raiser, and will hire a grant writer. Newell explained that some grants and pledges will not be available until Hudson River Music Hall owns the building.

Supervisor Lindsay had been informed by Comptroller Mary Ordway there was a problem with payroll. Ordway had a conversation with Tax Collector Cynthia Bardin about the Deputies not taking a full 30 minute lunch. Bardin explained that it had occurred during a busy collection week. A discussion followed; Bardin agreed the problem would be resolved for the next tax collection in January.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk