

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on at January 16, 2018 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dana Hogan, Supervisor Richard Doyle, Councilman Henry Freebern, Councilman William Haessly, Councilman Dan Washburn, Councilman
OTHERS PRESENT	Colleen Adamec, Sole Assessor Michael Keenan, Town Justice Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer

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

The minutes of the December 18, 2017 Board Meeting and the January 2, 2018 Organizational Meeting were accepted as submitted by Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Freebern and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to enter into executive session at 7:02 pm to discuss the appointment of a particular person at the request of Town Justice, Michael Keenan.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Freebern and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to exit the executive session at 7:08 pm.

Supervisor Hogan opened a discussion concerning tax exemptions for qualified solar structures in the Town of Kingsbury. The Town passed a Local Law in 2014 to grant real property tax exemptions for qualified solar structures. Supervisor Hogan stated the County and School District had opted out of granting the exemption. He is concerned about the long term impact of the fact that neighboring towns have opted out of granting the exemption which has increased the desire for solar structures to be located in the Town of Kingsbury. The discussion continued with Sole Assessor Colleen Adamec and Attorney Jeffrey Meyer explaining the details of the exemption and answering any questions from the Supervisor and Councilmen. After discussion Supervisor appointed Councilman Doyle and Councilman Haessly to a committee to consider the equity, the taxation, the PILOTS and the long-term impact of solar energy structures in the Town of Kingsbury. Attorney Meyer will prepare a moratorium on the construction of solar structures for the next Board Meeting to be conducted on February 5, 2018 and send a letter to Cypress Creek Renewables, who intends to construct a solar energy system on Aviator Way, to negotiate a PILOT payment.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes for recently appointed part time Deputy Justice Court Clerk, Sherry Ostrander, to be paid \$18.00 per hour for no more than 25 hours per week and retro-active pay at that rate, for the hours worked since her appointment in December 2017 as per the request from Justice Keenan.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Town Clerk submitted the following report:

TO: Supervisor Hogan  
Councilman: Doyle, Freebern, Haessly & Washburn  
FROM: Tax Collector: Cynthia A. Bardin  
SUBJECT: 2018 County/Town Tax Collection  
DATE: January 16, 2018  
Bank Interest for December - \$.53  
Return Check Fees 20.00  
Total Paid to Supervisor: \$970,014.38

Town Clerk reported many taxpayers elected to pay their 2018 County/Town taxes early and approximately \$100,000.00 was collected before January 1, 2018. Supervisor Hogan reported there were 4 or 5 cars in the parking lot at 3:30 pm on December 29, 2017; the office had closed at noon for the holiday. Town Clerk stated she returned to the office on December 30, 2017 to check messages for anyone wishing to pay their taxes early. Tax payments post marked no later than December 31, 2017 would be accepted as an early payment.

DOG CONTROL REPORT:

Todd Humiston reported he will meet with Attorney Stockwell on January 25, 2018 to prepare a draft to update the current Town Code pertaining to dogs.

Humiston reported while he was ill it was not necessary to contact his back-up Michael Hayes because it is a slow time of year. The Hudson Falls Police covered a couple of calls and the SPCA volunteered to cover if necessary. Supervisor asked if the late night police calls had ended. Humiston stated they had ended and thanked Supervisor Hogan. Supervisor Hogan said Sheriff Murphy had corrected the situation.

Councilman Freebern asked if the Planning Board Meeting Agenda scheduled for January 17, 2018, included a plan for a new mill to be put up near RWS. Attorney Meyer stated it would be a hammer mill which would reduce the size of the shavings. A discussion followed.

Supervisor Hogan reported on the significant changes at the County; there is a new Budget Officer, a new Vice Chairman and Chairman Henke was re-appointed to another 1 year term. Supervisor Hogan has been named Chairman of the Government Operations Committee and serves on 6 committees. There is also a new committee, the IT Committee.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the written reports of certain officers for the month of December 2017 as follows:

Code Enforcement: No. Permits 2; Variances 4; Research Fees 1; Site Plan 1; Total Fees: \$1,125.00  
Dog Control Officer: Complaints/Calls 37; Seizures 3; Bites Investigated 1; Dangerous Dogs 1; Mileage 240 with 16 to Fort Edward & 96 to Fort Ann  
Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$37.79; Paid to Supervisor \$2,872.66; Paid to NYS Dept. of Health \$90.00; State Share of Bingo \$427.50; State Share of Games of Chance \$15.00; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$10.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$80.00  
Assessor: Transfers from 1988 – 2017

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A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to enter into executive session at 8:18 pm to discuss pending enforcement actions.

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to exit the executive session at 8:55 pm.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of ayes to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk