

March 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on March 18, 2024, at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deputy Supervisor Dan Washburn
Sean Akins, Councilman
William Haessly, Councilman
James Lindsay, Councilman

ABSENT:

Supervisor Hogan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent
Todd Humiston, Dog Control & Code Enforcement Officer
Mike LaRose, Highway Employee
Mason Leonard, Town Resident

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

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2024, Town Board Meeting with a correction as requested from Councilman Haessly as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Deputy Supervisor Washburn opened the bids for the two trucks for the Highway Garage. The first bid was from Nemer Ford in the amount of \$48,915.00 for each truck; the truck is green; two available. The second bid was from Warren Ford. The bid was \$56,072.00 with cloth seats and flaps, \$54,112.00 with vinyl seats and flaps. Options a,b,c; swap vinyl seats for cloth \$1,800.00, add molded mud flaps \$160.00, delivery with 7 days of award. The last bid is from Autosaver for \$51,445.00. Highway Supervisor Graham will review the documents and the bid will be awarded at the next Board Meeting on April 1, 2024.

Deputy Supervisor Washburn opened the bids for gravel crushing. The bid from Warren Fane was \$8.50 per cubic yard. The bid from Jenkinville Sand & Gravel was \$9.60 per yard. Highway Superintendent Graham will review the documents and the bid will be awarded at the next Board Meeting on April 1, 2024.

Paul Bromley reached out to the Town Board requesting an increase in the reimbursement for the mowing of Kingsbury Cemetery. The mowers they were using are no longer doing it, the costs have gone up substantially; approximately \$100.00 more per mowing and the mowing is done about 10 times a year. A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to increase the amount of reimbursement from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. There is currently \$8,700.00 in the cemetery fund available.

Councilman Lindsay reported there were 4 applicants for the Highway Superintendent position; two of the applicants did not reside in Kingsbury. Deputy Supervisor Washburn announced Highway Superintendent Michael Graham has hired Mason Leonard for the Deputy Highway Superintendent position. Superintendent Graham stated when he files his resignation letter Mason will then be

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appointed as Highway Superintendent. Mike will remain for a few weeks until he resigns. Mason will have to run in the election in November.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Local 1 and Local Law 2 of 2024 have been filed with the Secretary of State of New York. A notice for Local Law 2 amending the Park Industrial /Commercial Zoning District will be published on March 19, 2024.

Paige Zahaba is attending a Planning/Zoning Workshop at the Washington County Municipal Center. A request for a streetlight on the corner of Maynard has been received from Nine Bromley and Gary Mumblo. Nine has contacted National Grid and National Grid will contact the Town Clerk. Highway Superintendent Graham stated a Planning Department will come out and give a quote on the price of the streetlight.

CODE ENFORCEMENT & DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes granting permission for Enforcement Officers Humiston and Cortese to attend the Capital District Code Enforcement Training on April 19th in Albany. The cost is \$35 each; the money is in his budget.

There are water issues in the Quarry Circle development. Todd is working with the developer of the apartment complex to determine if the project is causing issues or if it is pre-existing.

Many complaints are coming in from residents.

Todd will be out of state a couple of times in April.

The Ag & Markets annual inspection has passed, the Town is set for another year.

Highway Superintendent Graham reported a resident put up a fence a year ago and has recently moved the fence closer to the road which has caused traffic issues on Seventh Avenue and Broad Streets. A letter will be sent to the resident from Code Enforcement.

Deputy Supervisor asked Humiston if he would have coverage when he was out of the state. Humiston explained the Fort Ann Dog Control officer would cover for him and Ross will cover the Code Enforcement Office.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Michael Graham congratulated Mason Leonard on his appointment to replace him as Highway Superintendent upon his resignation in April.

Graham requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Haessly attended the annual banquet for the American legion. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Supervisor Hogan for what he has done for the American legion. A plaque was also presented to the Town Board for their support in the paving of the American Legion parking lot.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

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

Code Enforcement Officer: No. Permits 3; Fire Inspections 6; Building Inspections 9; Total Fees \$893.00

Dog Control Officer: Complaints 2; Seizures 2; Tickets 2; Mileage 59,294

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$68.03; Paid to Supervisor \$4,356.75; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$200.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$95.00; Paid to the Department of Health \$67.50

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$195,257.39; Disbursements \$319,845.80

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There was no Public Comment.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to enter into an executive session at 6:53 pm to discuss a personnel matter. No action is anticipated. Highway Superintendent Graham was invited to attend.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and to exit the executive session at 7:18 pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk