

April 18, 2022, Town Board Minutes

The Second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on April 18, 2022, at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Richard Doyle, Councilman
William Haessly, Councilman
James Lindsay, Councilman

ABSENT: Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Pomainville, Comptroller
Todd Humiston, Enforcement & Dog Control Officer
Town Residents, Janet Curley, Agnes Kearon, Bonnie Fuller

The Town of Kingsbury Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Hogan and opened for order of business with the flag salute by led by Supervisor Hogan.

The minutes of the April 4, 2022, Town Board minutes were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by vote of 4 ayes.

Todd Humiston began the discussion on the topic of **Amendments to the Zoning Law**. Todd added notes and comments to the current law in a word document for the Boards consideration. He would like all Board members to review and supply additional input by adding additional notes or deletions. There is a letter from one of the individuals that is a current owner of property in the park that would like the Board to consider adding commercial indoor recreational facility to the zoning in the IDA park, which Todd would support as it is an effective use for the area and not detrimental. Todd spoke to the IDA they did not have any issues with it or authority to make that change, it would be a Board decision. The Board and group further discussed definition of cluster developments, open space, woods, usable space, signs, sign ordinance, sign size, electronic signage, lumens, sign images, RA1A zone, public housing, limiting of where public housing, units, multi dwelling units, can be located, water sewer requirements, setbacks, law for variance, possible zoning changes, commercial/residential/industrial districts, timeframes for permit recommendations/completion of 5 years with the possibility of an extension or voided approval, law for variances/buffer zones, spot zoning, agricultural zoning and preservation of farm land, recommendations may come from the comprehensive plan, marijuana dispensaries & limitations, hardship definition, protection of current property owners, infrastructure changes, penalties, all to be discussed further and agreed upon by the Board.

There was a brief discussion about a **Scheduled Workshop for Spending of ARPA Funds**. The report is to be completed by the end of April. Rebecca Pomainville would be working on the report tomorrow. Supervisor Hogan said we would table this, wait for a full Board prior to moving forward with a comprehensive discussion with parameters to spend the ARPA funds. There will be a future workshop/public meeting scheduled and posted on the Town's website. There was some group conversation regarding what project the money could and/or could not be used for.

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Appointment of Planning/Zoning Clerk. Rebecca Pomainville announced that we received interest from Allie Weaver that she would like to be considered by the Town Board to take on the part time position for Secretary to Planning/Zoning Board. Pay is \$15.00 per hour with a minimum of 3 hours allotment for meeting nights. She would like to work in the evening at the Town Hall after hours. Councilman Haessly made a **motion** to appoint Allie Weaver as Secretary to the Town of Kingsbury Planning/Zoning Board, seconded by Councilman Lindsay. The Board voted and carried with 4 ayes, non-opposed.

RFP for paving of Court Parking lot. Rebecca Pomainville spoke and said our attorney suggested a secure performance bond for the project to protect the Town. The Board agreed with Attorney Meyer's suggestion for a performance bond. If the responses are inadequate, the RFP can be redone without the bond stipulation. Rebecca will put the bid out starting April 19, 2022, with a response due by our next Board meeting May 2, 2022. Due to the project being a small job there might be a problem getting bids from some contractors. We would always have the option to reject bids. The Board discussed the idea of doing the project using Town employees, but our equipment is too large for such a small site. Prep work is complete.

Reports:

Councilman Doyle announced the next Public Comprehensive Master plan meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:30 P.M. at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls, N.Y. We are looking for projects to be included in the plan and in line with future development. There was a conversation questioned if sidewalks/water tower could be included. Rick suggested sending him an email with suggested projects so they can be part of the discussion and conclusion to the Master plan.

Supervisor Hogan opened a discussion on the Champlain Hudson project approved by the PSC. A power line coming down from Quebec to New York City, it is a green initiative project. There will be a large PILOT payment. This is PSC approved construction and will be moving forward. A resident asked what is TDI? It is Transmission Development Initiative. Dana explained where the tower lines would lay and comes with a significant benefit being paid to the communities, Towns, and schools for 30 years, with little impact to the Town of Kingsbury. The PILOT expires after 30 years and will become taxable income.

Supervisor Hogan announced the parking permit issue with the Village is resolved. A check was delivered last week. The court is sending a monthly report to the State Comptroller.

Written Reports:

Councilman Doyle made a **motion** seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the written reports of certain officers for the month of March 2022 and 2021 Justice Court reports as follows:

Town Clerk: Paid to Encon \$1,320.60, Paid to Supervisor \$5,926.57.

State Share of BINGO 0; State Share of Games of Chance 0.

Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$520.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$168.00.

Code Enforcement Officer: No. Permits 9; Fire Inspections 14; Total fees \$2,237.20.

Dog Control: Complaints/Calls 8; Seizures 1; Tickets 6;

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Written Warning 1; Verbal Warning 1; Mileage \$52,931.

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$104,245.54; Disbursements \$172,206.70.

Town Justice: Fees collected	<u>August 2021</u>	<u>\$3,656.75</u>
	<u>September 2021</u>	<u>\$3,146.50</u>
	<u>October 2021</u>	<u>\$4,419.00</u>
	<u>November 2021</u>	<u>\$4,177.00</u>
	<u>December 2021</u>	<u>\$3,571.00</u>

Public Comments:

A resident asked about loose dogs, who do you call. Dog Control. Advised to call Town Clerk 518-747-2188 ex 3001, after hours call the Police. There is a Facebook page Town of Kingsbury Dog Control.

Resident asked about a dog park. Advised Sutherlands has a dog park. It is privately owned by in the Town of Kingsbury and open to the public.

Resident asked about laws for caring for dogs regarding her neighbor who has killer dogs in the basement. This would be a police issue.

Resident says she walks around the Village of Hudson Falls and sees lots of abandoned buildings with signs closed Town of Kingsbury. Signs are old, Village and Town use to work together but no longer.

Resident questioned how many code Enforcers we have. We have a part time and a full time. Village has had a couple, one retired recently.

Resident questioned fencing laws. There are no fencing laws in the Town of Kingsbury.

Resident questioned permits as she lives in the village but pays both Village and Town taxes. You apply for a permit in the Village if your home is physically located in the Village. Village has their own codes to be followed if you live within the Village.

A **motion** was made to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:25 p.m. by Councilman Haessly and seconded by Councilman Lindsay.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Town Clerk
Irene Weizenhofer

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