

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on May 6, 2019 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor  
Richard Doyle, Councilman  
William Haessly, Councilman  
Dan Washburn, Councilman  
ABSENT: Hank Freebern, Councilman  
OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Humiston, Enforcement Officer & Dog Control Officer  
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent  
Mary Ordway, Town Comptroller  
Dave Russell, Fish & Game Club  
Jolene & Jerry Caruso, Patty Nicolls, Jeff Zappieri, Town Residents

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.

Councilman Haessly would like to clarify for the record he did not recommend a four-year appointment for the comptroller position in the Board Meeting conducted on April 15, 2019. A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2019 Board Meeting and the Special Meeting conducted on April 22, 2019 as submitted by Town Clerk with an amendment to the April 15, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.

Supervisor Hogan stated the first item on the agenda is to get a motion to advertise for bids for a cleaning service for the Town Hall. At this time Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer and newly appointed Enforcement Officer performs the cleaning service. Supervisor Hogan stated now that Mr. Humiston is the Enforcement Officer it will push him over the allowable hours per week. Comptroller Mary Ordway stated it will not push him over because he is not an hourly employee. Comptroller Ordway stated when we first moved into 6 Michigan Street, we did go out to bid and North Country Janitorial came in with a \$50.00 weekly charge; which is about half of what the Town pays now and suggests the Town go out to bid for the service. A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes for the Town to seek bids for a cleaning service for Town Hall.

Councilman Doyle requests an executive session to discuss the hiring and appointment of a new comptroller.

#### DOG CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

Todd Humiston stated he is learning as much as he can in his recent appointment to Enforcement Officer before the retirement of Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese. Mr. Humiston has requested dates for training.

#### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Michael Graham reported the highway paving is complete.

Mr. Graham would like to recognize local citizens that have cleaned along County Line Road and Casey Road for the last three years as follows:

Dan & Kelly Turcotte  
Ian, Amber and Hunter McNally  
Sean, Farrah, Nolan & Emerick Fogg

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Christie Gardnier  
Mark Turcotte  
John McDougal  
Nate Vaughn  
Don, Dave & Carson Gimbel  
Daryl, Sherie & Sarah Ann Burdick

**COUNCILMAN REPORT:**

Councilman Haessly received a quote in the amount of \$165.00 to scan documents received from the Washington County Sewer Board. Fifty-five drawings will be scanned to a thumb drive in a pdf file. Councilman Doyle suggested that Washington County Real Property could scan the maps; Supervisor Hogan will check with Real Property Director Laura Chadwick to see if this is possible.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the reports of certain officers for the month of April:

Code Enforcement: No. Permits 1; Variances 1; Site Plan Fees 1; Total Fees Collected \$550.00

Dog Control: Complaints/Calls 30; Seizures 4; Unlicensed Dogs 8; Bites Investigated 1; Mileage 494 with 48 charged to Fort Edward, 166 charged to Fort Ann

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$1,120.31; Paid to Supervisor \$3,064.65; Paid to NYS Dept. of Health \$225.00; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$130.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$125.00

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jolene and Jerry Caruso commented what a great job had been done with the cleaning of the sides of Casey Road.

Patty Nicolls asked if there had been any discussion about Kingsbury being involved with Front Porch. Supervisor Hogan responded he has not. Supervisor Hogan stated the organization is called Front Porch Forum and they currently serve every community in Vermont. There is no fee for the service they provide; it is a social forum and currently Argyle and Cambridge are using the forum. Community members can share information about lost dogs, sharing of equipment, events in the community, etc. The discussion will be continued at a later time.

Dave Russell stated the clean-up on County Line and Casey Road would be a good news story, in the Post-Star or Chronicle to let people know what you can do for your community. Supervisor Hogan will reach out to Gwen Craig of the Post-Star.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to enter into an executive session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the hiring/appointment of a comptroller due to the retirement of Comptroller Ordway. Comptroller Ordway was asked to attend the executive session.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to exit the executive session 7:45 pm.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk

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