

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on July 2, 2018 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: Henry Freebern
OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer
Jolene & Jerry Caruso

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 Haessly.

The minutes of the June 18, 2018 Town Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk on a **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes.

Supervisor Hogan announced the first item on the agenda was to schedule a mandatory Sexual Harassment Training for employees and representatives of the Town as required by NYMIR who carries the insurance for the Town. After discussion it was decided the scheduling will be tabled until the next Board Meeting.

The Board discussed the local law imposing a limited large scale solar energy generating facility land use moratorium. The second and final one month extension of the moratorium will expire on July 20, 2018. Councilman Doyle stated he is ready to let the moratorium end. Attorney Meyer is drafting a Local Law to set the exemption as a percentage of the initial assessed value. Councilman Doyle explained the exemption basically gives the solar energy generating facilities an approximate 32% break in taxes over the first 15 years.

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

Town Clerk for June: Paid to EnCon \$522.96; Paid to Supervisor \$2,263.21; Paid to NYS Dept. of Health 90.00\$; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$164.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control 130.00
Town Justice for May; Fees Collected: \$17,485.50

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

The Town Clerk has received receipt confirmations from Chazen Engineering and MJ Engineering for the RFQ's to assist the Towns of Kingsbury and Fort Edward in the planning of sewer expansion.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER REPORT:

Todd Humiston reported he recently picked up a dog during a police arrest. NYS Ag & Markets law states if a dog is not licensed when picked up and not redeemed, the dog can be put up for adoption after a period of days. If a dog is licensed and not redeemed the dog cannot be put up for adoption. Humiston is concerned the Town may have to go through a bond hearing process where the Town would incur attorney expenses. Humiston is waiting for a draft of a Local Law to remedy the situation. Supervisor Hogan will contact Attorney Stockwell to check on the status of the proposed Local Law.

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Humiston sent a letter to Senator Betty Little and Congressman Carrie Woerner seeking a grant to help with the cost of the Dog Safety Program. Humiston was referred to Cornell which does not have a grant available. The Dog Safety Program has grown from one presentation in 2015 for 20 students to thirteen presentations for 540 students this spring. The program was a success and the Department of Ag Markets asked Humiston to speak at their annual conference to show his methods to other dog control officers across the state. Recently Gwendolyn Craig of the Post Star attended a Town Board Meeting and wrote an article about Humiston's successful program which resulted in the following: News 10 conducted an interview in the park, News Channel 13 in Elmira picked up the story in Cornell, a veterinary magazine out of New Jersey ran a story about it and he received a Bravo from the Post Star. Supervisor Hogan stated dog bites are down 20% in our area. Humiston addressed the issue of injured cats in the Town of Kingsbury. At this time there is no procedure in place for cats that are injured. A discussion followed; the Board decided not to take action on this issue.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes for Supervisor Hogan to sign a letter of support for the MS4 Mapping and Enhanced Pollution Reduction grant application.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Supervisor Hogan received a request from Summer School Principal April Struwing for crossing guards for the month of July; a **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to approve the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jerry Caruso asked if the assessments for the Cypress Creek Renewables facility will be based on production or the actual facility. Councilman Doyle responded he believes it is based on a discounted cash flow method. The land value is still there and will be taxed the same.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:33P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk