

August 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The first regular meeting was conducted on August 5, 2024, at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Sean Akins, Deputy Supervisor
William Haessly, Councilman
James Lindsay, Councilman
Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mason Leonard, Highway Superintendent
Paige Zahaba, Deputy Town Clerk
Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney
Highway Employees: Herb Strong, Mike LaRose, Jacob Rich

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hogan at 6:30 pm and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Haessly.

The minutes of the July 16, 2024, were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Akins seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes authorizing Supervisor Hogan to sign the Health Insurance Agreement with CDPHP.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term:

Brian Heasley – from an alternate to full time

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to re-appoint the following to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5-year term:

Scott Winchell

The Code Enforcement Officer stated there is an open position for an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A **motion** by Councilman Akins seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes for the following budget transfer:

TOWN OF KINGSBURY BUDGET TRANSFER: AUGUST 5, 2024 MEETING

HWY/PT	FROM:	CHIPS – PERSONAL SERVICES	4.5112.1	\$11,212.90
		CHIPS EQUIPMENT	4.5112.2	\$ 68,000.00
	TO:	GENERAL REPAIRS	4.5110.1	\$79,212.90
	PURPOSE:	ANTICIPATED PAYROLL NEEDS THROUGH YEAR END		

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes giving permission for Judge Anthony White to attend the New York Magistrates Association’s 2024 Annual

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Conference from September 22, 2024 – September 25, 2024. Currently he has \$1,300.00 in his budget for supplies and services; the conference will cost \$850.00 with registration, hotel, and mileage.

Attorney Meyer reported every few years the closed landfill requires a report with the DEC to make sure the Town is not actively destroying or contaminating the former spill site. There have been no changes in the uses and the Town has not touched it.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes authorizing Supervisor Hogan to sign the Property Owner Survey for Site Management Periodic Review indicating the Town of Kingsbury has taken no action with the Kingsbury Landfill.

LEGAL UPDATE: Attorney Meyer has no legal update.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Hunting License sales started last Thursday. There has been a major change, the licenses will be printed on plain paper instead of the Valeron. The state may add a fee that would go to the Town to cover the cost of paper and ink.

School tax bill requests have started to arrive.

In September there are 622 dog licenses to be renewed. The Senior Center received a \$15,000.00 grant to be used to increase Senior Programming.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mason is working on bids for mowing tractors; the tractor they use is old and is worked on more than it is running.

The newest truck they have is a 2014 and the oldest is 1995; they need to start getting bids on new trucks. At this time, they are 18 to 24 months out; it would be 2026 before they could be delivered. He is putting together specs and sending them to vendors.

The Town of Salem has a large Volvo dump truck, the Town has a Bobcat skid-steer that has been used once since he has been here. The truck is not in perfect shape, but it runs and is solid. He would like to swap the skid steer for the truck. The truck is worth a little more than the skid steer, but they are willing to swap even with the Town.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to deem the skid steer as surplus.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to authorize the transfer of ownership of the skid steer to the Town of Salem in exchange for their Volvo dump truck. They are of equal value.

Mason asked about the water agreement with other municipalities. Attorney Meyer needs to follow up. Mason also requests an executive session.

COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Haessly asked what the Town had left for ARPA Funds. Supervisor Hogan responded the Town has approximately \$101,000.00. Councilman Haessly asked if the Town had any ways of utilizing the money that would benefit the Town. Supervisor Hogan said yes, Rebecca is checking to see if they can utilize the funds for a new mower and we could also make a contribution to the Senior Center.

Councilman Haessly spoke to Mason about using liquid brine on the roads and asked if he had gotten any prices. Mason stated he did receive quotes but has not looked at them in detail because he has been working on the mowing quotes. Brine is not a priority. If we could spend the money on a tractor that would be great; but if we can't and we can use it for something else a brine tank would be something to look into. Councilman Haessly asked how much the brine tank would cost. Mason responded you could

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spend \$30,000 to \$50,000. There would be no cost for the brine, they would get the brine from the County and the Town would give them salt.

Councilman Haessly thinks it would be a good idea to switch to brine and use less sand.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The Town finally received a \$250,000 reimbursement from NYS for the Burgoyne Waterline Extension.

Supervisor Hogan stated anyone involved in the highway barn construction, Councilman Lindsay, retired Councilman Paul Bromley and others saved the Town a lot of money at the cost of \$1.8 million. Today it costs a million dollars for one bay.

Supervisor Hogan attended the rally for the support of Great Meadow Correctional Facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There is no public comment.

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to enter into an executive session at 6:56 pm to discuss a personnel issue.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to exit the executive session at 7:21 pm.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to create a water operator/heavy equipment operator position in the Highway Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk