

October 3, 2022 Town Board Meeting

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on October 3, 2022, at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor  
Richard Doyle, Deputy Supervisor  
William Haessly, Councilman  
James Lindsay, Councilman  
Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Pomainville, Comptroller  
Todd Humiston, Dog Control & Code Enforcement Officer  
Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney  
Jeffrey Zappieri, Town Resident

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Hogan at 6:32 pm and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Haessly.

The minutes of the September 19, 2022, Town Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

The Comptroller reported the tax cap limit for the Tentative 2023 Budget is \$1, 812,404.00. It is proposed the tax levy will be approximately \$6,000.00 under the tax cap limit. She recommends that \$128,000.00 is used from the General Fund Part-Town which is excess revenue received this year from two large building permits that was not budgeted. Also using \$203,000.00 from the Highway Fund Part Town where reduced spending had increased the fund balance.

The Board was provided with a fund balance report from 2017 to 2021 with an estimate for 2022. There has been a steady decline of fund balance from 2017 – 2020, it went up in 2021 and anticipate it going up in 2022. The Hose Company is requesting \$125,000.00 in addition to their contracted rate to purchase a new fire truck. They would like the Town to use ARPA funds and allocate part of the grant to make the purchase. The Comptroller has requested from the Fire Department copies of their tax returns to compare what they show in their budgets; she has not received any copies since 2018.

The Comptroller would like to schedule the Public Hearing for the Preliminary Budget on October 17, 2022, and then adopt the Budget on November 7, 2022.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to schedule a Public Hearing for the Fire District Contract and the 2023 Budget at the next Town Board Meeting on October 17, 2022.

The Board will conduct a Budget Workshop on October 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

#### LEGAL UPDATE:

Ross Cortese told the Town Attorney that the update of the Uniform Code requires some revisions to the Town's Local Laws as it relates to administration and enforcement. In the future there will be a Local Law to handle the amendments.

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TOWN CLERK REPORT:

The Moss Street Committee will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall.

COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Doyle reported a meeting was conducted to discuss the transition zoning; a compromise was reached which will be incorporated into the Master Comprehensive Plan. He has not received an update from Laberge for the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Councilman Haessly suggested the Board repeal the Chapter 136, the firearms law due to a new law the State has passed. After discussion the Board opted not to repeal the current firearms law. The Board discussed the cannabis law; the Board has opted out due to the vague guidelines by the State; but will consider it in the planning of the Master Comprehensive Plan.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The Highway Superintendent reported he had received a resignation.

Supervisor has made a call and sent an email to Laberge with no response or update. On October 5<sup>th</sup> there is a working meeting scheduled with the Department of State to discuss the next steps in the process in terms of grants.

The Comptroller reported an easement is not necessary for the Burgoyne Avenue Waterline Extension; the State DOT does not grant easements the Town can do a work permit. Nothing can move forward until Highway Superintendent Graham gets a work permit.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk