

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was held on November 9, 2015 at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 210 Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James T. Lindsay, Supervisor
Paul Bromley, Councilman
William Collins, Councilman
Richard Doyle, Councilman
Henry Freebern, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Ross Cortese, Code Enforcement Officer
Michael Graham, Superintendent of Highways
James Chase, Water Superintendent
Dana Hogan, Supervisor Elect
Bill Toscano, The Post-Star Reporter
Lisa Ringer, Village Court Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lindsay at 7 p.m. and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Doyle.

The minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Councilman Doyle reported on the progress of the water rate study. At the last meeting held the committee discussed Section 270.7, the establishment of rents, penalties and minimum charges. The committee also standardized the definition of what shall be considered residential. An annual usage amount was set for the Industrial Park. Businesses using under 40,000 gallons per year will be charged residential rates the following year. A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to schedule a public hearing for a Local Law amending Chapter 270 Water of the Code of the Town of Kingsbury.

Councilman Bromley reported on the progress of 6 Michigan Street. The application of the spray foam insulation should be complete by the end of the week. Superintendent Graham has paved the front parking lot and the handicap ramps are in the process of having concrete poured. Once the spray foam is complete they will start putting siding on the Court House. The windows will be upgraded due to the existing brick and ordered tomorrow. The back entrance to the cellar way was not included in the quote for the supply and application of spray foam. Bromley received a quote for an additional \$650.00 to spray foam the cellar way. Bromley is also getting pricing on smoke alarms from Mahoney Notifier and New York Fire & Signal. He reported panic buttons will be installed for security purposes: two in the Town Clerk Office and also two in the Court Room. Also installed will be fire light strobes, CO2 and smoke alarms. The doors will be upgraded to a commercial door versus a light commercial/residential door, they will hold up much better. Gutters will also be installed. The sewer line has been installed. Supervisor Lindsay commented there is plenty of storage in the basement under the Court Room. Lindsay also stated there will be a great traffic flow with a sidewalk in the front of Town Hall with a sign directing people to the Court Room. Anyone entering the Court Room will not have to go into Town Hall.

Supervisor Lindsay reported the Town of Kingsbury partnered with The Agricultural Stewardship Association on the Deep Roots Holsteins conservation easement. The Deep Roots Holsteins Farm is located on Hendee Road and owned by Donna and Albert Marns. The Town does not have any financial involvement. This is a farmland conservation project where approximately 300 acres will be conserved

as farmland. The easement successfully closed on October 21, 2015. The State has initiated the disbursement project to transfer funds to the Town in the amount of \$469,237.00 for the project, which are expected to arrive in 3 to 4 weeks. The funds will be used to satisfy a bridge loan secured by ASA in the amount of \$383,073.00 for the state's portion of the easement purchase prices and also to reimburse the ASA for transaction and project management costs totaling \$86,164.00.

The Board received a report on the 2015-16 Hudson Falls School Tax Collection from the Town Clerk:

TO: Supervisor Lindsay
Councilman Bromley, Collins, Doyle, Freebern

FROM: Town Clerk, Cynthia A. Bardin

SUBJECT: HFCS Tax Collection

Date: November 9, 2015

Paid to the Town of Kingsbury penalties collected	\$8,212.16
Bank interest paid to Town	\$66.62
Return check fee paid to Town	\$20.00
Total	\$8,298.78
Paid to Tax Deputy's	\$4,457.83
Total to Town	\$3,840.95

Supervisor Lindsay reported a budget amendment was necessary. The Town has borrowed \$300,000.00 for the renovation and construction project at 6 Michigan Street. A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes for the following budget amendment:

TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 2015
BUDGET AMENDMENT

INCREASE REVENUES

PROCEEDS OF STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND	1.5720	300,000.00
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INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS

BUILDINGS CONTR.	1620.4	300,000.00
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Supervisor Lindsay will schedule a meeting with Mayor John Barton to discuss the possibility to continue the agreement in sharing Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese. As of June 1, 2015 Cortese is scheduled to become full-time as Code Enforcement Officer with the Village. Mayor Barton is interested in what the Washington County Code Enforcement Office has to offer.

Supervisor reported Judge Michael Keenan is preparing a proposal for the Board on how he could operate the Town Court after the Village dissolves their Court. At this time the Board is considering a single judge.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Bromley to accept the reports of certain officers for the month of September:

Code Enforcement Officer: No report available at this time

Dog Control Officer: Complaints/Calls: 29; Seizures: 8; Unlicensed Dogs: 8; Summons Issued: 3; Bites Investigated: 6; Mileage: 559 with 74 charged to Fort Edward & 210 charged to Fort Ann

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon: \$8,917.53; Paid to Supervisor: \$9,586.06; Paid to NYS Dept. of Health \$225.00; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls: \$120.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control: \$236.00

Town Comptroller: Receipts: \$459,474.42; Disbursements: \$493,987.75

Town Justice: Fees Collected: \$9,222.00

A **motion** by Councilman Freebern seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to purchase a new loader at \$17,755.00.

Superintendent of Highways Michael Graham reported paving was completed at BOCES, the new Town Hall, the Senior Center and a portion of New Swamp Road.

Supervisor Lindsay spoke with Dennis Kelly. Mr. Kelly has had many issues with noise from Royal Wood Shavings. Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese reported that Mr. Kelly stated there has been a big improvement.

Supervisor Lindsay congratulated Supervisor-Elect Dana Hogan on his recent win in the Election.

Supervisor Lindsay stated the County is conducting a Budget Workshop on Thursday. The budget will have a 1.5% increase, with 2% of the total levy going towards blacktopping roads.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk

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