

May 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on May 20, 2024, at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Paige Zahaba, Deputy Town Clerk
Mason Leonard, Highway Superintendent
Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney
Michael Graham, Former Highway Superintendent
Attorney Larry Paltrowitz

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

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsey seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2024, Town Board Meeting as submitted by the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Hogan read the following to thank former Highway Superintendent Michael Graham for his service to the Town as follows:

**PROCLAMATION FROM THE TOWN OF KINGSBURY
IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL GRAHAM
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO
THE TOWN OF KINGSBURY**

Whereas, Michael Graham has served the Town of Kingsbury since November 14, 2009

In his position of Superintendent of Highways, and

Whereas, Michael Graham will resign from his position effective April 19, 2024; and

Whereas, Michael Graham devoted years to our community with enthusiasm; and

Now, therefore express our deep appreciation and thanks to Michael Graham for his services rendered and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Dana Hogan, Supervisor

Highway Superintendent Mason Leonard reported the new deadline with an updated quote for the mowing of the Moss Street Cemetery will be on Friday. The quotes will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting on June 3, 2024. A couple from Fort Ann will do a one-time mowing to prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day; but no longer wish to continue the mowing.

A **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the legal language provided by the Union Cemetery management on behalf of the Moss Street Cemetery Deed language.

Supervisor Hogan would like to have a discussion regarding the remaining ARPA Funds. He reported money has been set aside for the waterline extension from the DASNY Project. The paperwork was submitted on February 22, 2024, and the Comptroller received confirmation they had everything they needed. The Town is still waiting for a check, which is not surprising, it took a long time for the Town to receive funds for the grant received for the quick connects.

The Town Comptroller does not want to spend any additional ARPA Funds until we know for certain that we are going to receive a check for the waterline extension. The ARPA Funds must be committed to projects by the end of the year and the money must be spent by the end of 2025. At this time there is \$101,009.06 of ARPA Funds uncommitted if the money comes in for the DASNY Project.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Town Clerk received a complaint from a parent of a student about a crossing guard. The Captain of the Crossing Guards was contacted. The complaint received was not a valid complaint. The Crossing Guards have been experiencing rude comments from motorists and many motorists are breaking the speed limit.

The Town Clerk has not received an answer request for the speed limit reduction on Dean Road that was filed on November 22, 2022. She has contacted the Regional Traffic Engineer for an update.

The Town Clerk and the Town Attorney discussed an agreement that must be made with the Hudson Falls Central School for the School Tax Collection. The Town Clerk will contact the school. Attorney Meyer spoke to Larry Paltrowitz; the attorney for the school.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes granting permission for Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese and Todd Humiston to attend required training in Albany at the cost of \$35.00 per person.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Mason is seeking permission to put 2 lathes on the auction site along with the old water truck and the old Ford. A **motion** by Councilman Akins seconded by Councilman Washburn and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to deem the two lathes as surplus property.

Shane, the Water Superintendent, is requesting to take the Town water truck home because he is on call 24/7 and comes in on weekends to do water testing. Mason has no problem but is seeking the Board's permission. Councilman Lindsey asked where Shane resided. Mason responded he lives in Fort Edward.

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After researching, the Town Attorney stated he does not think the Town is currently set up for it. Mason will tell Shane there is no strong objection at this point, but the Town Policy must be reviewed.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes granting permission to Mason to attend Highway School in Ithaca, NY from June 2 – 5, 2024.

COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Haessly suggested the Town research the refrigeration in the cooling system in Town Hall due to the high cost of the gas.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

A **motion** by Councilman Lindsey seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to accept the reports of certain officers for the month of April as follows:

Code Enforcement Officer: No. Permits 8 ; Fire Inspections 2; Building Inspections 13; Total Fees \$2,315.00

Dog Control Officer: Complaints 1; Written Warning 2; Verbal Warning 1 ; Mileage 59,733

Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$217.29; Paid to Supervisor \$7,723.26; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls

\$120.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$105.00; Paid to the Department of Health \$67.50

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$258,379.83; Disbursements \$303,453.35

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There is no public comment.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to enter into an executive session at 6:52 pm to discuss pending litigation. No action is anticipated.

A **motion** by Councilman Washburn seconded by Councilman Lindsey and carried by a vote of 5 ayes to exit the executive session at 8:18 pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm with a **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk