

May 15, 2023, Town of Kingsbury Board Meeting

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on May 15, 2023, at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dana Hogan, Supervisor
Richard Doyle, Councilman
William Haessly, Councilman
James Lindsay, Councilman

ABSENT: Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Graham, Highway Superintendent
Todd Humiston, Enforcement & Dog Control
Jeff Meyer, Town Attorney

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 Doyle.

A **motion** was made to accept the minutes of the Town Board Meeting conducted on May 1, 2023, as submitted by the Town Clerk by Councilman Lindsay, and seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes, none opposed.

Dental Quotes: Supervisor Hogan spoke. Town Comptroller Rebecca Pomainville sent an email recommending accepting our current dental plan coverage with a 3.5% increase, for policy renewal. A **motion** was made by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept and renew dental policy with the current carrier, Guardian with a 3.5% increase.

Washington County Youth Bureau Resolution: Supervisor Hogan advised Town Clerk Cynthia Bardin had sent out the agreement between Washington County Youth Bureau and Town of Kingsbury. A **motion** was made by Councilman Lindsay seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried a vote of 4 ayes for the following agreement:

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU
AND
TOWN OF KINGSBURY

This AGREEMENT, made by and between the WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU, first party, and TOWN OF KINGSBURY, second party.

WHEREAS, both parties recognize the importance of County-wide youth services, and;

WHEREAS, the Youth Bureau provides planning and coordination of County-wide youth services; works with schools and other public and private agencies to coordinate services, participates in joint planning, developing programs that maximize limited staff and fiscal

resources, offers funding for promising programs, and technical assistance to agencies and individuals throughout the County; and


WHEREAS, funding shall commence January 1, 2023, and shall end September 30, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Youth Bureau and Town of Kingsbury agree as follows:

The Town of Kingsbury will provide a Recreation Program in 2023 and submit the Program Annual Report to the Youth Bureau.

The Youth Bureau will pay the Town of Kingsbury \$2,451.00 to offset expenses, contingent upon funding being approved by NYS OCFS. In the event NYS withholds a portion of the allocated funds the Town of Kingsbury agrees to return that amount to the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the agreement to be executed the dates and year herein written.


Michael J. Gray, Director

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4/27/23
Date
Washington County Youth Bureau



Dana Hogan, Supervisor

5/16/23
Date
Date

Town of Kingsbury

Hudson Falls Girls League, ARPA Funds: Todd Humiston spoke representing himself as a regular citizen of the Town of Kingsbury requesting Covid Relief funds on behalf of the Hudson Falls Girls softball, nonprofit organization affecting 120-135 families. He requested \$20,000.00 that was lost during Covid and provided all the financials. There was a group discussion and there were some questions such as what impact would this have on our Covid money? How the funds were eligible private/government? Attorney Jeff Meyers added it should be nonprofit, like libraries, mainstays of the community. Supervisor Hogan discussed previous commitments to the Fire House and the American Legion. The Strand has also made a request for funds for additional seating. The library budget was increased this year. There was a short conversation regarding ARPA, tax assessments, levy, and perception to the public. It was agreed we can't use ARPA funds for tax levies or assessments. Supervisor Hogan added that the taxes have gone down over the past six years by levy

drops. Overall, we either utilize the ARPA funds on our communities or uncommitted treasurer funds could be drawn back by the end of 2024. Hudson Falls Girls League cash flow and loan payments were questioned by Supervisor Hogan and explained by Todd Humiston. By the next Board meeting we should have 3 quotes for the American Legion. There should be approximately \$40,000.00 remaining. Supervisor Hogan and board members would like to wait a month or two to see what cost is determined with the American Legion paving project. **(See Attachment C)**

LEGAL UPDATE:

Attorney Meyer stated the materials for the Champlain Hudson Power Express are coming in; they sent a letter of credit asking for a signature, asking for land instruction for the \$10,000.00 deposit to double check the engineer as to where the line is going to be buried. They are moving fast and talking about starting soon. Supervisor Hogan commented he had received a letter indicating on May 22nd, segment 3 will be started. Attorney Meyer commented that the Comptroller should call to set up the escrow account in case a road is damaged or if the Town wants to confirm with an engineer.

COMPTROLLER REPORT:

The Comptroller should be receiving the estimates for the new website for the Town. The Comptroller also requested a 3 ½% increase for dental insurance.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Bellamy Construction has started to bring in some pipe and equipment for the Burgoyne Avenue Waterline Extension.

The street sweeping has been completed by Kingsbury Sweeping. The lowest responsible bidder delayed sweeping Kingsbury Roads due to state contracts; they will not be invited to bid next year.

Town Line Road has been paved.

The new hire is working out well. Two other employees will be retiring soon.

COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Doyle reported he had received the Goal portion of the Comprehensive Master Plan. The actual Plan will come next.

Councilman Haessly commented he did not believe the Town needed Chapter 136, the Firearms Law, due to the NYS law which supersedes the Town Law. The Board discussed the NYS Firearms Law and the Town Law for Firearms. After discussion the Board has requested that Highway Superintendent Graham check into purchasing four signs for Town properties indicating that firearms are not allowed on Town property.

SUPERVISOR REPORT:

On June 8, 2023, there will be an Enhanced Star Open House at Town Hall. Residents that qualify and are not taking advantage of the exemption will be invited. The Town Assessor is going through the list to find individuals that are not taking advantage of the Enhanced Star exemption. They will be contacted by telephone or mail; they will be assisted with the application and the paperwork. The Enhanced Star application has been extended to the end of September.

For anyone interested in the Kingsbury Memorial Day Parade it starts at 8:30 am and must be at the Village at 10:30 am; the Supervisor plans on being there.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

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A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes accepting the following reports by certain officers for the month of May 2023:

Code Enforcement Officer: No. Permits: 6; Fire Inspections 1: Total Fees \$395.00

Dog Control Officer: Complaints 1; Seizures 2; Tickets 2; Mileage 56,900

Town Clerk: Paid to Encon \$430.88; Paid to Supervisor \$3,391.09; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$190.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$123.00; NYS Department of Health \$90.00

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$93,735.89; Disbursements \$160,258.85

Town Justice: February Fees Collected: \$15,292.00; March Fees Collected: \$15,096.00

Assessor Sales

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Bardin, Town Clerk



Hudson Falls Girls' Softball League, Inc

Todd Humiston Brad Watkins Katie Watkins Sayra Dudley
President Vice President Secretary Treasurer



Re: Covid Relief Fund Request

Kingsbury Town Board,

The Hudson Falls Girls Softball League is a nonprofit organization that has been providing recreational softball opportunity to the young ladies in our community for over the past 29 years. We focus on ages twelve and under, until they are old enough to play for the school program. Because of our geographic location on school grounds of Dix Avenue in the Town of Kingsbury, the league had to follow the strict State Department of Education rules for Covid and gathering during 2020 and 2021. Those strict guidelines caused a number our girls to move to nearby local leagues thus resulting in financial loss we expect to continue for the next three to six years until they age out or return. At the start of 2020 the league had \$23,200 in our account, but due to Covid restrictions including not being able to play, or gather we came back in 2022 with only \$10,700. Even last year with a full season, our league took a financial loss of \$3,000. Some of 2022 was caused by replacements and repairs needed to unused equipment and fields, but the rest was from sponsorships and registrations being down. Our Board has plans in place to hopefully reduce if not eliminate our financial loss this season, unfortunately we understand the trickle effect Covid has caused us and it may take a few years to replace the players we have lost to other leagues and even our sponsors who don't understand we did not have a say if the league was able to operate or not.

Our organization has provided the Town with all our financials over the past three years. We have highlighted our losses in 2020-2021 totaling over \$20,000, that were directly caused due to the Covid shutdown. We request the Board consider our request to reimburse the loss highlighted in our financial reports provided in the amount of \$20,000.

We have a great group of around 10-15 board members who work hard to provide this opportunity to the girls, but truth be told with no access to the fields for two years and a depleted bank account we are struggling. Fields, fencing, dugouts and the building can all use some updating as any property that sat untouched for two years would. This also can be said for medical and player safety equipment. I know the Board understands the importance of youth sports as you already budget a large amount to a community recreation program. I will leave you with this as you think about our request. Because our organization exists the Town and Schools joint recreation program has not need to provide or fund youth softball for almost 30 years and we hope to keep it that way. We all thank you for your time and consideration on this request.

TODD M. HUMISTON
President