

The second regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on June 18, 2018 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

MEMBERS PRESENT:                   Richard Doyle, Councilman  
Henry Freebern, Councilman  
William Haessly, Councilman

ABSENT:                               Dana Hogan, Supervisor  
Dan Washburn, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT:                   Jeffrey Meyer, Town Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor Freebern and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Doyle.

The minutes of the June 4, 2018 Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by Town Clerk with a **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 3 ayes.

Deputy Supervisor Freebern reported the RFQ for the expansion of sewer for Kingsbury and Fort Edward had been published with qualifications due to the Town Clerk no later than 1 pm on July 13, 2018.

Deputy Supervisor Freebern reported there will be a Sexual Harassment Prevention Training on June 28, 2018 at the Argyle Fire House. Legislation adopted with the New York State budget requires towns to provide sexual harassment training annually. Attorney Meyer will check into the new legislation to see if it is mandatory that all employees attend. He also mentioned that Comptroller Mary Ordway had contacted him and stated there will be training in Kingsbury in October.

#### LEGAL UPDATE:

Attorney Meyer reported we are getting close to closing on the Town's purchase of real property on Michigan Street; he will work with Supervisor Hogan and Comptroller Mary Ordway.

#### TOWN CLERK REPORT:

- The Town Clerk attended the NYSTRC Conference last week and reported there were two important issues that were discussed; charitable donations and a change in the Enhanced STAR. The 2018-19 NYS Budget put forth changes to the calculation of personal income taxes and real property taxes by allowing charitable donations to state and municipally established funds resulting in a charitable donation write-off. At this time the charitable write-offs are not recognized at the federal level. The Town Board may adopt a Local Law authorizing a tax credit for contributions made to charitable reserve funds.
- NYS Legislation has made participation in the Income Verification Program mandatory for Enhanced Star applicants; the assessor no longer has the ability to grant the Enhanced Star Exemption. Currently the assessors contact seniors to collect the necessary information to make sure they have applied for the Enhanced Star and for the Senior Low Income Exemption if they qualify, the state will not be contacting the seniors

COUNCILMAN REPORT:

Councilman Doyle reported he and Councilman Haessly met with Sole Assessor Colleen Adamec regarding the PILOT for Cypress Creek Renewables. Colleen has scheduled a meeting with Cypress Creek Renewables on Wednesday June 20, 2018. After that meeting he will return to the Board with his recommendations for the PILOT for Cypress Creek Renewables.

WRITTEN REPORTS:

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 3 ayes to accept the Sales Transmittal Report submitted by Sole Assessor Colleen Adamec.

There being no further business before the Board **motion** by Councilman Haessly seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 3 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk