

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on August 2, 2021, at 6 Michigan St., Hudson Falls, NY.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Richard Doyle, William Haessly, Jane Havens,	Councilman Councilman Councilwoman
ABSENT:	Dana Hogan, Dan Washburn,	Supervisor Councilman
OTHERS PRESENT:	Todd Huminston Jeff Meyer Rebecca Pomainville Mike Graham Jeff Zappieri Mike LaRose John Folk Colleen Allen Lorraine Forcier	Enforcement Officer & Dog Control Town Attorney Town Comptroller Town Highway Superintendent Guest/Resident Employee Retired Employee Guest/Resident Guest Resident

The meeting was called to order on August 2, 2021, at 7:14 p.m. by Councilman Doyle and opened for the order of business with the Flag Salute led by Councilman Haessly.

There was a discussion amongst the Board that a motion was not needed to accept the minutes from the last Board meeting July 19, 2021, as they are accepted as written. The Town clerk is responsible for the minutes and there were no suggestions to change any of the minutes. Minutes are fine as emailed per Councilman Doyle.

I. Cannabis. There was a Board discussion regarding Cannabis.

- Procedures
- Deadline
- Options
- Special election
- Opt out
- Adopt local resolution
- Do nothing
- Public petitions
- Regulated limited zoning
- Tax revenue loss
- Questionnaire to the Master Plan meeting
- Growing, and selling of Cannabis.

Councilman Doyle favored the tax revenue, interested in public input, and mentioned a clause which allowed farmers to grow and sell Cannabis which would be a plus to our farmers. Councilman Haessly also supported the tax revenue and didn't support the opt out option. Councilwoman Havens does not favor Cannabis as her business of firearms makes it hard to deal with. The Board decided to table for further discussion until Councilman Washburn and Supervisor Hogan were present.

II. Resolution Authorizing the Board to Act as Lead Agency in the SEQR Process of the Town of Kingsbury Water District Extension. There was a very short conversation, almost immediately Councilman Haessly made a motion to accept the resolution and seconded by Councilwoman Havens. A vote was taken and all in favor. None opposed.

Resolution # 5

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY IN THE SEQR PROCESS OF THE TOWN OF KINGSBURY WATER DISTRICT EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Town of Kingsbury is initiating design and implementation of the above-referenced project and is required to complete the SEQR process to comply with regulatory requirements, and

WHEREAS, the SEQR process requires a Lead Agency be designated to facilitate review, and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will review the environmental impact of the environmental impact of the above referenced project and make a declaration on the impact of the above-referenced project consistent with SEQR guidance,

NOW AND THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Town of Kingsbury Town Board, will act as Lead Agency for the above-referenced project.

Whereupon, the Resolution was put to a vote, recorded as follows,

Ayes = 3

Nays = 0 _____

Abstentions = 0

SO APPROVED:

Deputy Town Clerk/ Town of Kingsbury

Date: 8/3/2021

III. Legal Update. Jeff Meyer, Town attorney requested for an Executive session for pending litigation.

Reports:

Rebecca Pomainville, Town Comptroller announced the Town has received their 1st release of the COVID Relief Fund Package. We need to start brainstorming or spending within guidelines. The amount is \$269,565,28. It must be spent within very strict categories. There was a conversation regarding what categories are included, water, sewer, broadband, etc. Uses of funds will be brought to the Board. There is a clause where we can hire a consulting firm.

Mike Graham, Town Highway Superintendent advised the Board the Town has a 2014 truck needing emission control system repairs. All newer vehicle/equipment have ECS. Mike got a few quotes for repair from Tracy for \$9,001.74, Northern \$13,795.61 and Paul Collins \$12,214.52. Policy requires Board approval for over \$5,000.00. There was a brief discussion. **A motion was made by Councilman Haessly to get the vehicle fixed and seconded by Councilwoman Havens. A vote was taken and all in favor. None opposed.**

Mike Graham also informed the Board our employee Austin has left the Town job and Mike LaRose is moved into the full-time position and we will be posting an ad in indeed for a new part time position, 30 hours a week.

Mike Graham received a call from the Town of Moreau they are interested in buying 20 loads of bank run about 240 yards. There was a conversation regarding selling prices, municipal availability, Town resources. The Board did not wish to sell the bank run. Councilman Haessly questioned status regarding culvert/infrastructure as we may have some monies coming to help. Mike informed the Board that we have been replacing steel culverts with plastic, estimating 99% of Town is now plastic. Mike can get a list of large culverts needing replacing from the County from past inspections. This list is what could be used to identify the Town needs of infrastructure money.

Councilman Doyle spoke and reviewed the current status on the topic of the RFP Solar Landfill. Last meeting was the time period that proposals were to be submitted and we received none. Since then, we have received two submissions. Rick reached out to National Grid as he was told at the last solar workshop meeting there was another project going on that used up the remaining available space at the Burgoyne Avenue sub-station. Rick found out that the sub-station is already over committed and inquired to see if any other sub-stations in town to possibly direct power to our solar project and there is not. The cost to upgrade the Burgoyne Avenue sub-station to accept more power is four million dollars so this kills the landfill project. The Landfill project is on hold until power is available. There was short discussion regarding town property availability for power and found unavailable.

Councilman Doyle asked if there were any public comments and no responses.

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A motion was made by Councilman Haessly to move into Executive session at 7:53 PM and seconded by Councilwoman Havens. Executive session ended at 8:59 PM.

A motion was made to adjourn the Town of Kingsbury Board meeting by Councilwoman Havens and seconded by Councilman Haessly at 9:00PM. A vote was taken all yeas, none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Deputy Town Clerk, Irene Weizenhofer