

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was conducted on August at 7, 2017 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Bromley, Councilman  
William Collins, Councilman  
Richard Doyle, Councilman  
Henry Freebern, Councilman

ABSENT:

Dana Hogan, Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Mead, Town Historian  
Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent  
Michael Keenan, Town Justice  
Todd Humiston, Dog Control Officer  
Ross Cortese, Code Enforcement Officer

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

The minutes of the July 17, 2017 and July 25, 2017 Meetings will be reviewed at the next Town Board Meeting on August 21, 2017.

Town Historian John Mead reported he had a busy year. Mead had one construction land use request for an area located across from the Kinney Plaza on Burgoyne Avenue; his records indicate the area was farmland. Mead also received seven genealogical questions; as Town Officer he is not allowed to answer those requests and posted letters to notify them where they could obtain the information. He also finished going through Paul Loding's house hold stuff and has another box for the Town and two more boxes for the Village. The Town Board thanked John Mead for his report.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes for MVP to provide health insurance to the Town employees with Plan EPO Bronze 6 HDHP; with the Town paying the deductible.

Councilman Doyle reported he had contacted the Sheriff's Department in regard to the issue of vehicles speeding on Hartman Road.

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Town Clerk reported tomorrow there is a scheduled Public Hearing in the Town of Fort Ann Courtroom in regard to the proposed modifications of a public at-grade rail crossing at Baldwin's Corners Crossing on the Canadian Pacific Railway. In the absence of Supervisor Hogan, Councilman Freebern delegated a representative of the Canal Corporation the authority to speak on behalf of the Town concerning the Town's position. Superintendent of Highways Michael Graham reported he will attend the Public Hearing.

Councilman Collins was concerned with the Town exceeding the tax cap for 2018, fearing the residents would lose their Property Tax Freeze Credit. Councilman Collins, Sole Assessor Colleen Adamac and the Town Clerk researched the matter. The last year of this program was 2016, therefore no reason for concern. The Property Tax Relief Credit program is still in effect and is based upon the school district complying with the New York State property tax cap. The 2017-18 Hudson Falls Central School Budget is below its property tax cap of 2.09% with a tax levy increase of 1.25%.

Town Clerk provided copies of the upcoming Clean Energy Economy Conference to be held on October 25-26, 2017 at the Queensbury Hotel. The purpose of the event is to facilitate peer-to-peer collaboration and the exchange of knowledge between clean energy marketplace participants and champions including policy makers, decision makers, project developers and community members.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Code Enforcement Ross Cortese reported Justin Fitzpatrick the plant manager of Sterigenics and possibly a corporate member of the company will attend the next Board Meeting to be held on August 21, 2017.

#### TOWN JUSTICE REPORT:

Town Justice Michael Keenan reported he needs to hire a Deputy Court Clerk, due to the resignation of the previous clerk. Justice Keenan commented Ken Grant; the Town Court Security Officer has been fantastic by assisting Laura Barody, the Court Clerk with some of the duties of a Deputy Court Clerk. At this time Grant is receiving the rate of pay which was established for the previous Court Clerk when he is assisting in the Court Clerk Office. Justice Keenan stated Laura Barody recently had surgery and will have another surgery in the near future and would like to hire a Deputy Clerk and have the clerk trained by the Unified Court System. A **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to replace the part-time position with a part-time employee with up to 30 hours at the same rate of pay. Justice Keenan commented that Ken Grant has been very valuable to him, he is eager to help out any way he can. Justice Keenan will advertise the position and keep Supervisor Hogan up to date.

Justice Keenan stated the acoustic tiles are a success and would like to see runners at the front of the court room and down the side aisle to help the acoustics more and to help preserve the floor. Justice Keenan would also like to address completing the elevation of the witness stand. You cannot see the person in the witness stand and cannot make eye contact with them. Councilman Bromley will contact Todd Murphy to expedite the completion of the witness stand. Keenan also stated how few tweaks have been made to the courtroom since the move to 6 Michigan Street. Keenan is proud to show it off to other attorneys and judges and feels we have the best room courtroom in in the local area. Justice Keenan would like to thank Paul Bromley for all his efforts in the construction of the Town Court, we have something to be proud of; attorneys and judges have seen it and are very impressed.

#### HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Michael Graham reported he is trying to get ahead for the next few years by working on culverts. On Wednesday and Thursday of this week they will be grinding Industrial Park Road. The following week he will pave Industrial Park Road and Bardin Road.

The Town of Jackson did not want to purchase the 1990 120-G grader owned by the Town. Graham would like to deem the grader as surplus. A **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Freebern and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to deem the 1990 120-G grader as surplus. Graham will contact Auctions International to attempt to sell it in an online auction with a reserve bid.

Graham also reported Bob Springer had O'Connor install a water line for a building project on Casey Road. Springer also is having O'Connor shoot a sewer line under Dean Road for King Fox Way, the digging for it started today.

Graham attended a state Association meeting where they discussed the overweight trucks travelling on local and town roads and what could be done. Graham will keep the Board up to date with any new information on this subject.

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to accept the reports of certain officers as follows:

July - Town Clerk: Paid to EnCon \$462.94; Paid to Supervisor \$3,032.52; State Share of Games of Chance \$15.00; Paid to the Village of Hudson Falls \$110.00; Paid to Ag & Markets for Population Control \$173.00

June - Town Justice: Fees Collected \$22,467.50

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to enter into executive session at 7:35 PM to discuss the benefits of a particular employee. Code Enforcement Officer Ross Cortese was invited to attend.

A **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to exit the executive session at 7:55 PM.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk