

The first regular meeting of the Kingsbury Town Board was held on November 7, 2016 at the Kingsbury Town Hall at 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

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| MEMBERS PRESENT: | Dana Hogan, Supervisor Paul Bromley, Councilman William Collins, Councilman Richard Doyle, Councilman |
| ABSENT: | Henry Freebern, Councilman |
| OTHERS PRESENT: | Michael Graham, Highway Superintendent Mary Ordway, Comptroller James T. Lindsay, Retired Supervisor Jerry Caruso & Dave Russell, Residents |

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

The minutes of the October 17, 2016 Town Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk on a **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes.

Supervisor Hogan opened the public hearing at 7:01 to review the proposed contract between the Town of Kingsbury and the Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Company No. 1, Inc. Comptroller Mary Ordway received a 2017 proposed budget from the Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Company in the amount of \$252,850.00; which exceeds the amount in the preliminary budget. James Lindsay stated the Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Company could live with the amount of \$234,625.00 as proposed in the preliminary budget. He explained there will be funds acquired through fund-raising events and the Board of Directors was very happy with the \$234,625.00. He also explained that \$75,000.00 would go into a dedicated fund for the future purchase of equipment; they have not borrowed money for twenty (20) years ;they are able to pay cash for any new equipment. A **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes to accept the Fire Protection District Contract with the Kingsbury Volunteer Hose Company No. 1, Inc. Supervisor Hogan closed the Public Hearing for the Fire Protection Contract at 7:09 p.m.

At 7:09 p.m. Supervisor Hogan opened the Public Hearing for the 2017 Preliminary Budget. Comptroller Mary Ordway explained the levy as it stands right now is \$1,846,730.00 and the taxes would increase a penny per thousand. The Town may close the sale of the former Dix Avenue property on November 14, 2016; if the sale occurs the Town must reduce the tax levy by \$381,795.00 due to a court order from Judge Clark in October 2013. The tax rate for Whole Town only; will be reduced from \$1.22 per thousand to \$.65 per thousand reducing the levy to \$1,464,935.00. The reduction would be for one year. The Comptroller explained the Board is not able to pass the budget until we are certain the closing takes place on Monday November 14, 2016. The Board has two (2) options; the Board could continue the Public Hearing on November 14, 2016 or continue it on Monday 21, 2016; which would be the final day the Board could adopt the 2017 Budget. Once the budget is adopted it cannot be changed; the levy would have to be decreased in a future year if the closing takes place after the budget is adopted. The Public Hearing will remain open; and will resume on Monday November 14, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Supervisor Hogan reported the Public Hearing for Nuisance Properties will remain open; there is no further information at this time.

Supervisor Hogan was contacted by Town Judge Michael Keenan in regard to Retired Judge Allen receiving a key to the Town Court to perform marriage ceremonies. The Board had recently approved giving Judge Allen a key to the Court Room. Judge Keenan reported the Office of Court Administration was concerned; they do not want somebody to have a key to the general office area. The Board must make a determination if they will rescind Judge Allen's request to have a key to the Court Room or we may have to change the locks on the hallway so he or anybody else could not enter the general office area. At this time all exterior entrances to the Town Hall & Town Court use the same key. Councilman Doyle suggested the locks be changed on the Court entrance. The Board will resume the conversation when it is determined if a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant is awarded to the Town; then they may have the locks changed.

A **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes giving permission to Superintendent of Highways, Michael Graham to publish a no parking notice for the winter months.

Town Clerk submitted a Supervisor's report as follows:

TO: Supervisor Hogan
Councilman: Bromley, Collins, Doyle & Freebern

FROM: Tax Collector: Cynthia A. Bardin

SUBJECT: 2016 Hudson Falls Central School District Tax Collection

DATE: October 14, 2016

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| October 14, 2016 – Paid to Supervisor | \$188.61 – Penalties Collected Oct. 14, 2016 |
| | \$45.09 – Bank Interest for September |
| | \$20.00 Return Check Fee |
| | \$253.70 – Total to Supervisor |

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Collins and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes to accept the following budget amendment and budget transfer submitted by Comptroller Mary Ordway:

BUDGET AMENDMENT

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| UNBUDGETED REVENUES: | 7.2140 | 33,500.00 |
| WATER EQUIP. CAPITAL OUTLAY | 7.8397.2 | 10,500.00 |
| SOURCE OF SUPPLY | 7.8320.4 | 23,000.00 |

BUDGET TRANSFER:

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| FROM : | PERSONAL CONTRACTU | 1.1430.4 | 500.00 |
| TO: | JUSTICE CONTRACTUAL | 1.1110.4 | 500.00 |

A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes to pay Comptroller Mary Ordway for additional hours worked from October 26, 2015 to October 31, 2016 totaling 212.75 hours which will be charged to the Water District.

The Town manual indicates you can be paid for up to 10 days of unused vacation. Comptroller Mary Ordway was unable to take her vacation and would like to be paid for 15 days of unused vacation. . A **motion** by Councilman Doyle seconded by Councilman Bromley and carried by a vote of four (4) ayes for Comptroller Mary Ordway to be paid to be paid for 15 days of unused vacation.

Comptroller Mary Ordway reported the first payment on the statutory installment bond for the Town Hall was made on November 2, 2016.

Superintendent Michael Graham reported the plow trucks have gone out for the first snowfall; and nothing broke. The paving of roads is complete for the year, they are working on trimming some trees and the storage building has been filled before cold weather sets in. He also reported the gravel crushing is going well and they will be putting gravel on the dirt roads before the next snowfall.

Supervisor Hogan reported the Town had been contacted by the Glens Falls Hospital as part of a safer streets program geared towards pedestrians and bicyclists to create safer roadways. The Town asked that they look at the Kingsbury hamlet, the Dix Avenue corridor and Michigan Street. The Chazen Company did a site survey of each of the locations and felt Michigan Street would benefit the most from the program. Supervisor Hogan provided copies to the Board with pedestrian safety recommendations and site improvement plans. There will be no cost to the Town for the improvements. They will provide crosswalks at six locations, slow signs, provide expanded road shoulder to accommodate multi-modal access and pedestrian signage, to improve pedestrian access along Michigan Street; hoping that drivers will be more accommodating and slower on the bends on Michigan Street. A discussion followed; Highway Supervisor Michael Graham explained that some changes have been made to the plan that was presented to the Board. Graham also reported more meetings with Kathy Varney will be scheduled to discuss the program.

Supervisor Hogan thanked everyone for the Open House; the attendance was sparse but well attended. The first visitor was Senator Betty Little and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner was the last visitor. There was a nice buffet and Dog Control Officer Todd Humiston had a great display. Retired Supervisor Lindsay commented it was too bad with all the concern while building the new Town Hall that more residents did not attend.

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

September:

Town Justice: Fees Collected: \$26,072.10

Dog Control Officer: Complaints/Calls: 64; Seizures 5; Unlicensed Dogs 10; Bites Investigated 3; Mileage 238 with 37 charged to Fort Edward & 54 charged to Fort Ann

October:

Code Enforcement Officer: Site Plan 1; Research Fees 2; Total Fees \$250.00

Town Comptroller: Receipts \$348,762.99; Disbursements \$262,217.40

Assessor: Recent Sales

PUBLIC COMMENT:

<http://www.kingsburyny.gov>

Dave Russell resident of Devine Drive asked if the Town had a compost pile. Superintendent of Highways Michael Graham responded the Town does not have a compost pile; but commented the transfer station accepts leaves but there is a charge. Graham commented there is a guy on Route 4 who has a top soil pile and had accepted leaves from Glens Falls; he may take the leaves for him.

Mr. Russell also commented through the years the County has gotten rid of the trash plant, the transfer station, the nursing home and excess lands why has there been no decrease in the County tax? A discussion followed; Retired Supervisor Lindsay explained the last twenty years the tax levy increase was approximately 8%. He believes the County is down to a true 1½ - 2%. Supervisor Hogan explained there are significant health insurance increases for the County employees, an increase in the Union contract and the County is still paying for the costs of retired Pleasant Valley Infirmary employees.

Mr. Russell questioned the budget process as far as funds that are not spent. Supervisor Hogan explained unspent funds at the end of the year go back into fund balance; the fund balance is used like a savings. Comptroller Mary Ordway explained if the appropriation of a budget is not used it lapses; you start fresh every January with a new budget.

There being no further business before the Board a **motion** by Councilman Bromley seconded by Councilman Doyle and carried by a vote of 4 ayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Bardin, Town Clerk