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## Kingsbury Town Board Meeting May 5th, 2025

The Town Board meeting for the Town of Kingsbury was conducted on Monday May 5th, 2025, at the Kingsbury Town Hall, 6 Michigan Street, Hudson Falls.

Present: Sean Akins, Councilman  
Bill Haessly, Councilman  
Jim Lindsay, Councilman  
Dan Washburn, Councilman/Deputy Supervisor

Absent: Dana Hogan, Supervisor

Others Present: Jeff Meyer, Town Attorney  
Mason Leonard, Highway Superintendent  
Todd Humiston, Dog and Code Enforcement  
Mike LaRose

The meeting was called to order by Deputy Supervisor Washburn at 6:31pm and opened for business with the Flag Salute by Councilman Akins.

The corrected minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Town Board Meeting were accepted as submitted by the Town Clerk on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A motion by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote of 3 ayes.

### **I. NYSLRS Record of Activities**

At the last Board meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, this was tabled. Deputy Supervisor Washburn asked if all questions were answered for Councilman Haessly. Councilman Haessly just wanted to make sure all employees are recording their time and not basing it off New York State requirements because those could change at any time. He was reassured that all employees that fill out Record of Activities do not go off the NYS minimum and record the hours they work. A motion by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Lindsay, carried by a vote of 4 ayes, to accept and approve the Record of activities.

### **II. NYSLRS Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution**

A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Akins, carried by a vote of 4 ayes, to accept and approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution.

### **III. Resolution to Establish Capital Repair Reserve Fund for Building Maintenance and Repair**

When the auditors made their suggestions to our Comptroller, Rebecca Pomainville, they suggested setting up different reserve funds specifically to move funds to these accounts for tracking purposes. The resolution for a reserve for Building Maintenance and repairs is for \$200,000.00. with this Resolution we can invest the money to gain interest. A motion by

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Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Akins to move this Resolution as drafted, carried by a rollcall vote of 4 ayes:

- Councilman Akins- Aye
- Councilman Haessly- Aye
- Councilman Washburn- Aye
- Councilman Lindsay- Aye
- Supervisor Hogan- Absent

Approved and moved as drafted.

#### **IV. Resolution to Establish Capital Repair Reserve Funds to Finance Future Improvement Costs to the Consolidated Water District**

The Resolution to establish Capital Repair Reserve Funds to finance future improvement costs to the Consolidated water district in the amount of \$400,000.00. This allows us to invest money to gain interest. A motion by Councilman Lindsay and seconded by Councilman Haessly to move this Resolution as drafted, carried by a rollcall vote of 4 ayes:

- Councilman Akins- Aye
- Councilman Haessly- Aye
- Councilman Washburn- Aye
- Councilman Lindsay- Aye
- Supervisor Hogan- Absent

Approved and moved as drafted.

### **Legal Update**

### **Reports**

#### **Paige Zahaba, Town Clerk**

New Deputy, Jody White, started today and it was a good day. The computer system has been fine since the last meeting and all reports matched up from the time it was down.

#### **Todd Humiston, Dog and Code Enforcement**

A resident on Aviator Way reached out with concern over the condition of the private road. One of the services wouldn't pick up on the road any longer because they couldn't get their trucks down there. We don't usually get involved in something like this, but they had mentioned fire safety. Todd had the fire chief go out to Aviator Way and he said he could probably make it work if there was a fire and Todd wasn't happy with that answer. He then sent a letter to remedy violation to the owner of the property the private road sits on and he came in to speak with Mr. Humiston today. Three of the residents that sit on the road do not have right away access to the road, so they have no driveways. Councilman Washburn questioned how that got approved. Todd continued to say two have access. He then says he thinks he is going to do what he thinks Jeff Meyer is going to recommend in a moment and that is violate everyone. Jeff Meyer doesn't believe he needs to violate anyone. Todd then says that the code says you must have fire access to your home and the only way for them to

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gain access is to pull hoses three to five hundred feet because there is no way to get a fire truck down closer to them. Councilman Washburn again questioned how they were able to build houses without that access. Todd said they have a right of way through each other's yards, and they've never built it. That the owner of the road didn't have an issue with this. Councilman Washburn then followed up with him not having an issue with it until he does. Councilman Lindsay said he thought the Planning Board said no to people who wanted to have a shared driveway. Todd thinks this was approved before the Planning Board stopped that. That is probably one of the reasons we have that there is no shared driveway rule in place now. Jeff Meyer thinks this is a property dispute between neighbors. And that this doesn't seem to be a town issue, but he will look more into that with Todd. Todd agreed but he has a written complaint that they are worried about fire access to their home, and this was confirmed by the fire department and that is his concern. Jeff Meyer and Todd will look closer into this.

A resident approached Todd about the condition of the paint in Town Hall. Councilman Washburn thought the Comptroller was getting quotes on that.

There was a brief discussion on hooking up to water in the Town.

#### **Highway Superintendent, Mason Leonard**

1. From Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, until Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> Mason will be unavailable. Then from Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, until Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, John Rosati will be unavailable. There will be a three-day gap of not having coverage for water, but Dana is trained and covering those days. If he runs into any issues John Rosati has spoken with his friend Alan Dubois from Queensbury/South Glens Falls and he is willing to fill in if needed. He wouldn't require pay but is willing to help. Randy Underwood will be filling in for anything needed with the Highway. Councilman Washburn asked the attorney if there were any issues with John's friend helping if needed. He said it was fine. In the case of if a pump went down Hudson Falls would step in so.
2. RFP for Heavy Equipment Repair Services. An RFP was sent out to three facilities. It was sent to Joes Pasteur, Ground Equipment, and Trevor Langlois at Overdrive diesel. Joe Pasteur was the only one to respond with \$150.00 and hour, 20 % markup on parts and materials. This agreement is good for trucks and machines. Probably should have been done in the past but we are doing it now. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Akins and seconded by Councilman Haessly and carried by a vote of 4 ayes and moved.
3. There is a 2013 Single axel international with 13,000 miles clean. We currently run a 2002 single axel in rough shape. Mason would like to purchase the newer truck and get rid of the old one. Will buy us about 10 years. After the last couple of trucks Mason has gotten rid of, he will have the funds. A motion was made to authorize the acquisition. A motion was made, after a brief discussion, by Councilman Haessly and seconde3d by Councilman Lindsay and carried by a vote or 4 ayes and moved.

#### **Councilman Haessly**

He met Mr. Colombe at Moss Street Cemetery, and they have some ideas. Roadway going into Moss Street cemetery needs some help and better access should be looked into. It will need to be plowed, and then small repairs be made. He also thinks we should have a limitation on how short we cut the grass. Mason secured Sean Rath as our mower, and he thinks he won't burn the grass

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like the past mowers. We have temporary help this summer but won't be able to focus all summer on it. Mason suggested we hire a part time guy to stop by in the future once or twice a week. Councilman Lindsay thinks maybe Union cemetery could take over all of it and it could be cheaper for us. It's a two-day process to just mow it and that would take away from the highway help. Nick from Union called mason asking if they had a dump truck for sale so maybe hell want to take it over. There was a discussion on possibly expanding the Cemetery. It wouldn't be cost effective for the taxpayers but it's something we need to offer. Councilman Washburn said we could have additional conversations on this and adding additional roads

Deputy Supervisor Washburn opened public comment.

A motion by Councilman Haessly and seconded by Councilman Akins and carried by a vote of 4 ayes at 7:12pm to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paige Zahaba". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "Z".

Paige Zahaba, Town Clerk