

Hinsdale Town Board

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

I. Call to order

Supervisor VanDeCar called to order the Regular meeting of the Hinsdale Town Board at 7:00pm on April 8, 2024 at the Town Board Room. The Pledge was recited.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Jeffrey VanDeCar – Supervisor- Ronald Brown, Dan Adams, Joseph Noll and Gerald Maerten- Board Members, Ann Carr- Town Clerk, Jeremy Guthrie- Hwy Supt., Greg Church- Water Superintendent and Alevis Goodyear- Resident

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Clerk Carr presented the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved as presented by a **motion** from Councilman Adams. Seconded by Councilman Brown. Ayes All

IV. Supervisor's Report: Received March 2022.

- a) Motion to refer Local Law #1 of 2024 for a Public Hearing and reads as follows made by Councilman Brown. Seconded by Councilman Maerten. Ayes all

Town of Hinsdale

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2024

A local law increasing the Term of Office of the Town Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector from two (2) to four (4) years.

BE IT ENACTED: by the Tom Board of the Tom of Hinsdale, as follows:

Section 1- Purpose: The purpose of this Local Law is to extend the term of the elected office of the Hinsdale Town Supervisor, Hinsdale Town Highway Superintendent, and Hinsdale Town Clerk/Tax collector from two (2) to four (4) years. The Town Board believes an extended term will provide greater continuity to the office of Town

Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector and thus believes the extended term is in the public's best interest.

Section 2- Statutory Authority: This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law Sections 10(1)(ii)(a) and 23 (2)(e) of the State of New York.

Section 3- Increase in Term of Office: The term of office of the elected Town Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall be four years. Such four-year term shall apply to the person elected after January 1, 2025 provided a proposition submitted pursuant to Section 4 below is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Hinsdale.

Section 4- Mandatory Referendum: This Local Law is adopted subject to a Mandatory Referendum and shall be submitted for approval of the qualified voters of the Town of Hinsdale at the General Election to be held on November 5, 2024. A proposition in the following form shall be included in the ballot at such General Election and the increased term of office shall not take effect until the next biennial election held after January 1, 2025, and only upon such proposition being approved by the majority vote of the qualified voters voting thereon:

(Shall Local Law No. I of 2024 entitled "Local Law Increasing the Term of Office of the Town Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector from two (2) Years to four (4) Years" be approved?)

Section 5- Supersession: This Local Law shall supersede Town Law sS24 relating to the term of office for Town Supervisor, Town Highway Superintendent, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector of the Town of Hinsdale.

Section 6- Effective Date: This Local Law shall become effective no later than January 1, 2025 upon being filed in the office of the Secretary of State after approval by the qualified voters.

- b) Public Hearing for Local Law # 1 of 2024 will be scheduled for May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm with the regular board meeting to follow. Clerk Carr will put on website and in the newspaper.
- c) The highway Garage has been having some water issues. Need to install a water softener because of the hard water causing problems. Also, roof is leaking. Had it checked and some of the screws in the roof are loose and coming out. Waiting on a written report from Peterson Roofing.

- d) The Town Office Building is also having some water issues. Supervisor VanDeCar is going to have the water checked.

V. Highway Supt. Report:

- a) Highway Supt. Guthrie updated us on the new tandem dump truck. There is a transmission shortage and frame rail shortage. No idea when they will be available.
- b) Motion to cancel the dump truck order and order a Western Star from Fleet Maintenance for #323,859. No trade. Made by Councilman Brown. Seconded by Councilman Noll. Ayes all
- c) Supervisor VanDeCar and Hwy. Supt. Guthrie will meet with the Catt. Co. Water & Soil and DPW to discuss grant for Salt Storage later in the week.
- d) **Motion** to put the Excavator on Auctions International made by Councilman Brown. Seconded by Councilman Adams. Ayes all

VI. Town Clerk's Report: Received March 2024

VII. Justice Report: Received for February and payment for March 2024

VIII. Dog Control Report: None Received

IX. Code Enforcement Report: Received March 2024

X. Water Dept. Report: Received March 2024

XI. Open issues:

- a) Supervisor VanDeCar gave the Board a revised plan for the Courtroom Renovation
- b) The Grant for the shared kennel with the Town of Hinsdale Town of Olean, Town of Allegany, Village of Allegany and the City of Olean was denied.
- c) Motion to agree with a Three (3) year mowing contract for Fullers Odds and Ends with the Town of Hinsdale made by Councilman Maerten. Seconded by Councilman Brown. Ayes all

XII. New business

- a) Water Superintendent Church gave a report on the Water District. The Generator is now working when the power goes out. It will be checked monthly. No luck finding someone to update the controls. Supt. Church will look into it at his conference next month.
- b) Supervisor VanDeCar is going to put in a request for a grant through Congressman Langworthy's office for Community Project Funding or (CPF) for the Water Dept. Wellhouse.
- c) Crosby's remodeling Grand Opening will be May 3, 2024 at 9:00am.
- d) Due to a clerical error Councilman Adams will not be on the Republican ballot in November. He may be running on a different party or be a write in candidate.
- e) The Highway Dept. agreed to roll the Fields at the Gile Hollow Park for the Youth Commission.

XIII. Public Comment: Councilman Brown Thanked Councilman Adams for his help with the Board will support him in the election in November,

XIV. Motion to approve the bills of the April Abstract made by Councilman Noll. Seconded by Councilman Brown. Ayes all.

General Fund Claims: 63 thru 79 - \$8,956.64

Highway Fund Claims: 47 thru 66 - \$48,283.49

Water Fund Claim: 16 thru 22 - \$ 1,559.87

XV. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Maerten. Seconded by Councilman Noll. Ayes all.

Supervisor VanDeCar adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Public Hearing May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm, Board meeting to follow

Minutes submitted by: Ann L Carr

Minutes approved by: