# Hinsdale Town Board

# Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

1. Call to order

Supervisor VanDeCar called to order the Regular meeting of the Hinsdale Town Board at 7:00pm on February 13, 2023 at the Town Board Room. The Pledge was recited.

1. Roll call

The following persons were present: Jeffrey VanDeCar – Supervisor- Ronald Brown, Gerald Maerten, Jeremy Guthrie and Joseph Noll- Board members, Ann Carr- Town Clerk, Tim Tuttle – Deputy Hwy Superintendent, Mike Gilliland- Town Justice, Terry Jenks- Resident (provisional Town Justice)

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

1. Motion made by Supervisor VanDeCar to appoint Jeremy Guthrie to fill Town Councilman Position of Doug Wilson. Seconded by Councilman Brown. Ayes all. Councilman Guthrie then took his oath of office from Justice Gilliland.
2. Motion to accept the resignation of Justice Michael Gilliland effective March 31, 2023.
3. Motion to appoint Terry Jenks as provisional Town Justice to become the Justice on April 1, 2023 when Justice Gilliland leaves. Made by Councilman Brown. Seconded by Supervisor VanDeCar. Ayes all. Justice Gilliland then gave Provisional Justice Jenks his Oath of Office.
4. Supervisor’s Report: Received January 2022.
5. Supervisor VanDeCar reviewed the ARPA funds appropriated and spent.
6. The clerks, Justice and Water Collectors books will be reviewed on February 21, 2023.
7. Supervisor VanDeCar gave the 2023 Agreement to expend Highway Funds to the board members to sign. It will be sent to the County for their signature
8. Highway Supt. Report:
9. Deputy Tuttle gave the Board some quotes for new pickup trucks but they were not on State bid and did not have trade in price. The Hwy. dept. will try to get more quotes.
10. The Fuel Depot is complete and operational.
11. Deputy Tuttle gave the board Quotes for a plasma cutter. They were as follows. Airgas- System plasma with torch- $5,925.00, Strate Welding- Cutmaster 60i ESAB- $2,400.00, Fornet- 40P- $1,509.00.
12. Motion made to purchase the Strate Welding plasma cutter for the Highway Dept. for $2,400. Made by Councilman Brown. Seconded by Councilman Maerten. Ayes all
13. The Grader has not been serviced yet. The Hwy dept. was advised to purchase a Cat service kit to test the oil to see if it is needed.
14. The Hwy dept. has been transporting millings from Olean for future roadwork.
15. Town Clerk’s Report: Received January 2023
16. Justice Report: Received for December 2022 and January 2023
17. Dog Control Report: None Received
18. Code Enforcement Report: None Received
19. Water Dept. Report: Received January 2023.
20. The 2023 required water testing and sampling schedule was received.
21. Open issues
22. **Motion** to grant approval to cancel the KMS Medical Tempus ALS Monitor (36,940.00) due to the unavailability and contract with Zoll Medical Corporation For X-series Monitor/Defibrillator w/ onsite four year warranty ($39,635.00) using our ARPA funds made by Councilman Noll. Seconded by Councilman Maerten. Ayes all
23. New business
24. Motion to approve the travel expenses for Terry Jenks to attend the required Uniform Justice Court Training in Albany, New York April 21 – 26, 2023.
25. **Motion** made to approve Resolution # 20 of 2023. Opposing Governor Hochul’s ban on gas stoves and other new fossil fuel heating equipment made by Councilman Brown. Seconded by Councilman Noll. Ayes all

**TOWN OF HINSDALE RESOLUTION # 20-2023**

**OPPOSING GOVERNOR HOCHUL'S**

**BAN OF GAS STOVES AND OTHER NEW FOSSIL FUEL HEATING EQUIPMENT**

I. ***WHEREAS,*** Governor Hochul's State-of-the-State address contained a proposal to prohibit the sale of new fossil fuel powered heating systems by 2030 for smaller buildings and by 2035 for larger buildings, and

II. ***WHEREAS,*** Governor Hochul is further calling for zero-emission new construction, with no on-site fossil fuel combustion by 2025 for smaller buildings and by 2028 for larger buildings, and

III. **WHEREAS,** President Biden and the White House have come out against any prohibition of gas stoves, and

IV. *WHEREAS,* the Governor's ban is intended to help address climate change, but this government mandate is more of a burden on our town’s and region's working-class residents and will have a devastating effect on restaurants, businesses and manufacturing facilities when they have to convert to all electric, and

V. ***WHEREAS,*** the cost to convert a house to electric will result in a cost between $20,000 - $50,000 per household and would not include any kind of backup system in the event of a power outage, and

VI. ***WHEREAS,*** the conversion to electric will create unnecessary financial burden and hardship for our residents and businesses, and

VII. **WHEREAS,** the ban will push a lot of businesses out of state and will contribute to accelerated population loss for those that are fed up with high taxes, the high cost of living, unreasonable government mandates, reckless spending by the government, and unrealistic environmental mandates not consistent with our geographic region, and

VIII. **WHEREAS,** a ban on natural gas appliances and water heaters is not feasible for the Town of Hinsdale with harsh winter weather and an exposed electrical infrastructure; appliances used to heat water and cook food need to work during power outages especially during times of inclement weather, and

IX. **WHEREAS,** many of the emergency backup generators for municipal and personal use rely on natural gas and other fossil fuels to provide the backup power during power outages would become obsolete, and

X. ***WHEREAS,*** in 2017 after years of attempting to have natural gas made available to the residents of the town, National Fuel made an investment in running a high pressure gas line from Hinsdale to the City of Olean, and

XI. ***WHEREAS,*** as a result of the new natural gas service hundreds of residents, businesses, the town water district, school district, fire department have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars to install natural gas service in their homes and buildings. AND, additionally invested thousands more in new furnaces, emergency generators, hot water heaters and appliances replacing older inefficient appliances, and

XII. ***WHEREAS,*** in 2014 National Fuel Gas invested and built a new $54,000,000 compressor station in the Town of Hinsdale to provide the needed additional natural gas to a large portion of New York State and the northeast, and

XIII. ***WHEREAS,*** if this proposal were to come to fruition and the compressor station was decommissioned, the Town of Hinsdale would lose nearly 40% of its tax base resulting in a massive loss and/or shift of tax revenue increasing the burden to the other taxpayers for their town, school, fire district and county property taxes, and

I. ***RESOLVED,*** that the Hinsdale Town Board hereby vehemently opposes the Governor's plan to ban natural gas heating and appliances as not feasible or warranted for the Town of Hinsdale, Cattaraugus County and much of Western New York, and be it further

II. ***RESOLVED,*** that the Hinsdale Town Board hereby strongly urges Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature to fully examine the real life impact their decisions will have for all New Yorkers, especially those least able to afford them, and be it further

III. ***RESOLVED,*** that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Hochul, Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Joseph Giglio, Cattaraugus County Legislature, Hinsdale Central School District, Hinsdale Fire District, New York State Association of Towns, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2023 by unanimous consent of the Hinsdale Town Board.

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Ann Carr, Hinsdale Town Clerk

1. **Motion** made to Approve **Resolution #21 Standard Work Day Reporting for Elected and Appointed Officials** by Councilman Noll. Seconded by Councilman Brown. Ayes all and reads as follows.



1. **Motion** made to approve the application for On Premises Liquor license for S&S Can Redemption, LLC at 3421 Route 16 and approve request for waiver of 30 day municipal notification made bet Councilman Maerten. Seconded by Councilman Noll. Ayes all.
2. **Motion** made to approve installation of 9 Vinyl max double pane windows by MacNeal Replacement windows in the museum at a cost not to exceed $4,800. And utilize the ARPA funds for this project made by Councilman Noll. Seconded by Councilman Guthrie. Ayes all
3. The new Highway Employee Teamster’s shop Steward is Michael Donnelly.
4. The IDA has approved financial assistance to Pierce Steel Fabricator’s and machining for improvements at the warehouse at 3516 Route 16, Olean NY to include sales tax abatement, mortgage tax abatement and a partial 15 year PILOT payment arrangement.
5. The County is planning events for the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse.
6. Public Comment: none
7. Motion to approve the bills of the February Abstract made by Councilman Brown Seconded by Councilman Noll. Ayes all.

General Fund Claims: 20 thru 39 - $64,952.18

**Highway Fund Claims: 7 thru 19 - $43,615.15 Water Fund Claim: 6 thru 10 - $ 1,526.97**

1. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Brown. Seconded by Councilman Noll. Ayes all.

Supervisor VanDeCar adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

Next Meeting March 13, 2023 at 7:00pm

Minutes submitted by: Ann L Carr

Minutes approved by: