

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday July 14, 2014 7:00 pm**

**Pledge to Flag**

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Mark Surdam, Bruce Patire, Dave Sutton, Jeff Wysocki

**Discussions or Corrections to Previous Meeting(s) Minutes**

Minutes from previous meetings are available from the Town Clerk or [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org).

**Welcome/Public Comments/Announcement's-** Open time to share thoughts, concerns, announcements with the Board that are Town related. Please limit remarks to 3 minutes.

- Janice Tate & 50<sup>th</sup> reunion committee (check to kick off pool slide fundraiser) they were not able to attend the meeting for this and will discuss at another time.
- NHPD BBQ, Car Show & Karaoke July 19<sup>th</sup> at Firehouse. Events start with Car Show at 3pm, BBQ 4:30-7pm, Karaoke starting at 7, free admission.
- CIVICURE Fundraiser on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hoosac School Featuring Metropolitan Opera Star Oren Gradus. Tickets are \$20, additional Information is available [www.civicure.org](http://www.civicure.org).
- Hoosick Rising meeting 7/22 at Armory. If you ever thought you would like to be involved, now is the time, this is the meeting. Please join us as we explore opportunities for Economic Development in the Hoosick Region.
- Kevin Allard had questions about the Planning Board
- Keith Cipperly: had a list of questions for the Supervisor. Health Ins., State Police agreement.

**Town Clerk's Report**

- **June Clerks Report:** Total: \$3812.30 remitted to the Supervisor \$2901.91
- **Facility Use Request**
  - St. Mary's Cow Flop & Car Show: Sunday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 8am to 4pm. COI received.  
**Motion to Approve**  
Wysocki made the motion to approve St. Mary's use of the Athletic Fields and Rink, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Computer Issues:** Microsoft crashed on Clerks computer - all issues resolved and no data lost.
- **Pool** Ad for Rebid of the Pool Project will be in the Eastwick Press July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Assessor's Report**

The Final Roll has been filed with NYS & Renss. Co. July 1<sup>st</sup>. May be inspected 8:30-4:00 pm Mon-Fri. Researched and composted list of all vacant commercial properties within the Town/Village, forwarded to Supervisor.

**Highway Superintendent's Report**

- White Creek Rd has been ground up
- Some issues with the Engineer for White Creek Bridge Replacement came up and has set the project back a month. Otherwise ready to go.

**Recreation Report**

- **Pool Project-** Advertising for new Bid package is starting this week. Bid opening scheduled for Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Castle Playground** is open- thank you to David Sutton for the time and effort to get us to the point we could open. Bill Shiland and Highway crew also contributed a number of hours getting us ready. There is still work still to be done; we will continue to make plans to update area one step at a time. New swings have been or will be installed shortly. I would like the Boards approval to work with HAYC3 to offer multiple playground equipment options and let the public pick the first updated equipment to go into the playground.
- **Summer Camp** has started under the Direction of Kaila Matatt with a very capable staff assisting her. Each Day Camp Week has a Theme, week one was Sports, our current Theme is Hawaiian, and next week's Theme will be Nature
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- **Camp Day Trip:** Kaila has requested permission from the Board for a week Three, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bus to take the Campers to the Pioneer Fish & Game Club leaving at 1:15pm, returning at 2:45pm.  
**Motion to Approve Day Trip**  
Patire made the motion to approve the Bus for campers to take a trip to the Pioneer Fish & Game Club on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Camp Water Fun Day:** Don McCabe of the HFFD has received permission from the Village Board to use Fire Hydrant, waiting on okay from Fire Commissioners to use fire truck to provide water spray on hot days. Stradinger said COI from the Town and from the Fire Dept. have been received to cover this.

**Historian**

Phil Leonard discussed his new display of "Hoosick Falls in 1879". Contains map and pictures of all the homes during that time.

**Discussion on Playground Equipment**

Patire suggested Paul Baker, from HFCS to come and talk with the Board about playground equipment since he is fully knowledgeable with all aspects of playgrounds and the type of equipment best suited.

Surdam: Would like to see a 5 year plan for playground equipment since the costs are extremely high.

Sutton: Liked the 5 year plan. Would also like to see the school get involved along with some parents and kids.

Wysocki and Patire: will get in touch with Baker to get the ball rolling.

**Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- At the invitation of Mike Bacon, Owner of Rock Maple Farms, I attended the Grand Opening of Rock Maple Farms & Ecovative business expansion on Rte. 7 in Pittstown.
- Was a guest on Bennington's WBTV Radio. I enjoyed spending an hour talking with Host Robert Ebert about the Town of Hoosick. Thank you to WBTV for the Opportunity to talk up Hoosick.
- Attended "Hoosick Rising" meeting in the Owls Nest. Please go to our web site [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) additional information on this new & exciting "Community Marketing Strategy along with Economic Development Ideas & Plans". If you think you may like to be involved but have some questions please feel free to contact Mayor Borge or myself. We need community minded people to get involved as we plan and discuss the future of Hoosick.
- Continued work with Kaila Matatt, Stephany Bradley and Chelsea Pine planning and preparing for our 6 week summer day camp that runs for 6 weeks beginning July 7<sup>th</sup>. Many games, activities, arts & crafts, story times, tennis lessons are being planned as a part of our Summer Day Camp. We have also added a day trip to Grafton Lake State Park each Wednesday. With an energetic staff, great planning, some new equipment and supplies this year's day camp promises to be active and fun for our campers. Information & application is available at [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or from our Town Clerk.
- Attended the Flag Day Breakfast at the Immaculate Conception Church and the Flag Day Celebration at the American Legion. Returned home with a couple of terrific desserts from the dessert auction fundraiser that took place after Flag Day Celebration.
- Attended Municipal Innovation Exchange Summit at HVCC. This summit was described as collaboration between and among school districts and local governments as being key in finding new, expanded ways to efficiently share services.
- Received a letter from Sheldon Ferber of Boynton Beach, FL who in 1955 was a Sgt in the US Army. He is asking for our help obtaining information about a fellow Battalion member who was from Hoosick and had died in an accident during firing exercises at Montauk Point on Long Island in 1955. I turned the letter over to Phil & Charlie at the Historical Society to see if they can come up with the information being sought.
- Met with Ken Facin & Greg Laurin from Hoosick Falls Central School, Mayor Borge & Ric DiDonato to discuss additional ways we can work together as a community with the thought of incorporating after hours use of the school facilities. Great discussion, additional information will be presented soon.
- Held a Special Meeting to discuss pool bids.
- Received from Laberge Group a completed copy of the 2014 NYS Consolidated Funding Application seeking funding for "Phase Two" of our Community Pool Project. The Grant Application outlines our intention to upgrade the Pool Pump Room and the Bath House. Grant award announcements are expected early this fall. Grant Application is available to be view at [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org).
- Attended Economic Revitalization Forum held at Hubbard Hall in Cambridge where Senator's Betty Little & Kathy Marchione were both in attendance to discuss "Leveraging Regional Cooperation". Mayor Borge also attended along with a number of Mayors, Town Supervisors and Business representatives from Southern Washington County.
- Visit Day Camp, say hello to staff and see how things are going.

### **Town Council Reports**

- *Wysocki:* Attended Penflex meeting regarding the N.Hoosick Fire Dept.
- *Sutton:* Need to act diligently getting in touch with pool companies to bid on our project and keep checking with Laberge on their progress with bidders requesting packets.
- *Patire:* Wanted to know how the clerk's office project was going. Stradinger responded that the project has been revised and is working with the contractor.

### **Old or Ongoing Business**

- **Resolution- #71 Policy Against Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment**  
**Motion to Approve**  
Sutton made the motion to approve resolution #71, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote:  
Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution- #72 NY State Police Satellite Office Agreement**  
**Motion to Approve**  
Sutton made the motion to approve Resolution #72, Surdam seconded.  
**Discussion of resolution:** regarding who was paying for the heat of the satellite office. The Town Attorney, Bill Ryan said the agreement states the Town pays. No one knew what was done prior. The Board all agreed this issue needs to be resolved before going forward.
  - **Motion to Withdraw Motion made and Table Resolution #72**  
Sutton made the motion to withdraw his motion and table the NYSP resolution with respect to the execution of the NYS Police agreement, Surdam, seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Planning Board-** Currently we have four Planning Board Members, discussion on trying to fill the three vacated seats or reducing size of the Planning Board from 7 to 5 and making one appointment, or other options.
  - **Discussion:** The Town Board all agreed to keep the 7 seats and that they all have been talking with people about becoming a member but are waiting for responses.

### **New Business**

- **Appoint Michael McCune to Hoosick Housing Board**  
**Motion to Approve Appointment**  
Sutton made the motion to appoint Michael McCune as Housing Authority Board Member to fill the vacancy of Rick Tinkham with a term that expires Sept. 30, 2016, Surdam seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Vacant Property Lawns- Bubba's, Town, Re-bid?**  
The Board was not sure of the process regarding payment reimbursement to the Town for work performed by a contractor on a foreclosed property.  
Stradinger will forward all the laws pertaining to property maintenance to the Town Attorney for his review.
- **Health Care Benefit Plan Assistance-** Town has been working in recent years with Richard Palermino of Patriot Benefit Solutions. Recently Highway Superintendent Shiland, Emily Saunders and Supervisor Surdam have met with representatives from Marshall & Sterling and Capital Financial Group Inc. We would like to recommend to the Board that we appoint **Denise Palyo of Capital Financial Group Inc.** to work with the Town Board and our Town Employees as we prepare for the changes that are going to affect us in the next year. This appointment would start immediately as we need to prepare for the changes now.  
**Motion to Appoint Denise Palyo**  
Sutton made the motion to appoint Denise Palyo, Capital Financial Group, Inc. to work with the Town regarding the Town's health insurance, Surdam seconded.  
Patire: abstained – He felt Rich Palermino did a good job and should be given the opportunity, Wysocki: aye, Sutton: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion carried 3 – 1
- **Rt. 7& 22 Sign**  
Surdam has been working with Kevin O'Malley, Village Trustee, to be able to count our sign with the Villages signs, we just have to pay for the addition to the sign itself. Talking about Putting the mural on both sides the sign of a painting by Grandma Moses. The cost is \$650.00  
**Motion to Approve Sign**  
Patire made the motion to approve the sign for \$650.00 Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Resolution #73 - \$200.00 Budget Transfer- Increase A1310.4 Bookkeeper Payroll, Decrease A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance**  
**Motion to Approve**  
Patire made the motion to approve the budget transfer, Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote:  
Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

- **Future Meeting Dates**

- 2015 Budget Workshop: Thursday Oct. 9, 2014 6:30 pm
- Town Board Meeting – Thursday Oct. 16, 2014 7:00 pm (moved due to holiday)
- 2015 Budget Public Hearing W.Hoosick FD Thurs. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 pm
- 2015 Budget Public Hearing N.Hoosick FD Thurs. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm
- 2015 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing Thurs. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

***Motion to Approve All Meeting Dates***

Sutton made the motion to approve all of the meeting dates as stated above, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

- **Lifeguards for 2015 pool Season**

Surdam talked about setting something up over winter break to see if any our previous life guards want to come back for the 2015 pool year

Sutton said Hoosac School has offered their pool and lifeguard training for our group – more discussion to follow on this.

**Adjournment**

Patire made the motion to adjourn the meeting, pending signing of vouchers, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid: Abstract # 7 vouchers: 301-359-2014**

General A	\$17,592.29
General B	\$3,055.53
Highway Da	\$17,270.86
Highway DB	\$68,176.74
Cap.Projects H	\$20,242.75
Spec. Fire SF	\$19,495.00
Spec. Water SW	\$235.00
Trust & Agency TA	\$6,050.08
Total:	\$152,118.25

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Stradinger  
Hoosick Town Clerk