

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday March 10, 2014**

Pledge to Flag

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

Previous Minutes Feb. 10th – Discussions/Corrections

None

Welcome/Public Comments

- Welcome our new Town Attorneys representing Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP are William Ryan, Jr. and Derek Sellman
- Welcome Andrew Alberti from Lakes to Locks Passage. Andrew to give a short presentation describing Lakes to Locks Passage, the Kiosk they would like to install at North Hoosick Stewarts and the importance of having a Resolution of Support from the Town.
- Last Call for Hockey Tickets- Flyers are in the lobby & on the web site for “Hoosick Community Hockey Night”, Sunday March 30th @ 3pm. Albany Devils vs. Binghamton Senators. Tickets are \$8 each, transportation included.
- Received a letter from the Town of Hoosick Youth Baseball/Softball inviting the Town Board to their Opening Day Ceremony on Saturday April 26th beginning at 11am with a parade through town followed by short ceremony on field#1.
- The Empty Bowls Event on Friday, March 14th 6-8pm in The Owls Nest at The Armory in Hoosick Falls. All of the proceeds from Empty Bowls will be donated directly to the HACA Food Pantry.
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade next Saturday March 15 at 1pm.

- Aelish Nealon, HAYC3 - discussed the “Barn Quilt Project”. Currently 30 applications received, the unveiling will be held in August at the Armory

- Gail Smith - Events provided by the Community Alliance Church: Mar. 22nd 6:00 pm will be the 5th Game Dinner.
- Mar. 29th 3-5 pm Memoirs of WW11

- Kevin Allard – presented 4 foil REQUESTS

- Keith Cipperly - presented 4 FOIL requests

- Dennis Casey - Commended the Board for doing a great job

Town Clerk’s Report

Clerk’s Report for February: Total \$ 661.50 Remitted to the Supervisor: \$450.50

- Brown’s Brewing & Scotties Diner- Applications for Beer & Wine License.
- Summer Camp Discussion - Scheduled workshop to go over the camp program for March 20, 2014 6:00 pm
- Grant Funding for Summer Camp no longer available. The Funding is now targeted towards teenage youth programs.

Assessor’s Report

Received approximately 98% of exemption applications. Deadline ended March 1st.

Superintendent of Highway’s Report

Reviewed the Union Contract and a Drug/Alcohol Test was not necessary when the Town truck tipped over last month. Now has sand and 70 tons of salt. Started grading

Town Historian

New display “Walter A. Wood” – photos

Recreation Report

- ~Ice rink is now closed Sunday March 2 last day
- ~46 days of skating this year (21 last year)
- ~3022 total attendance
- ~Rented over 1000 pair of skates Need to order more for next season
- ~Lessons went well. Thank you Sue Hyde
- ~ Hockey Clinic participation was disappointing. Thank you to The Hoosac School, Coach Colling and his players. We will continue this program next year
- Request for shed(s) to store rink/day camp supplies
- 1-10x16 or 2-8x10 \$2500
- Request to build more shelving in office (storage) \$500
- Request dri deck flooring for bathrooms (year round flooring) \$1500

Motion to Approve Shed and Shelving

Patire made the motion to approve \$1600. For building a shed and shelving at the rink to store rink/camp equipment, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Attended meeting with Mayor Borge and some Hall St. residents to review and prepare for meeting with Congressman Gibson and others ref. Woods Brook.
- Attended meeting to discuss Woods Brook with Mayor Borge, Congressman Gibson, representatives from Rensselaer County, NYS DEC, Army Corp of Engineers, SEMA and Senator Marchione's office.
- Met with representatives from the HAYC3 Board to discuss needed written agreement to outline use of the Hoosick Taxpayer funds that are paid in support of HAYC3 and the Armory Building. We also discussed formalizing Lease Agreement. HAYC3 is going to present some options for the Town Board to review and discuss with goal of having agreement in place prior to the start Town Budget discussions in July.
- Traveled to Albany with Highway Superintendent Shiland to set up Sam's Club Account and to reactivate the Town's Verizon Wireless Account.
- Attended Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad annual banquet held at the Hoosick Falls Country Club. Congratulations to Rita Kittle- Inaugural Presentation of the "Joan Roger's Service Award". Membership Milestones Reached; Sue Eddy-35 years, Carol Hanselman-30 years, Georgiana Parker-15 years, Cindy Mattison & Harold McCellan- 5 years. The Town of Hoosick received a Certificate of Appreciation, excellent dinner prepared and served by Jeff Babson and staff.
- Attended Planning Board Meeting.
- Hosted a meeting with Melissa Ann Miller and Alane Ball Chinian, representing The Bennington Battle Field & the Barnett Homestead. Plans are underway for a June 7th ribbon cutting for Colonel Baum Trail & August 16th Battle reenactment. Expressed interest in working with Town and volunteers to reopen the Barnett Homestead for visitors, and help with opening & closing gate. Also would like to see the park used more for social events including picnics, weddings, scout camping etc. Friends of the Battlefield Meeting is scheduled for March 6th at Barnett Homestead.
- Attended Hathaway Drive-In Fundraiser.
- As approved by previous Town Board we paid Key Bank \$3277.80 for Safe Deposit Box rental dating back to 1995. Emily & I met at Key Bank on Wed. March 5th to witness safe deposit box being opened. We documented few items found in box and I turned them over to Town Clerk. Items in the box were a number of computer back up floppy disc for old computer system and a few rolls of micro film.
- Attended joint marketing presentation in the Owls Nest with Village Board. Presenters were Camoin Associates. Additional discussions are going to be had as to the best approach for marketing our community.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Wysocki: Will be attending the Hoosick Fire Dept. annual banquet.

Councilperson Patire: Preliminary is done for renewal of the Town Insurance Policy - no changes.

Councilperson Sutton: discussed the 237th reenactment of the Bennington Battle this summer on the original site.

Old or Ongoing Business

- Pool Update-March 5th letter from Philip Koziol of LaBerge giving update for Design/Permitting. Will be posting on the Town Website.
- New Computer- In the works.
- Due to work related commitments Robert Becker Declined the Appointment to the Hoosick Housing Authority we made at the February meeting. Therefore we are still in need of a volunteer Board Member for the Hoosick Housing Authority.

- **Second reading of Cell Phone Policy per recent adopted policy.**

Motion to waive the 2nd reading of the Cell Phone Policy

Patire made the motion to approve, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

- Town Funds to HAYC3. - Changes to agreement - Board to review.

New Business

- Special Meeting Saturday, March 15th from 9am – 10am at Highway Garage to review Town Trucks & Equipment.

Resolution #48 of 2014- Supporting Lakes to Locks Passage.

Motion to Approve

Surdam made the motion to approve resolution # 45, Wysocki seconded. Roll call vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

Resolution #49 of 2014- "2013" Year End Budget Transfers.

Motion to Approve

Patire made the motion to approve resolution #46, Sutton seconded. Roll call vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

Resolution #50 of 2014- The State Insurance Fund, Premium Reduction opportunity for Town of Hoosick Fire District.

(Withdrawn) After reviewing the deductible savings and considering the deductible applied per incident it did not seem like it was worth it, was withdrawn with Surdam's recommendation.

Resolution #51 of 2014- Accepting SBA Communications Corp. Wilson Hill Tower Bond Change.

Motion to Approve

Patire made the motion to approve resolution #48, Wysocki seconded. Roll call vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

Resolution #52 of 2014- Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to enter into Service Agreement for \$3,000.00 with Harbridge Consulting Group to continue maintaining GASB 45 Postretirement Health Care Benefits Plan 5 Year Projections.

Motion to Approve

Sutton made the motion to approve resolution #49, Patire seconded. Roll call vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

- Request from Zoning Board Chair, Jim Hoag for additional hours for Karen Jennings to work on organizing Zoning & Planning files. Will start with estimated 20 hours and evaluate progress. Thank you to Ed King for the donation of a good used file cabinet to help with this.

Motion to Approve Additional Hours

Sutton made the motion to approve Karen Jennings to work the estimated 20 hours as stated at existing rate of pay, Surdam seconded, all ayes carried.

- Paying Salt Voucher. Included in this month's vouchers.

Motion to Pay Salt Bill

Sutton made the motion to pay the salt bill from American Salt that was ordered last Dec. 2013, Surdam seconded, all ayes carried.

- Estimate for Cameras in Clerk's Office - received one estimate, Patire will get additional estimates.

Bills Paid: Abstract 3 vouchers: 2014 – 100 through 145

General A	\$14,468.69
General B	\$10,372.57
Highway DA	\$33,367.37
Cap. Projects H	\$2,477.44
Spec. Water SW	\$135.00
Trust & Agency TA	\$3,700.68
Total:	\$64,521.75

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger,
Hoosick Town Clerk