

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday May 12, 2014 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Discussions or Corrections to Previous Meeting(s) Minutes

- Town Board Members have received via e-mail from the Town Clerk the recorded Minutes from the previous meeting or meetings. Corrections may have already been recommended. Approved Minutes will be available from the Town Clerk or our web site, www.TownofHoosick.org.

Welcome/Public Comments/Announcements

- Gail Smith- Celebrate Recovery Program
- Peter Schaaphock- Battle of Walloomsac- <http://www.brigade.org/barcal/m2014/walloomsac.html>
- June 7th Join the Washington County Historical Society, Lakes to Locks Passage, New York State Parks, the Historic Hudson-Hoosic Partnership and partners to celebrate the inauguration of the Road to the Battle of Bennington interpretive driving tour. Additional Information & signup sheet are on our web site. He has requested that Caretakers Road be closed for the events for the safety of the public and if the Highway Dept. could put Calcium Chloride on the road to keep the dust levels down.
- May 17 from 1-3 pm at Community Alliance Church
"Lost Meaning of Memorial Day" and Cemetery Walk Sponsored by Voice of a Vet
- Sunday May 18th - Celebrate Recovery Sunday at HFCAC at 10:30 am
- Village has hired Camoin Associates to work with community to develop a marketing plan for our area. Kick off Meeting is Wednesday May 14, 6pm at the Village Hall.
- Town Court has received a \$1,000.00 Grant to install portable AC in the Court Room. Details are being worked out.
- Cheney Library Open House, 10am to celebrate opening of the new Children's Room.
- Copy of FEMA proposed Flood Maps for the Town of Hoosick are available to be viewed at Hoosick Town Office. Mayor Borge & Village Highway Superintendent Stowell did attend a recent meeting in Brunswick and have obtained additional information.
- Keith Cipperly: Wanted to know if the Town had received HAYC3 Operating Budget. (Town has not received).
Joyce Brewer: reminders of HFCS Performing Arts. Thurs. Sharon Katz performing at school. Saturday the HFCS Chorus is having a performance and on Sunday the HFCS Chorus performing with Battenkill Corral.
- State Route 7 Paving Project: will be starting in Pittstown going through Hoosick. Beginning date May 27th.

Town Clerk's Report

- April report - Total: \$3,779.25 – remitted to the Supervisor: \$1,066.74
- NYMIR Requested Panic Button/Door/Camera's/office
Current quotes received are on hold until Patire talks to David Bloodgood of Wright Risk Management to discuss budget constraints and priorities of the list.
- Discussion to permit Town Clerk to allow assistant additional hours to help with FOIL request. The Board decided we will go from a month to month basis as needed.

Motion to Approve FOIL Assistance

Patire made the motion to approve and pay Ginny Blinstrub to help with the FOIL requests on an as needed basis and that the Board and Town Clerk will monitor time used on a month to month basis, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

- Turned check over to the Town for Interest and Penalties from the 2014 tax season. \$7,154.93
- Reminder Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin will be here in the Armory for meet and greet Thursday June 5th from 3-6pm

Assessor's Report

- Tentative Tax Roll has is on our Web Site, www.TownofHoosick.org
- **Resolution #56 Furon Company Tax Assessment Settlement**
Motion to Approve Resolution #56
Sutton made the motion to approve the Furon Tax Assessment Settlement as outlined in the resolution, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- White Creek Road Project- Separate from Bridge Project (Highway plans on paving The entire White Creek Rd in co-ordination with the Bridge Project.
- **Resolution #57 Request to Assist in Repair of NYS Owned Access Road for Battle Reenactment to Take Place August 2014**
Motion to Approve Resolution #57
Wysocki made the motion to authorize the use of Town equipment, manpower and materials needed to repair the NYS owned access road off from Cottrell Rd for the purpose of the August Bennington Battle Reenactment, and as requested by Melissa Miller, NYS Parks and contingent upon receiving a letter requesting the above, Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- Garage Pit Safety Barrier complete
- Removed Tree Limbs that were overhanging Town Pool area.

Town Historian

- Charles Filkins, filled in for Phil Leonard. New display of photos on how the Army originally formed a group for the Armory.

Recreation Report

- **Summer Camp Progress** – the current candidate for Pool Director, decided not to take the position, so still looking for Director. Any suggestions contact the Supervisor.
- **Pool Renovation Project Advertisement to Bid**

Resolution #58 Authorizing the Town Clerk to Advertise for Bids Regarding the Town Pool Renovation Project With A Return Date Of June 10, 2014 At 2:00 pm Where At The Time The Bids Will Be Opened
Motion to Approve Resolution # 58
Patire made the motion to approve Advertisement to Bid for contractors for the Town Pool Renovation Project, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Town Pool Pump Room Electrical Proposal from Bradley's Electrical.**
Tabled

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Held a Combined Planning, Zoning & Town Board meeting to open up communication between the Boards, discuss issues, review processes and make recommendations for improvements. This was an excellent meeting with positive discussion. It was decided there is a need to convert Zoning and Land use laws to an electronic version and have them put onto our Town Web site. We need to review our Site Plan Review and make needed changes. We also discussed having an online check list and sample forms that will help applicants with the process. More to come on this in the months ahead.
- Attended "In Our Own Backyard" Town Hall Meeting Sponsored by HAYC3.
- Follow up meeting with Charles Tutunjian of Creighton Manning Engineering in preparation of the White Creek Bridge Project.
- Met with Ken Facin ref Town support for Battlefield History Curriculum that is being developed by the school for the Battlefield Park. We also discussed Shared Services and the importance of working together as a Community.
- Annual Financial Report Update Document has been completed and Filed with the State.

(Supervisor's Report Cont'd)

- Was invited and attended a meeting with Linda Hillman & Cesar Astralaga of the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce. Together with Mayor Borge, Kristina Fauler (Oak-Mitsui), Rosemarie Smith & Jim Martinez (Hoosick Federal Credit Union) we were able to communicate the exciting things that are taking place in our Community. We discussed what we believe are the selling points of Hoosick, our rich history and our desire for the Chamber to work with us to help develop and fill our empty buildings in the area. More to come.
- Follow up meeting at the Pool with Rich & Ron Laberge as they gathered last bits of needed information for bid packet.
- Have been working on hiring a Summer Camp Director. We had a second potential candidate decide last Thursday evening not to take the position. A number of returning Councilors have expressed interest in the position but there is an age requirement of 21.
- I attended a two day Town Finance & Management School in Saratoga through NYS Association of Towns.
- Met with Highway Superintendent Shiland to review extent of repairs needed to state access road off Cottrell Road and Reviewed the extent of work to be completed on White Creek Road.
- Received a call from Janice Tate, class reunion committee for 50 years and over. They would like to donate fund raiser proceeds to be used for the Pool Rehabilitation Project.

Town Council Reports

- ***Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:*** Attended combined meeting of the zoning and Planning Boards.
- ***Councilperson Patire:*** Received price quote for new chain link fencing at playground \$2,940. 122ft 7 ft high. Tom Margiotta said he would tear down the old wood fence and coordinate with the fencing company for putting up the new chain link fence.
- ***Councilperson Sutton:*** Special Meeting- Castle Playground Report

A brief synopsis.

Was well attended. Approximately a dozen people. It was agreed that we will contact a chain link fence contractor and replace the wooden fence that exists between the pool and the playground. This to be done soonest. Height to match adjacent existing. In general the existing wooden structures are in fine shape structurally it was discussed that all should be painted. This was a project we felt would be great for volunteers and perhaps long term project as there is a lot to do. There are some railings that need to be replaced and others added for safety. Bruce and Jeff intend to meet with NYMIR soon to see what they require/recommend. It was discussed that we need someone or more than one person to head up this project also mentioned was collaboration between village in town and a meeting of both village in town to discuss the project. It was also discussed that children should not be part of the heavy construction elements for safety reasons. Everyone agreed that the exterior fence that prevents visibility of the interior of the playground needs to come down also mentioned was the concept of removing some panels and replacing with an open-faced mesh or some other material that will allow visibility. This should prevent hooliganism and the need for cameras perhaps in the future. There was also concern of shielding the children in the playground area from foul language that occurs on the basketball court. As we remove the exterior fencing we will complicate this concern. Plantings were mentioned as result.

Also mentioned was access and participation for the handicapped. Perhaps a swing that is for special needs.

Also mentioned was a ten year plan with community participation to systematically start replacing elements with new as our budget allows.

A desire to have our fire, police, and building inspector departments brought in for their input and involvement was stated.

A suggestion that we ask our courts to consider community service tasks be directed to the large painting requirement.

Despite the rain the tenor of the meeting was positive and energetic. It was said that many are ready to be involved. No surprise. It's Hoosick Falls.

Old or Ongoing Business

- ***Following Monthly Information is provided to all Town Board Members for review and to the Town Clerk for a public record.***
 1. Operating Statement
 2. Revenue Report
 3. Voucher Packet for review and signatures
- ***Castle Playground Plan Outline for discussion-***
 1. Replace pool side wood fence with chain link fence.
 2. Seal wood with stain or clear sealer.
 3. Remove wood chips from under structures & replace with new or rubber chips.
 4. Remove BB court side wood fence.
 5. Add new boards where needed
 6. Remove Tires
 7. New Swings & Climbing Nets
- ***Policy Against Discrimination & Sexual Harassment- Resolution***
Tabled for next month

New Business

- **Resolution-#59 Supporting Lakes to Locks Passage to install a Kiosk at No. Hoosick Stewarts**(note: The Town Highway is not allowed to install the kiosk since it private property and cannot use tax payers money for this).
Motion to Approve Resolution #59
Sutton made the motion to support Lakes to Locks efforts to install the Kiosk, Wysocki seconded, Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved
- **Resolution #60 Approving the company - Chain Link Fence Connection to Install New Fence on the Pool side of the Castle Playground.**
Motion to Approve Resolution #60
Patire made the motion to approve the new fencing for \$2,940.00 as per their proposal, Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #61 Authorizing Laberge to write Consolidated Funding Grant Application Targeting Pool Bath House & Pump House Upgrades.**
Motion to Approve Resolution #61
Sutton made the motion to approve Laberge to write/submit the consolidated Funding Application, Patire seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution # 62 Budget Transfers**
Motion to Approve Resolution #62
Patire made the motion to approve the budget transfers, Sutton seconded. Roll Call vote: Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #63 Budget Amendment for Castle Playground Rehab Project**
Motion to Approve Resolution #63
Patire made the motion to approve Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton, aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- ***Town/Village Agreements-*** Town Board has been e-mailed the proposed agreements for review and feedback. Mayor Borge will attend the June meeting to answer any questions. The agreements we are working on are;
 1. General Agreement- Purpose, shared services/labor and or equipment.
 2. Police Agreement- Purpose, Town Court & special events.
 3. Water Agreement- Purpose, Town residents who receive Village Water and Sewer.
- ***2 Year Audit Request-*** with Federal Funds being used for White Creek Bridge Project an Audit for 2014 will be required, 2013 Audit will give us a baseline. Will be getting quotes.

Adjournment

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

Bills Paid Abstract # 5 203/2014 through 254/2014

General A	\$12,589.40
General B	\$4,848.50
Highway DA	\$15,624.26
Highway DB	\$19,161.91
Cap.Projects H	\$23,827.10
Spec.Water SW	\$70.00
Trust&Agency TA	\$5,002.54
Total:	<u>\$81,123.71</u>

***Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger
Hoosick Town Clerk***