

Agenda
Town Of Hoosick Regular Meeting
April 13th, 2015

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- **Previous Meeting(s) Minutes-** have been reviewed by the board and are available from the Town Clerk or www.townofhoosick.org .

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

- **Tom Valone Hoosick Rising-**Broadband update.

V. Correspondence/Announcements

- **Boy Scouts....Congratulations-** Two new Eagle Scouts in the Town of Hoosick, Will Clifford & Gregory Pirie. Scouting's highest rank advancement.
- **Girl Scouts-** are collecting flags for "STARS FOR OUR TROOPS" Flag Project. Info is on our web site. Flags can be dropped at a number of locations including the Town Office.
- **Voice of a Vet Fundraiser-** Alcohol Free Event on Tuesday may 5th at Brown's Brewing. Giffy's Chicken, HFCS Jazz Band, Silent Auction, Live Dessert Auction with our own Ron Seifert plus Brown's will be serving their very own root beer. Additional Information available www.townofhoosick.org .
- **Letter of Peace & Encouragement from Children @ St. Mary's-** Along with a Peace Dove was sent to Supervisor Surdam. Thank you!!!
- **Lace Up For Cure-** This coming Sat. April 18th. Info is on our web site or contact Gretchen Yonconish 518-488-7238 or gyoncinish@roadrunner.com .
- **\$300 Eagles Club Donation-** to be used towards training our lifeguards. Thank you Very Much!!

- **Memorial Day Parade-** Kevin O'Malley has stepped up to assist the American Legion with organizing this year's parade. I'm sure Kevin could use some help. Please contact Supervisor Surdam or Kevin if you are willing to get involved in this wonderful event.
- **Love Your Village-** Village Clean Up is May 2nd from 9am-noon. Meet at the HAYC3 Welcome Station in Wood Park at 9am. Additional info on our web site or call 686-9050 or e-mail contactHAYC3@gmail.com .
- **Hoosick Falls Country Club-** Chef Jeff Babson & the HFCC announce that on Wed 4/15 @ 4:30 the Restaurant will be open and serving dinner from the completely renovated and updated kitchen. It looks great, a job well done!!! Membership Applications are available at the club, on our web site or www.hoosickgolf.org .

VI. Town Clerk's Report

- Remodeling work completed in the Town Clerks Office, Great Job!!!

VII. Assessor's Report

- **Fiber Optics off the Tax Rolls-** Discussion, long term effects to tax base as large dollar amounts continue to be removed from our Tax Tolls.

VIII. Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **2015-16 State Funding-** CHIPS \$128,996 & Extreme Winter Recovery \$19,101
- **Budget-** Long cold Winter has caused **serious** budget concerns for later this year.
- **Insurance Check received-** \$29,017 for truck that was totaled.
- **Trailer for Mowers/Small Equipment-**

IX. Town Historian

X. Recreation Report

- **Pool Information & Updates-** will be available at www.hoosickrecreation.com .
- **Pool Concession-** Discussion
- **Lifeguards-** We still have a few openings for Lifeguards for the 2015 swim season. Please apply now so we can coordinate all needed training prior to the pool opening in June/July. Applications are available on our town web site or from the Town Clerks Office. Scheduling for certification and recertification is under way.

Lifeguard Appointments- Motion to appoint

Will Clifford

Katherine Danforth

Sean Dingman

Alyssa Houghton

Kelli Grennan

Kara Laflamme

Michael Matatt

Dana O'Malley

Tyler Rondeau

Lizza Ryan

- **Summer Camp Staff-** We had many applications this year for Summer camp Staff. We were able to fill most of our Summer camp Staff with returning staff members; we are going to offer extra applicants opportunity to be a Lifeguard at our pool. We will have appointment list at May meeting.

XI. Supervisor Surdam's Report

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XII. Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Wysocki

Councilperson Patire

- **Purchase Orders-** As part of reviewing and updating the Town's Purchasing Policy the issue of using PO's has come up. Bruce has been reviewing the use of a PO system should the board decide to implement.

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Councilperson Sutton

Councilperson Hyde

XIII Old or Ongoing Business

- **Castle Playground-** Supervisor & Deputy Supervisor met with Hoosick Kiwanis Club and heard a presentation from Karen Armstrong, Project Manager from Parkitects Inc. The Kiwanis is asking the Board to approve paying \$1,000 out of our dedicated Castle playground Fund to have Parkitects complete a Playground Maintenance Audit & Safety Inspection. They will use that report to create a rehab plan and schedule.
Discussion/Resolution
- **Computer Server-** Taking longer than anticipated but still on the way.
- **Consolidated Funding Grant-** For the project to update the Pool Mechanical Room (pump house) and the bath house. Supervisor met with Danielle Dwyer of NYS Parks & Rich LaBerge to review outline of grant and its requirements. We are going to need assistance to get through this process. Discussion/Resolution
- **Updating Purchase Policy & Investment Policy-** We continue to look at these policies that were last updated in 1999.
- **Woods Brook-**
- **2015 Youth Development Grant-** Information and application have been returned to the Rensselaer County Dept. of Youth, we are waiting to hear from them.
- **County Wide Government Efficiency Plan-** In our continued effort to work on this plan to comply with the NYS Tax Freeze Law members of the Town & Village Boards did meet and go through both the Village & Town Highway Garages. It was pretty clear that all good useable space is being used by both departments. We will continue to work together to look for opportunities to share and help each other.
- **Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Position-** This is a part time position requires approx. 3-4 hours per day, 3-4 days a week, some call in time, mandatory training required, with a budgeted annual salary of \$14,752. *One application received, discussion-*
- **Grievance Review Board Opening-** Requirements are to attend a 3 hour training class put on by Rensselaer County in late April or early May. The Grievance Board convenes on the 4th Tuesday in May from 4-8pm. Compensation is \$100 plus Pizza. Please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board Member if interested
- **Summer Camp & Pool Applications from Rensselaer County-** Kaila & Supervisor Surdam have started working on the applications; we have also been in touch with Amanda from Rensselaer County who will be working on the Summer Camp application with us. We will complete the applications and send them in within the next week or two.

- **Water Agreement w/Village-** We have passed an agreement that the Rensselaer County Attorney was not completely comfortable with and has asked us to pass an updated resolution.

XIV New Business

- **2015 Summer Camp & Pool Employee Pay Scale-**
- **Basketball Summer Camp-** High School Teacher & Coach Chris Fleming would like to run one week program 6/29-7/2. Discussion & Motion.
- **Appointment to Zoning Board-** Resolution for Andy Beaty to continue as a valued member of the Zoning Board.
- **Bonadio Audit-** Resolution to accept the 2013 Audit Report from Bonadio & Co., LLP.
- **Union Agreement-** with our highway workers expires at the end of the year. We will need to hire Attorney to represent the Town. We will also need a committee to work on this.
- **Employee W2 Issue**
- **Health Care-** Ties in with W2 Issue. Discussion/Resolution
- **Emergency Management Plan-** Discussion
- **2015 Budget Amendment-** Resolution
- **2015 Budget Adjustments-** Resolution
- **High Speed Internet Survey-** Residents in the Town will be receiving a Survey from Rensselaer County. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FILL THIS SURVEY OUT AND RETURN IT ASAP. According to NYS most of our town if not all of it is has access to high speed internet. Please remember there is a difference between having internet service and having high speed internet service. Although we are working on this issue ourselves through Hoosick Rising it is still important that the surveys be filled out and returned. Any survey questions should be directed to Linda VonDerHeide at 518-270-2921 or Lvonderheide@rensko.com .
- **Police Notice-** In recent weeks the area has been experiencing a number of ATV & Wood Splitter thefts from homeowner's properties. Please take precautions to secure these items and report all suspicious activity to the Police.

XV. Adjournment pending the signing of Vouchers