

**Town Of Hoosick**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 7:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of Silence-** With heavy hearts we took a moment to remember our friend and Town Justice, Dick Whalen who passed away January 26<sup>th</sup> He will be missed.

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

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

**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-** Mr. Valone introduced himself as a Town of Hoosick resident who participates in the efforts of Hoosick Rising with an emphasis on improving the broadband Internet availability in the rural areas. Discussion occurred surrounding the steps necessary to assess the current status of high speed Internet in the rural areas. Mr. Valone sought permission from the Town Board to utilize the Town of Hoosick website to host a survey to town residents surrounding residents' current high speed Internet status. A motion to allow the use of the Town of Hoosick website for a survey to town residents was made by Sutton and seconded by Wysocki, **all ayes carried.**

**Correspondence**

- **Lace Up for the Cure-** Annual event to raise money for the American Cancer Society will be held this year on April 18<sup>th</sup>. For information please Contact Gretchen Yonconish 518-488-7238 or e-mail [gyonconish@roadrunner.com](mailto:gyonconish@roadrunner.com) .
- **State of New York Public Service Commission-** We received a report on Case 04-M-0159 Proceeding on a Motion of the Commission to Examine the Safety of Electric Transmission and Distribution Systems. This report is available online by searching Case 04-M-0159. Hard copy is available at Town Office if needed.
- **Village of Hoosick Falls-** Sewer Collection System Improvement Project; completed Negative Declaration Form, SEQR Full Environmental Assessment Form part 2 & 3.
- **NYMIR Safety Committee Playbook-** A copy has been distributed to the Board to be considered and discussed at the March meeting.

**Town Clerk's Report**

- **26 Brenenstuhl Road-** One bid was received for the proposed clean-up of this property. The bid from Hoosick Sand and Gravel is for a cost of \$5900 excluding car tires which will be billed at \$7/tire. Sutton made a motion to accept the bid from Hoosick Sand and Gravel, seconded by Patire, **all ayes carried.**
- **Cash Report-** Total \$1,183.00 remitted to Supervisor: \$831.75

**Assessor's Report**

- **Exemption Time-** March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Please contact Assessor Rice if you have any questions. Forty-five exemptions have been received to date.

**Superintendent of Highway's Report**

- **Bids for the following were opened:**
  1. **Diesel:** One bid was received. Doug's Oil submitted bid for diesel for 2.125/gallon which is .18 over cost.  
-Motion to accept bid from Doug's Oil for diesel was made by Patire, seconded by Wysocki, **all ayes carried.**
  2. **Fuel Oil:** One bid was received. Doug's Oil submitted bid for fuel oil for 2.109/gallon which is .18 over cost.  
-Motion to accept bid from Doug's Oil for fuel oil was made by Patire, seconded by Hyde, **all ayes carried.**
  3. **Sand:** One bid was received. Peckham Industries submitted bid for winter sand for 675/ton for 2000 tons.  
-Motion to accept bid from Peckham Industries for winter sand was made by Patire, seconded by Wysocki, **all ayes carried.**
- **Salt Shortage-** As reported on local TV news there is once again this year a salt shortage that is affecting us. We have calls in to the State to advise them of our situation.
- **Zamboni-** Has an oil leak will be looked at after snow is cleaned up.
- **New Truck-** We made a motion to start bid & purchase process at last month's meeting however we may opt to take advantage of the new Piggy back law that allows us to use previously approved truck bids.

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- **Truck Incident-** During the Monday, 2/2 snowstorm our 1998 Tandem trk was backed into a ditch on Ford Rd. causing damage to the box body and possibly the frame of the trk. Insurance company has been contacted we are waiting on insurance adjuster.
- Mr. Sutton offered his appreciation to Mr. Shiland and the highway crew for their hard work and efforts throughout this challenging winter.

#### **Town Historian**

No report this month

#### **Recreation Report**

- **Rink-** The rink is now open. Rink information is available at [www.hoosickrecreation.com](http://www.hoosickrecreation.com).
- **Concession** – The simple concession that was implemented after the January 2015 meeting has been a huge success.
- **Hockey Skates-** After mentioning in last month's meeting a need for hockey skates the Town received three separate donations to purchase the skates. We were able to purchase 9 pairs of skates with the donations. THANK YOU!!
- **Hoosick Friends of Skating-** Completed the final week of skating lessons on Saturday. The weather for Ice has been very cooperative this year. Thank you to Sue Hyde for all of her efforts.
- **Lifeguards-** We are accepting applications 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.
- **Castle Playground-** There was a meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening at the Falls Diner with Kiwanis Club to hear presentation on possible updates. However, this meeting has been cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled.

#### **Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- Held a combined Planning, Zoning and Town Board meeting to discuss the recently passed upgrade to the Site Plan Review Law and to discuss updating the Town of Hoosick Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Laws. Attending the meeting in addition to members of all three boards was invited guests Ben Syden and Nicole Allen from LeBerge Engineering and Linda Von der Heide, Principal Planner with Rensselaer County Economic Development & Planning. I hope everyone shared my feeling that this was a very productive and worthwhile meeting.
- Updating our Town of Hoosick Comprehensive Plan- Working with Ben Syden from LeBerge. I sent a letter to Robert Pasinella Jr., Executive Director of the Rensselaer County IDA requesting Funding Assistance to complete this process.
- Reviewed petition to "Force David Sutton to Resign from the Town Board". I also reviewed all of the additional information and comments that were included in the packet.
- Attended a Rensselaer County meeting on government Efficiency and the Tax Freeze program. The information from NYS is not complete. Another meeting at the County is scheduled for April.
- Attended a Village Water meeting that included representatives from the Village, County, State, area business and a few engineering firms. I can report that the Village Officials are working very hard and very methodically to gather the needed information so that they can try to make the most responsible decisions based on the information that they are gathering.
- Attended a Community Emergency Response meeting. Members of the Village Board, Fire, Police Hoosick rescue, and NHFD were in attendance.
- Met with Jim McGlynn of Pioneer Savings Bank to review & sign Bond Anticipation Note for the Community Pool Rehab Project.
- Met with Court Clerk Jan Kimble to review and sign reports for Judge Whalen.

#### **Town Council Reports**

**Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Noted that the combined meeting with the Planning and Zoning Boards was good. Building Wild's new season will start on February 24<sup>th</sup>. All Board Members agreed that this series is good for our community.

**Councilperson Patire:** offered appreciation to all those who sent cards and condolences for the loss of his mother and mother-in-law.

**Councilperson Sutton:** Reported that he was approached by Mike LaPorte to assist with a donation and support of the Section 2 wrestling championship tournament. Mr. Sutton chose to support and to use the Town of Hoosick logo. With Sutton's support, the Town of Hoosick is represented at the Section 2 championship with a 4X4 Town of Hoosick logo.

**Councilperson Hyde:** Nothing at this time.

**Old or Ongoing Business**

1. **Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)** -\$500,000 for the Pool Rehab Project. The Note is dated January 27<sup>th</sup> 2015 with Pioneer Savings Bank, bears interest at the rate of 1.125% per annum, is payable at maturity, and matures on January 26, 2016. There are options to renew. This will be reviewed again in January 2016.
2. **COI Information**-Do we need to review and compare what NYMIR sent with what we are using? Should we have a written policy in place to avoid future confusion? Supervisor Surdam noted that we should have a written policy and has asked that this be put on the list of things to complete.
3. **Budgeted Computer Server-Resolution #41** to purchase and install a new computer server for the Town of Hoosick computers was offered by Sutton with the addition of language inserted to state "Be it resolved; by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Hoosick does approve working with Bob Nesbitt...". Resolution #41 was seconded by Wysocki. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. **Motion carried.**
4. **St. Patrick's Parade Support- Resolution #42** to provide financial support of \$600 to the Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade was offered by Sutton and seconded by Wysocki. Roll Call Vote: Surdam: aye, Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye. **Motion carried.**
5. **Consolidated Funding Grant**- For the project to update the Pool Mechanical Room (pump house) and the bath house. We received a letter advising that the next step in the process is to meet with our OPRHP Regional Grant Administrator (RGA) Danielle Dwyer to become oriented to the program and its requirements. We expect that meeting to take place soon.
6. **Updating Purchase Policy & Investment Policy**- We continue to look at these policies that were last updated in 1999.
7. **Zoning Board Appointment- Resolution #43** to reappoint James Hoag retroactive to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 was offered by Wysocki with the addition of language inserted to state "Be it resolved; by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Hoosick does approve retroactive to May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 James Hoag is reappointed to serve as a member...". Resolution #43 was seconded by Hyde. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. **Motion carried.** Town Attorney agreed to contact Zoning Board Attorney to inquire if any votes that occurred during this lagged time need to be looked at and voted on again.
8. **Woods Brook- Resolution #44** to share the cost with the Village of Hoosick Falls, to retain the services of Barton & Loguidice Engineers, to apply for funds to complete mitigation study of Woods Brook was offered by Patire with the addition of language to state "Be it resolved; by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Hoosick agrees to split the \$4500 cost and pay \$2250 to have Barton & Loguidice apply...". Resolution #44 was seconded by Wysocki. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. **Motion carried.**

**New Business**

1. **Upcoming Meetings**- Planning Board 2/23 at 7:30pm, Zoning Board 3/2 at 7pm,
2. **2015 Youth Development Grant- Resolution #45** to work with HAYC3 in applying for and administering the 2015 Rensselaer County Youth Development Grant was offered by Sutton with the addition of the language to state "Be It Resolved: by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Hoosick authorizes Supervisor Surdam to sign and submit on behalf...". Resolution #45 was seconded by Hyde. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. **Motion carried.**
3. **County Wide Government Efficiency Plan Meeting**- to comply with the Tax Freeze Law was held on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. As our part of the Government Efficiency Planning the suggestion has been made to look into shared services and or shared space with the town and village highway departments. Mayor Borge & Supervisor Surdam have discussed the possibility of putting a committee together to see if there could be some cost savings. Also willing to consider any other ideas.
4. **Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Position**- Ed King has informed us this will be his last year as the Town's Building Inspector. Motion to begin advertising for a new building inspector as there is mandatory training required. Currently, this part time position requires approx. 3-4 hours per day, 3-4 days a week, some call in time with a budgeted annual salary of \$14,752. Motion to begin advertising for a new Building Inspector was made by Patire, seconded by Sutton, **all ayes carried.**
5. **Budget Modifications- Resolution #46** to accept donations for hockey skates was offered by Hyde with the addition of language to state "Be It Resolved: by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Hoosick, with sincere gratitude accepts these donations...". Resolution #46 was seconded by Wysocki. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. **Motion carried.**

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**Motion to enter into Executive Session** pending the signing of vouchers was made by Patire, seconded by Wysocki, all ayes carried.

**Motion to reconvene the regular Town Board meeting** was made by Patire, seconded by Wysocki, all ayes carried.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting** was made by Sutton, seconded by Patire, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract #2 Vouchers 37-85-2015**

General A	\$26,763.54
General B	\$ 6,423.90
Highway DA	\$ 95,788.64
Highway DB	\$ 3,368.68
Cap. Proj. H	\$186,316.93
T & A Agency	\$ 4,776.49
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$323,438.18</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenn Hyde  
Town Councilperson