

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday March 9, 2015 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Mark Surdam, Bruce Patire, Dave Sutton, 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.

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

- **Please welcome Bob Murphy & Brad Grant from Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.** to discuss and answer questions from the Town Board if ref to the Woods Brook Grant application with the Village. By doing this joint in depth study it makes funding more readily available down the road. Recommended to include the County in this project and get letters of recommendations from officials, emergency services and homeowners that are affected by the brook. There is a good possibility of rerouting a section of the brook which will be looked at.
- Bruce Patire has concerns of an eminent domain issue, if a homeowner objects. That could possibly be held up in court for years.
- Mr. Murphy response to an eminent domain problem is more of a legal issue with the Town and Village. Both attorneys need to look into those legal aspects.
- Supervisor Surdam said this is a huge project and will take years to rectify, but must be done. The Town Board all agreed.
- **Tom Valone Hoosick Rising-**Broadband update: Rensselaer County has decided to undertake the survey and mailing to the rural areas of the entire county. The Town's roll is to encourage people to complete the survey.
- **Keith Cipperly:** Questions about the County Youth Agreement with Town/HAYC3. Dump truck rollover, street lights that are out on route 67 near Washington Co. line.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday 3/14 @ 1pm**
- **The Hoosick Falls Kiwanis-** Sent a check for \$466 to cover the cost of the Free Ice Skating they sponsored at the Reynolds/Gilchrist Skating Rink.
- **Letter from District Attorney Joel Ablove-** Delegation of Authority to Prosecute Traffic Tickets.
- **Marcia Nichols-** For health reasons Marcia Nichols has decided to step down from the Grievance Review Board. We want to thank Marcia for her years of service on this Board.
- **Congratulations-** Civicure \$6300 Wood Block Grant!!! HFCS Bowling Team!!! Varsity & JV, Boys & Girls Basketball Teams!!!!

Town Clerk's Report

- Remodeling work has begun in the Town Clerks Office.
- Clerk's February Report: Total: \$999.00 - remitted to the Supervisor: \$336.68
- **Facility Use Request:** Viet Nam Veterans Welcome Home - Use of the rink Aug. 7th and 8th. The event is being held at the park, in case of rain they would use the rink.
Motion to Approve
Hyde made the motion to approve pending receiving the COI, Patire seconded,
All ayes carried.

Assessor's Report

Working on data entry of all the exemptions

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **The 1998 Tandem Totaled-**Discussion & Decision on insurance proposal.
 - The Town Board all agreed to accept the insurance amount of \$27,617 less \$250. And save it for the purchase of a used single axle truck later this year. Jeff Delurey, from Delurey's Sales and Service was present. He said a used single axle 2003-2004 would go for approximately \$30,000-\$35,000 +/- and is what most people are doing now.
Motion to Approve
Patire made the motion to accept the insurance co. offer of \$27,617 less \$250 deductible and they would take the truck, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

- **Resolution for a New Tandem Truck – Resolution # 49, 2015 to Purchase a New 2016 International Model 7600 Tandem Axle Truck w/combination dump body/sander, plow, wing and all necessary hydraulics and attachments, piggybacking off from the Onondaga County Bid# 7823. at a price not to exceed \$206,888.00.**

Motion to Approve

Sutton made the motion to approve the purchase of the new truck as stated in Res. #47, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Sutton, aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: abstain. Motion Approved

Town Historian

Phil Leonard discussed his new display of buildings that used to exist and where they were.

Recreation Report

- **Rink-** May be closed or closing soon. Rink information is available at www.hoosickrecreation.com.
- Next year need to redo the private rental/organizations use of the rink.
- **Request to Use Rink-** Kaila received a request for the school to use the rink for spring sports practice.
- **Pool**
 - **Request for use-** Petersburg & Schaghticoke Youth Commissions.
 - **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.
 1. **Pool Price List** - Daily swim and swimming lessons – no change in price.
 2. **Pool Memberships** - keeping same price. No longer keeping night swim.
 3. **Nighttime Pool Activities** Evening activities at the pool: Water Zumba, Youth Volley Ball, Adult Volley Ball, etc. Sue and Kaila will meet to go over pool and camp.
- **Motion To Keep All Pool Pricing The Same**

Sutton made the motion, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Summer Camp**
 - Pricing for Summer Camp has not changed in about 8 years.
 - New Price for Residents: \$75.00 (increase of \$5.00) Non-residents: \$80.00 (\$5. Increase).
- **Motion to Approve New Camp Prices**

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

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Auditing firm Bonadio required an IT audit be done of our computer as part of the 2013 Audit. Emily Sanders, Bob Nesbit & I met at the Armory to answer questions from Bonadio.
- Emily and I met with Mayor Borge & Denise McMahon to review, answer questions and make sure we all have a general understanding of how the Town taxes Village residents and what if any additional taxes Village Taxpayers should be paying to the Town from the Village Budget. This is a very interesting topic about what is fair and what is legal. We had a very good conversation and learned a lot from information we gathered from the NYS Association of Towns and the New York Conference of Mayors. We will continue to look at and discuss this issue. We also discussed what to do with the Town's water & sewer fund that are now basically obsolete. The water fund has a deficit because of the required water
- testing we had to do without having the ability to tax system users. The sewer fund has money in it that was collected from users and never used. We will be gathering information on how to legally deal with this issue.
- I attended a Hoosick Rising Steering Committee meeting. We reviewed and made changes to the Hoosick Rising Action Plan Matrix. We still need group leaders and helpers who are willing to work on projects that have been identified as important projects for our community. Please consider getting involved.
- Jeff & I attended the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad Recognition Banquet held at the NHFD. Congratulations to Georgina Parker- The Joan Rogers Award & Bill Gaillard- The Leadership & Dedication Award.
- Continue to meet with the Mayor and others on the Water Issue, Budget Questions, Shared Services, and Emergency Planning.
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Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Wysocki

Attended the Hoosick Rescue Squad Recognition Banquet, Congratulations to all HFCS sports teams. Attended, an ASA meeting at the Grange.

Councilperson Patire

Going over the old 2004 development study/survey and looking to put together another updated survey. Board will get together to start gathering information

Councilperson Sutton

St. Patrick's Day parade is Saturday, urging everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Councilperson Hyde

Was very happy to see Our community working together this past winter helping each other out through the cold temps and snowstorms.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Castle Playground-** Meeting that was scheduled 2/10 was postponed due to weather. Wendy Larson from Kiwanis will advise when the meeting is rescheduled.
- **Computer Server-** Waiting on quotes.
- **Consolidated Funding Grant-** For the project to update the Pool Mechanical Room (pump house) and the bath house. We received an e-mail from Rich LaBerge on 3/5 advising that he has been in touch with Danielle Dwyer of NYS Parks. They will be contacting us to set up a meeting to go over the grant and its requirements.
- **Updating Purchase Policy & Investment Policy-** We continue to look at these policies that were last updated in 1999.
- ***Resolution #48 Woods Brook- Sharing cost with village for writing a grant to do in depth study of resolving this problem. Initial quote from Barton & Loguidice Engineering has changed. The Town agrees to split the \$7,000 cost with the Village and pay \$3,500.00 to have the firm complete the Study.***
Motion to Approve
Patire made the motion to approve resolution #48, 2015 as stated, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Patire, aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **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 we have set up a meeting on Saturday March 21st at 10am to tour the Town of Hoosick Highway Garage with the Village Mayor and Board Members. This is the first step into setting up a committee to review the possibility to share space and or services beyond what we already do.
- **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.
- **Funding Request Rensselaer County IDA-** Although we have not received an official letter Supervisor Surdam has been told due to recent changes to the Funding Program by NYS our request for funding to help with updating our Comprehensive Plan & Land Use Laws has been denied. We will continue to look for funding to help offset the cost of this important update.

New Business

- **Upcoming Meetings-** Planning Board 3/16 at 7:30pm, Zoning Board 4/6 at 7pm, Community Emergency Planning 3/24 at Village Hall 6pm, Hoosick Rising 3/31 Hoosac School
- **Assessor Tony Rice-** With the passing of Dick Whalen who served as the Village Assessor Tony has agreed to assist the Village as Acting Village Assessor.
- ***Resolution # 49 Appointing Harold McClellan. To fill the vacancy created by the untimely passing of Town Justice Richard Whalen.***
Motion to Approve
Wysocki made the motion to appoint Harold McClellan as Town Justice, as stated in resolution #49, Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Penflex, Inc. - NHFD 2014 Service Award Program**
Motion to Approve the 2014 Service Award Program for the North Hoosick Fire Dept. as presented. 2014 Sponsor Approval Form to be signed by all Town Board Members.
Wysocki made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Resolution #50 Municipal Shelter Contract for 2015 with Safe Haven**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve resolution #50 as stated, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*

- **Received Summer Camp Application from Rensselaer County-**
Motion to submit application and move forward with setting up the 2015 Town of Hoosick Summer Day Camp.
Patire made the motion to approve, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Resolution #51 2014 Budget Adjustments**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve resolution #51 as stated, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call vote: Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Resolution # 52 2015 Budget Adjustments-**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve resolution #52 as stated, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Grievance Review Board Opening-** We will need to make this appointment at our April meeting. 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.

Adjournment

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

Bills Paid: Abstract #3 Vouchers: 86-134

General A	\$23,285.79
General B	\$22,036.00
Highway DA	\$65,192.25
Highway DB	\$10,095.29
Capital Proj. H	\$10,566.73
Special Fire	\$737,239.08
Library L	\$45,000.00
Trust & Agency TA	\$3,587.54
Total:	\$917,002.68

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger
Hoosick Town Clerk