

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday December 14, 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.

Reports- Monthly Operating Statement, Abstract of Vouchers, and Revenues have been issued to the Town Board, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Assessor and Recreation Supervisor.

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

- **Kevin Allard:** questions regarding the village water issue and a Town Pool filtering system.
- **Chris Krayling here from Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) -** Discussed two new Grant funding programs. Application for the Luke Farm through Hudson Valley funding and the Tilley Farm through the Statewide funding program. Has asked for letters of Support for both farms from the Supervisor and the Board.

Correspondence/Announcements

- Hoosick Hootenanny Thank you!
- Rensselaer County Historical Society Letter

Town Clerk's Report

- The November Clerk's Report: total: 13,080.00 remitted to the Supervisor: \$1085.00
- Thanked Bruce Patire for his years of dedication and hard work serving on the Town Board and the Community. In the 17 years I've been here, he had done more for the Town than any other Board Member. He will be missed greatly.

Assessor's Report

- Working on all the exemptions for the 2016 tax year getting them ready for mailing out.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **11 Young Road-** Met with owner Carl Rubel & NYSDEC & Supervisor Surdam at 11 Young Road. We have received a letter from NYSDEC stating that a wetland determination was conducted at the property across the road prior to construction and a Wetland Delineation Report was issued 8/22/96.
- **Pool Cover-** has been delivered, but not put on yet

Town Historian

Phil Leonard discussed his new display entitled: Thank You to HAYC3 For Saving the Armory!

Recreation Director Report

- **Rink Guards Appointments for approval-**
 - Alyssa Houghton - returning
 - Michael Matatt (Zamboni operator, as well) - returning
 - Samantha Brewer - returning
 - Olivia Schneider - returning
 - Zoe Nixon - returning
 - Tyler Rondeau - returning
 - Anna Wysocki - returning
 - Lizza Ryan - returning
 - Anna Brewer - new
 - Matt Sprague - new
- **Motion to Approve Appointments**
 - Hyde made the motion to approve all names stated above as Rink Guards, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Skating Lesson Sign Ups:** Jan. 9th at the rink from 9-1:00 pm. Lessons will begin Jan. 16th.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Thanked Bruce Patire for serving on the Town Board, it was a pleasure working with him. Did a fantastic job on the Town's Insurance Policies.
- I attended our local Veterans Day Ceremony in the Village Park.
- Held a meeting with Wendy Larson from the Kiwanis and Karen Armstrong from Parkitects to review and make changes to the plan for the Castle Playground in an effort to bring the cost within budget.
- I completed an Exit Interview with Heather from Bonadio as a part of the recent audit.
- Emily & I met with Paul Johnson from Comp Alliance to review proposal for Workers Comp.

- I attended the recent Hoosick Rising Meeting
- I attended a Rensselaer County Assessor's meeting with Tony Rice at Brown's in Troy. Tony asked me if I would like to attend as they would be a discussion of Solar Issues from their view point.
- Mayor Borge & I attended an Emergency Services follow up meeting at Hoosick Falls Central School with Superintendent Facin and others to open up the communication process in the event of an emergency. I expect we will have additional meetings to keep the communication process open.
- At the request of Mayor Borge I attended the public information session on the Village water held in the meeting room at the Immaculate Conception Church.
- At the request of the Hoosick Local Development Corp. I attended two meetings. The first meeting was with Hudson Valley Wireless and the second meeting was with Bounce Lynx. I want to thank the LDC for their involvement and continued push to bring high speed broad band into the Town of Hoosick. Both meetings were informative and encouraging.
- Please join me in welcoming Fran Rogers to the Town as our soon to be CEO/BSI. Fran has recently retired and been working with Ed King who will be retiring again at the end of the year. Fran will start Code Enforcement & Building Safety Inspection classes in January.
- I have a request from a Planning Board Member to move to the Zoning Board to fill the empty seat.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Wysocki

- Thanked Bruce Patire for serving on the Board, enjoyed working with him.
- Held the first Solar Farm Committee meeting, The next one will be: Jan. 6th.
- Attended a PENFLEX meeting-regarding NHFD Service Awards.

Councilperson Patire

- Said he will miss everyone and has been a pleasure serving the Town and the community. Maybe in the future I'll be back, but for now I'm only a phone call away for any questions anyone may have.

Councilperson Sutton

- Thanked Bruce Patire for serving the Town and doing such an outstanding job. Said I'll probably be calling you for your advice
- Announced Bouncelinx is moving forward

Councilperson Hyde

- Attended the Hoosick Hootenanny - was a great event.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Boundary Line Adjustment Update-** Discovered as a part of CFG funding that Town fences are not on or near some property lines and there are encroachments on other property lines. Affected property owners have been contacted.
- **Castle Playground Project- Parkitects Proposal-** In a meeting with Wendy from the Kiwanis & Karen from Parkitects we removed some equipment, changed the proposed two deliveries to one to bring the cost of the project to within budget.
 - ***Motion to accept Parkitects new proposal AAAQ4722-03 dated November 26th, 2015 with an estimate total of \$75,980.92.***
Patire made the motion to accept the estimate, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Well Water Testing-** We have been working with NYS Dept. of Health on testing private wells for PFOA's in the area near the Village water supply. Based on the initial test to detect PFOA's NYS Health Dept. has collected 12 additional well samples that are in the process of being tested.
- **Resolution #97 - Local Law #3 of 2015 to Maintain Towns Continued Participation in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).**
Motion to Adopt
Sutton made the motion to adopt Local Law #3, 2015 and establish a fee of \$100. Located on page 9 of the law, Patire seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Woods Brook Flood Study-** We have received unofficial word from Bob at Barton & Logoidice Engineering that we did not receive funding for the Wood Brook Study this time around.

New Business

- **Resolution #98, 2015 Budget Transfer- to move funds between budgeted accounts.**
Motion to Approve
Hyde made the motion to approve res. #98, Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #99, 2015 Budget Modification; to the 2015 Budget for purchase and payment of the new International Truck**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve res. #99, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #100, 2015 Budget Modification; to the 2015 Budget to account for the Rensselaer County Youth Grant**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve res.#100, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Patire: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #101, 2015 North Hoosick Fire Dept. Service Program to allow installment payments that eliminate NYS Income Tax from the Service Program Payouts.**
Motion to Approve
Wysocki made the motion to approve res. #101, 2015, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **NHFD Service Reward Program request to receive payment- Motion** to approve a Total and Permanent Disability Benefit from the Town of Hoosick/ North Hoosick Fire Protection District Service Award Program to Thomas W. O'Grady pursuant to his letter dated December 4th, 2015.
***NOTE: Tabled request until next month.**
- **Local Law #4 of 2015 This Local Law No. 4 of the Town of Hoosick shall be known as "Real Property Taxation for Certain Solar or Wind Energy Systems or Farm Waste Energy Systems."**
 - A public hearing will be held 12/28/15 at 6:30 pm here in the Armory with a vote to be taken at the Year End Meeting held the same night at 7:00 PM.
- **Cutting & Trimming Trees around Pool**
 - **Motion to advertise for bids to cut and trim trees around the pool.**
Patire made the motion to approve advertise to bid with a return date of Jan. 11, 2016 at 3:00 pm, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Workers Compensation Insurance-** Our provider MEMIC has decided to longer provide this insurance to us effective Jan. 1st 2016. Bruce, Emily & mark have been reviewing our options with Matt Cronin. We recommend going with Comp Alliance, 2016 cost of \$38, 289 saving approx. \$12,000 off from previous year expense-
 - **Motion authorizing Supervisor Surdam to issue a letter of intent and to sign agreement with Comp Alliance for 2016.**
Patire made the motion to approve, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.
- **2016 Training-** Newly Elected Officials Jan 13-15 @ Desmond in Albany, AOT Training School & Annual Meeting Feb 14-17 NY Marriott. **We will need to register ASAP.**
- **Email Letter writing request from Town Supervisor Pat Keem in Orchard Park NY-** in reference to tax cap, absence of mandate relief and or increased state and federal aid and how state policies in general are causing financial stress on local communities.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve the Supervisor to write a letter of support, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Planning Board Letter of Resignation-** We received a letter of resignation from Everett Quackenbush from the Town of Hoosick Planning Board effective in December due to work related issues. We than Everett for his contribution to the Planning Board, he will be missed.
- **Opening for Zoning Board Member & Planning Board Member-** If interested in this position please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board member.
- **Scheduled Meetings**
 - **Town Board Meetings:** December 28th 6:30Public Hearing. Year-end Meeting: 7:00 PM
 - **Zoning Board** meets the First Monday of the month, **Planning Board** meets the forth Monday of the month, both in the Court Room of the Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

Executive Session

- ***Motion to enter into executive session to discuss another Union Grievance that has been filed, a local unpermitted business and Cipperly Rd. litigation.***
Sutton made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

- ***Motion to close the Executive Session***
Sutton made the motion to close at 8:17 pm, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

Adjournment

- ***Motion to Adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 pm pending signing of vouchers***
Patire made the motion to adjourn, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #12 Vouchers 562-604

General A	\$31,279.18
General B	\$772.87
Highway DA	\$13,160.21
Highway DB	\$6,407.04
Trust & Agency	\$6,350.57
Total:	\$57,969.87

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger
Hoosick Town Clerk