

Agenda
Town Of Hoosick Regular Meeting
February 8th, 2016

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 .
- **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

IV. Correspondence/Announcements

- **Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade - 25th Annual Parade** will kick off at 1pm Saturday March 12th.
- **Monthly Village Board Meeting-** Will be held in the Armory tomorrow night 2/9 at 6pm.
- **Rensselaer County Dept. of Health Rabies Vaccines Letter**
- **Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)** - Available to Not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) arts/cultural groups and municipalities managing an arts/cultural facility. Additional Info @ www.townofhoosick.org
- **Letter from Supervisor Fleming, Town of Nassau**
- **Letter from Danielle Dwyer of NYS Parks Regional Grants Administrator in ref to PFOA in pool and removal plan.**
- **Email from Majority Leader Brownell & NYS DOT-** In ref to a request to consider a No Turn on Red Sign for the Northbound Approach of South St. to Rte. 7. Request was denied.

V. Town Clerk's Report

VI. Assessor's Report

VII. Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Cutting & Trimming Trees around Pool**
- **Bid request for Fuel Oil, Diesel & Sand**

VIII. Town Historian

IX. Recreation Director Report

- **Skating Rink-** Warm weather has caused us to lose the ice. Extended forecast is borderline- Discussion on reopening the rink.
- **Kiwanis Rink Use-** for 2/14 **Motion if needed.**
- **Lifeguards-** Applications are being accepted for the 2016 season. Applications are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Web Site.

Rink Information- www.hoosickrecreation.com

X. Supervisor Surdam's Report

XI. Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Wysocki

- **Solar Committee Report**
- **Court Audit**

Councilperson Sutton

Councilperson Hyde

Councilperson Sheffer

XII. Old or Ongoing Business

- **Boundary Line Adjustment Update- Castle Playground Project-** The field work has been completed. Tony Rice, Bill Shiland & I met with the surveyors to review where property lines should be. As a part of that meeting we questioned if the easement granted to Laporte's by the Town a few years ago may be all that the state would require for that section of the boundary line issue. We will contact the state for clarification.
- **Castle Playground Project-** Kiwanis, working with our highway dept. has removed large sections of the old wooden structures and the old swing set. The order for the new equipment has been placed. We expect delivery of the new equipment in very early spring.
- **Pool Project Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) –** The BAN payment was made in January as discussed last month. We have a new BAN on the remaining balance of \$420,000 with Pioneer Savings who was the low bidder @ 1.30% per annum, is payable at maturity, and matures on January 25th 2017.
- **Pool Project Phase Two-** We have received a Professional Services Outline from LaBerge to continue to work with us on updating the Pump House & Bath House at the Weir Reynolds Community Swimming Pool. The Project Budget from LaBerge is \$48,000-\$66,000. As a reminder the CFG through NYS Parks and Recreation is for \$123,625. The match from the Town of Hoosick is the same for a total of \$247,250. **Motion-** to approve the Professional Services Outline from LaBerge Engineering for Parks Grant CFA# 149046 (Pool Improvements).
- **Well Water Testing-** We have been working with NYS Dept. of Health on testing private wells for PFOA's in the area. The results are in from the samples taken in November. NYSDOH has taken many more samples in the past few weeks and they continue to update a map that they have developed showing the areas of concern. To see the map go to the Village Web Site @ www.villageofhoosickfalls.com , on the right side of the page is a link to the Hoosick Falls Water Website; from here you can find the map, public test results, the latest news and information pertaining to this situation. The NYSDOH Well Testing Plan is to start near St. Gobain and work out from there. With approx. 1,900 wells in the Town of Hoosick it will take some

time. Al Demarco from NYSDOH is coordinating the well testing. He can be reached at 518-402-7860.

- **Water Contamination Issue- General Discussion**
 - Until further notice NYSDOH & NYSDEC will be in the Armory every Tuesday, Thursday from 2pm to 8pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm to answer questions and provide information.
 - Hotline- 1-800-801-8092
 - Environmental Attorney to represent the Town?
 - Village has done a direct mailing to all Village residents, should we do the same for town residents?
 - Well Water Testing Request Forms & Bio monitoring Forms are available on information table @ Armory, from NYSDOH, Town & Village web sites.
 - In-Home Water Filtration Options for Household Drinking Water- Information is available on table @ Armory, from NYSDOH, Town & Village web sites along with other information on the PFOA contamination issue.
 - Other questions/discussions
 - Contact NYSDEC or EPA if you know where there were dump sites.
- **Solar Tax Public Hearing-** To discuss Local Law Options to either opt out of Real property Tax Law 487 or not or go with our version of the law with the carve out (previously referred to as Local Law #4 of 2015) and the expectation that the carve out may be challenged at some point.
- **Solar Moratorium Public Hearing- Discussion** A public hearing on this issues was held in August of 2015 with the idea being rejected. With the level of interest that has been generated recently should we pursue a moratorium that will require a public hearing on law that was presented in August with timing updates?

XIII. New Business

- **Budget Transfer- Resolution** *to move funds between budgeted accounts.*
- **Professional Service Agreement with Tabner, Ryan & Keniry, LLP-** Although we have not received written confirmation Mr. Ryan informed Supervisor Surdam on January 21st 2016 that due to the perceived potential conflict on the solar issue as it pertains to his representation of the HFCS & the Town he has decided not to represent the Town. He did offer to stay on until we find a replacement and will continue to work on the two cases that are in litigation. The agreement was never signed.
- **Appointment of Jonathan Schopf of Schopf Law as the new Town Attorney- Resolution**

- **Zoning Board Request-** Request from Chairman Hoag to authorize payment for some extra time for Karen Jennings for FOIL request. **Motion**
- **Combination Zoning /Planning & Town Board Workshop-** Will be held in the Armory on Wed march 23rd at 6pm. There are openings on the Zoning Board & the Planning Board. If interested in volunteering to be on a board please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board member.
- **Four J's 1 Mechanic St. Assessment Settlement- Resolution**
- **Four J's 21412 NY Rt. 22 Assessment Settlement- Resolution**
- **Association of Towns Annual Meeting and Training-** Supervisor Surdam, Deputy Supervisor Wysocki & Councilperson Sutton will be attending this year.

- **Scheduled Meetings**
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.

XIV. Adjournment pending the signing of Vouchers