

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday January 11, 2016 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, 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

- **Surdam:** Announced that there will not be open discussion tonight on Solar Farms. The Board will listen to your comments or questions, but will not answer any questions. The Town Board is planning on holding a workshop where the public can come and discuss all of the solar farm issues and concerns

Kevin Allard: Certified Pool Operator, Solar questions.

Mike and Cindy Brewster: asking for solar moratorium.

Jeff Delurey: Bonding on solar farms.

Stacey and Harold Parker: concerns Paraco Fuel Co. next to Rte 22 proposed solar farm.

Andrea Diel: Member of Planning Board and Solar Farm Committee Member. Anyone who has a Solar question can contact her. Presented a letter from Patty and Larry Baker regarding Solar Farms.

Lisa Revet: concerns of concentrated energy emitted into the atmosphere.

Keith Cipperly: Budget questions.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Hoosick Rising Meeting-** Tuesday 1/26 @ 6PM @ **Parson's Corner**
- **HAYC3 Feed Your Soul Feed Your Neighbor-** Community Fundraiser is Friday January 22nd from 6-8pm. Information can be found @ www.townofhoosick.org
- **Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade Committee Letter-** 25th Annual Parade will kick off at 1pm Saturday March 12th.

Town Clerk's Report

- **December Report:** Total \$2,528.25 and remitted to the Supervisor: \$861.81
- **New Windows:** Thanked HAYC3 for putting in all new windows in the Clerk's office.

Assessor's Report

- All exemption applications have been mailed out.

Superintendent of Highway's Report - absent

Town Historian

- Phil Leonard discussed his new display of "Schools - In Our Town - Then and Now".

Recreation Director Report

- **Skating Instructors/Assistants for 2016-** Rachel Boisvert, Emma Kelly, Heather Hyde, Jane Morrisson, CJ Yavaniski, Katy Gardner, Nathan Harwood.
 - **Motion To Approve**
Wysocki made the motion to approve all appointments to the rink as stated above, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Rink Opens ? when weather permits**
- **Skating Lessons Start- Jan. 20th.**

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Attended a Bennington Chamber of Commerce Meeting at the Bank of Bennington.
- Held a public hearing on the Solar Tax Exemption proposed law #4 of 2015. This is a topic we will be holding another public hearing on after we gather additional information.
- Mayor Borge and I had lunch with Jack Bonesteel from Rensselaer County Development & Planning and Maureen McGuiness, Kate Oiler from Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce to discuss the recent issues in Hoosick. They are interested in Hoosick and are offering to work with us and help us any way that they can.
- A previous meeting I had with Maureen McGuiness showing her our new town pool and the lunch meeting with Jack, Maureen & Kate led to Maureen introducing Mayor Borge and myself to Denise Murphy McGraw who is a friend of hers and a Partner in Hill, Gosdeck & McGraw, LLC a lobbying firm in Albany. Denise is a Town Board member in Niskayuna and involved with the local swim program which is why Maureen originally wanted us to meet to see if Hoosick could tie into a summer travel swim program. Denise had heard of the local water issue and was willing to listen to the issues we are dealing with and has offered to work with our community at a much reduced rate than what is normally charged.
- On January 1st we had a very nice swearing in ceremony in the Armory for Judge McClellan, Councilperson Jenn Hyde, Councilperson Eric Sheffer and myself. I welcome Eric as our newest Town Board Member and look forward to working with him.
- Last Saturday Attorney Ryan traveled to town and met with Hwy Supervisor Bill Shiland, myself and board members Dave Sutton & Eric Sheffer. We took a ride out to Cipperly Road so everyone who had not seen the issue with Cipperly Road Extension could see what is being litigated.
- Attended the North Hoosick Fire Dept. Annual Installation of Officers Banquet. It was a great evening with some very nice and very dedicated people.

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki**
 - Solar Committee Report: Held meeting Jan. 6th. Next meeting Feb.3rd at 7:00 pm. Working on Philpott, Tilley Ag Stewardship Program.
- **Councilperson Sutton**
 - Announced there will be a presentation from the EPA at HFCS, Thurs. at 6pm to discuss the Village water issue. Encourages everyone from Village and Town to attend.
- **Councilperson Hyde - none**
- **Councilperson Sheffer**
 - Will be attending the training for new officials in Albany this week.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Boundary Line Adjustment Update- Castle Playground Project-** The field work has been completed. We will be setting up a meeting with surveyors in the next couple of weeks to determine where the boundary lines are to be positioned.
- **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) -** In the coming weeks we will be making the \$80,000 payment that we budgeted for and renewing the BAN for \$420,000.
- **Pool Project Phase Two-** In the next few weeks we will be starting the planning for upgrading the Bathhouse & the Mechanical Room.

- **Resolution # 37, 2016 Cipperly Road Extension to declare as abandoned pursuant to New York State Highway Law Section 205, subdivision 1 and to authorize Highway Superintendent Shiland to remove from Town of Hoosick Highway Inventory.**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Sutton made the motion to approve res. #37, 2016, Wysocki seconded, Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- ***Well Water Testing-*** We have been working with NYS Dept. of Health on testing private wells for PFOA's in the area. We are expecting results from 12 Samples that were taken in November as soon as this week. The NYS Dept. of Health was in the area last week to collect a few additional samples in the area.
- ***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 was held 12/28/15. The vote on the law was tabled the same night in order to obtain additional information and to request the NYS Attorney General's Office offer an opinion in reference to this proposed law.
- ***Commercial Solar Farms-*** In all of our discussions no one seems to be against Solar Energy. The concerns are being generated by the proposed Commercial Solar Farms and the impact they are/will have on our town. We had a public meeting in August 2015 where the idea of a solar moratorium was soundly rejected. ***Discussion-*** To propose a solar moratorium on Commercial Solar Farms. It was discussed by the Board to hold workshops before establishing a moratorium.

Workshop to Discuss Solar Farms: January 27, 2016 6:00 PM To discuss all of the Town's options on the Solar Farms issues.
- ***Workshop - Solar Farms: February 3, 2016 7:00 pm.*** To discuss with the Solar Comiittee the concerns and issues. There will be a presentation

New Business

- **Resolution #38, 2016 Budget Transfer- To Move Funds Between Budgeted Accounts.**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #38, 2016, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Resolution #49, 2016 Standard Workday - To Be Submitted To NYS Retirement System – With A Change On The Building Inspector: Making It 12 Days Per Month And 6 Hours Per Day.**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Wysocki made the motion to approve Res. #39, 2016, Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Resolution #40, 2016 Collective Bargaining Agreement- Resolution To Approve 4 Year Agreement For 2016-2019.**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #40, 2016, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Resolution # 41, 2016 Professional Service Agreement With Tabner, Ryan & Keniry, LLP- Authorizing Supervisor Surdam To Enter Into Agreement For 2016 On Behalf Of The Town Of Hoosick.**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #41, 2016, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*

- **Planning Board Issue-** Planning Board Attorney sent us an email outlining concerns that many simple subdivision applications & boundary line adjustment request are coming before the board with no survey. They are bringing to our attention that the current guidelines they are following may not be in the best interest of the town and requesting that we review the guidelines to give them direction. **Discussion:** The Town Attorney said he does not know of any Planning Board who does not require a survey on any boundary line adjustment. By not making a survey a requirement, you open yourself up to many problems.
- **Appointment to Rensselaer County Fire Advisory Board-** still looking for someone who wants to serve on the board.
- **Rensselaer County Snow Riders part of New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) -** Requesting permission to ride across town highway garage property.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve, Wysocki seconded, all eyes carried.
- **Opening for Zoning Board Member & Planning Board Member-** If interested in this position please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board member.
- **Resolution #42, 2016 Appointing Adria Diel as Planning Board Member for the period covering Jan. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2020**
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve Red. #42, 2016, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Scheduled Meetings**
Zoning Board meets the First Monday of the month, **Planning Board** normally meets the forth Monday of the month, however due to holidays the January meeting will be on Jan. 25th @ 7:30pm and the February meeting will be on Feb. 22 @ 7:30pm. These meeting are held 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 continue discussions on unpermitted business and Cipperly Rd. litigation.**
Sutton made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:23 pm, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Motion to Close Executive Session**
Sutton made the motion to close the session at 8:39pm, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Adjournment

Sutton made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 pm pending signing of vouchers, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid: Abstract #1 vouchers: 1-19

General A	\$7,010.19
General B	\$1,270.65
Highway DA	\$22,041.50
Highway DB	\$4,408.45
T&A	\$492.80
Total:	\$35,223.59