

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday September 12, 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](http://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 on water expansion, what are the metrics of getting a new well for the Town.

**Keith Cipperly:** Does not see savings on water expansion. Requesting a copy of HAYC3 budget and salaries.

**James Buono Potential Management Group LLC :** Talked to the Board on a LED Program that is available. National Grid has a program to take every light that isn't LED and bring it to LED, this is done through an SBC charge Nat'l Grid has on the bill - the Town already pays for each month so they can give back in projects like this. This is all paid for, for 24 months 0% interest through your savings. These lights should last 15 years but they have a 10 year warranty on all of them. For the Highway Dept: pay an average \$120/mo. For 24 months over what there bill is now and at the end of that they would see the full savings of \$134 a month. Ice Rink: pay an average \$170/mo. And at the end full savings of \$231./mo. Pool: pay on average \$106/mo., at the end full savings of \$40/mo.

***Motion to Allow the Supervisor to sign the Investigative Proposals for the Rink, Pool and Highway Dept. So Potential Management can go forward in gathering all the necessary information needed.***

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

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- **Fort Crailo Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in Sand Lake** has asked us to their efforts by signing the enclosed proclamations:
  - **National Constitution Week September 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.**  
***Motion authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the Proclamation on behalf of the Town of Hoosick.***  
Hyde made the motion to approve, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.
  - **To Acknowledge November as American Indian Heritage Month.**  
***Motion authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the Proclamation on behalf of the Town of Hoosick.***  
Wysocki made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Bells Across America 2016-** Bells Across America will be rung simultaneously in all time zones at 4pm Eastern Time on Constitution Day, Saturday, September 17, 2016. Please join this event by ringing a bell! The entire communication we received is available on the Town of Hoosick Web Site.
- **Old Metal Playground Slide-** We have two request for the slide from local residents, one who has been working with an organization The Giving Circle Inc. who would like to take it and send it to a community in Africa for playground use, the other requested use is unknown.  
***Motion to approve and allow the Town Attorney to write an Indemnity Agreement as per Town Law 29(11), for the donation of the old slide to The Giving Circle Inc.***  
Sutton made the motion to approve, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

- **EPA News Release-** EPA Proposes to Add Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Site in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. to the Federal Superfund List. Public Comments due by November 8<sup>th</sup>. Full news release is available from Town or Village Clerk and [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) . When asked about the Chemicals listed in the original News Release the EPA updated the News Release to reflect the chemicals Vinyl Chloride and 1,2-DCA were both detected below EPA drinking water standards. NYS DOH has responded that in the Village yearly water test for these types of chemicals from 2012-2014 and in 2016 there was no detection of these specific chemicals. In 2015 there was detection but it was below the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). Commissioner Zucker has indicated that NYS DOH will obtain some water samples and test specifically for these chemicals for us.
- **USDA 504 Loan/Grant Program-** Up to \$7500 for a Grant, \$20,000 low interest Loan. Some examples of repairs that could be provided are: ramps for accessibility, roof replacement, septic system repairs, drilling of a well, insulation, furnaces, handrails, etc. Information on this program can be found at [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) under resources or [www.rd.usda.gov/NY](http://www.rd.usda.gov/NY) .
- **Rensselaer County Unified Family Services-** We received two brochures, one for a program called “NY Connects” which serves as a point of entry into long term services and support system for older adults and people of all ages with disabilities. The second brochure is general information regarding services provided to individuals 60 years of age and older. Copies of the Brochures are on the Town of Hoosick Web Site or can be obtained by calling 518-270-2767.
- **Received a call from Hoosick Falls Police Dept.** Six teenagers were caught swimming in the pool on Thursday 9/1/16 approx. 10pm. All were brought to the Police Station and parents had to come pick them up. No charges were filed.

#### **Town Clerk's Report**

- **August Clerk's Report:** Total \$10,562.50 Remitted to Supervisor: \$2,781.66
- **Facilities Use Request –**
  - **HF Youth Football: use of rink for practice on rainy days.**  
**Motion to Approve**  
Sutton made the motion to approve, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- St. Mary's Annual CowPlop & Car Show will be held at the rink and athletic fields on Sunday Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm. All paperwork has been received.

#### **Assessor's Report**

- Doing yearly file maintenance to get ready for 2017 tax year.

#### **Superintendent of Highway's Report**

Shiland reported there are many lights that need replacing at the garage and the LED Program would work well for them.

#### **Town Historian**

- New Display entitled: “Days Gone By”. Features pictures of old ads and pictures of what the ad was advertising

#### **Recreation Report**

- **Community Pool-** The pool officially closed September 2<sup>nd</sup>. By all reports it was a very successful year, all of the feedback so far has been very positive. We will have a detailed report for the November meeting.
- **Summer Day Camp-** Very successful year, we averaged 30 kids per week with most of them taking advantage of the swimming lessons program at the pool. Thank you to Camp Director Rachel Green and staff!!!
- **Pool Slide Update-** Kiwanis had a very successful golf fundraiser from what I am told. Wendy Larson has been actively shopping for commercial slides and the reality of the size of this project as it relates to the cost has become apparent.

- **Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink-**
  - We are now accepting applications for Rink Guards and Instructors. Applications are available on the Town Web Site or from the Town Clerk.
  - **Appointments- Tyler Rondeau Rink Director, Heather Hyde Rink Guard, Leo McGuire Ice Maker.**  
***Motion to approve.***  
Sutton made the motion to approve all Rink appointments as stated above, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

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

Continued regular water testing at the pool and making chemical adjustments as needed. Becoming the Certified Pool Operator (CPO) and spending the season maintaining the pool water was a great experience for me. Although being the CPO did require a daily commitment on my part the job was made much easier and I continue to thank Leo McGuire for all of his help testing the water, cleaning the pool, the hair traps and backwashing the filters. Janet Deluca and staff for assisting with the water testing when needed and cleaning, Tom Marciotta for all of his time and expertise that he willingly provided to me, he was there one night at 10pm showing me how to fix a chlorine leak and to Bill Shiland who made sure we had the chemicals we needed, helped with repairs as needed and is generally always around to manage and do whatever needs to be done to keep things operating smoothly.

- Highway Superintendent Shiland and I met with Lew Debrino of Debrino Caulking at the Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink to request a budget estimate for caulking all of the cracks in the concrete skating surface. Delrina Caulking recently did the caulking for the pool rehab project.
- Conference call with the Mayor, MRB Group and an EFC Rep to discuss the Municipal Water Agreement that the Town currently has with the Village vs Water Districts that may be required for EFC Funding should we go that far into the project.
- Senate Hearing @ HFCS. I spent a day preparing for the hearing, reviewing notes and emails and writing a statement that I submitted as requested. I did testify at the Senate Hearing and spent the entire day at the Hearing listening to the other testimonies that were presented to the Senators.
- I called an Emergency Town Board meeting that went into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation over a dog boarding bill with Creekside Kennel in Sand Lake NY that was continuing to accumulate. Town Attorney Schopf had a conflict of interest in this case, he did recommend our Environmental Attorney Dean Sommer who's Law Firm does deal with these types of cases.
- Conference call with Attorney Dean Sommer and others at the Law Firm to review the information of the case and the proposed resolution the Town Board had agreed to in order to avoid any additional charges and any litigation.
- I attended another joint Village/Town Review of Engineering Reports (Water/Sewer Expansion) with MRB Group, Rensselaer County Health Dept., NYS Health & NYS DEC.
- I have had regular contact with the State Auditors who have been working at the Armory reviewing our records for 2015 & 2016. They seem to be very pleased with the cooperation they are receiving from everyone in responding to their request for information. The first phase of their review is just about complete and they will be letting us know what their focus will be for the next phase.
- Attended a Hoosick Rising Steering Committee meeting.
- All Town Board members attended the 9/11 Memorial Service held at the HF Fire House and the Village Park. Councilman Dave Sutton took an active role by singing two songs during the ceremony. Renss. County Fire coordinator Ivan Wager was introduced as a Special Guest and friend to many in attendance. Ivan has been dealing with a number of health issues this past year. There were a number of speakers including Past Town of Hoosick Supervisor, Marilyn Douglas who was Town

- Supervisor on 9/11. Renss. County Executive Kathy Jimino who gave a very passionate speech and Hoosick Fire Dept. past Chief & member of the NYS Technical Rescue Assistance team. Bill Rifenburg spoke of his experience on 9/11 and how he ended up at ground zero and some of what he saw. North Hoosick Fire Chief Alan Bornt was the MC. Kudos to the Committee who put this event together, it was perfect. Cookies and beverages enjoyed after the ceremony.

#### Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Attended the 9/11 ceremony yesterday
- **Councilperson Sutton:** As per the NYS Municipal Workers comp. Alliance inspection, they recommended we need a Safety Committee. Sutton will serve on the Committee as well as Shiland.
- **Councilperson Hyde:** none
- **Councilperson Sheffer:** Will be getting together with the Town's insurance agent to go over Cyber Insurance needs.

#### Old or Ongoing Business

- **Broadband- *We all need to continue to work to raise awareness that this community wants Broadband Service throughout our entire town.. This is going to take a community effort, please help any way you can.*** Tom Valone and the Local Hoosick Development Corp. have been working continually on this issue. In a recent conference call with NYS Empire State Development they learned that Time Warner has agreed to serve an additional 145,000 customers within New York State who previously had no service as a condition of the agreement to merge with Charter Communications. *If Time Warner sends you a mailer asking you to subscribe even though you do not get Time Warner send them a reply that you want it. We need to show that there is an interest in this area.* We know Bouncelynx & Hudson Valley Wireless continue to work towards providing some areas of the town.
- **Town wide Revaluation Project- Opening of bids.**
  - **1-Bid received from: GAR Associates for \$265,000.**

*\*Discussion* on amount of time needed for Assessor Rice, Attorney Schopf and the Board to review the proposals for a decision in October.
- **NYS Audit Update-** Initial review for 2015 into 2016 is just about complete. Auditors will next determine what areas they will focus on. They have mentioned that they may be taking a closer look at cash receipts through the pool and rink.
- **NYS Parks & Recreation Grant-Pool Project Phase Two, Bath House & Filter House-**
  - Project is moving from design to cost estimating phase.
  - Recording of revised Deeds-
- **Water & Sewer Expansion Feasibility Study-** We (the Village & Town) received the \$46,000 from NYS to cover the cost of the study. The Proposed Project was broken down into 6 Phases with a total of 23 service areas. On Friday 9/2 MRB Group submitted the engineering reports with the Grant Application to the Economic Facility Corp. (EFC) for scoring. Information on the Project Proposal including meeting minutes, maps and the Engineering Report can be found on the Town Web site under the Water Link.
- **Solar Committee Report-** a copy has been distributed to the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards. Waiting for feedback.
- **Rte.7 & 279 Intersection Review Request-** At the urging of our local First Responders, in August we made a Request for Review of this intersection to NYS DOT asking that the right lane of the east

bound traffic be made a right turn only lane before the intersection and that the signage leading up to the intersection be reviewed. ***We are waiting for NYS DOT to complete the study, we have not heard back from them yet.***

- **Private Well Water Testing-** NYS Dept. of Health continues the testing of private wells for PFOA's in the Town of Hoosick. If your well has not been tested please call 1-800-801-8092 to schedule appointment. The DOH continues to update the map that they have developed showing the areas of concern. The latest version of the map is hanging in the meeting/court room in the Armory or go to the Village Web Site @ [www.villageofhoosickfalls.com](http://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.
- **POET Systems-** Any home owner who has a system installed needs to pay attention all information on the flyer that is handed out. No one should be drinking or cooking with the water even after the POET system has been installed and flushed until the water has been tested and DEC or DOH has contacted you directly with the okay.
- **PFOA Water Contamination Issue-**
  - **September Update-** Honeywell has begun the contamination investigation. You will be seeing activity at the John St. & River Road Properties that they still own. Environmental Resources Management (ERM) is the firm that has been hired to complete the test drilling and as required by NYSDEC has provided the Town with a Citizen Participation Plan for the River Road Sites and the John St. Site that is available for review at the Town Clerks Office during Normal Business hours.
  - NYS Health Dept. will continue to staff the Armory on Tuesdays, Thursdays 2pm to 8pm & Saturdays 10am to 2pm meet with anyone who would like to discuss their personal PFOA blood test results. Additional Information on the PFOA Bio Monitoring Program and the Biomonitoring Results can be found @ [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or [www.villageofhoosickfalls.com](http://www.villageofhoosickfalls.com) or call (518) 402-7950
  - The Village Water System continues to test at Non-Detect for PFOA after filtration.
  - **NOTE-** you can still have your well tested, you can still request a POET system for your well, and you can still take part in the PFOA Blood Testing Program. See info below.
  - Hotline- 1-800-801-8092
  - Water is still available for free @ Tops
  - Well Water Testing Request Forms & Bio monitoring Forms are available on information table @ Armory, from NYSDOH, Town & Village web sites or call the Hotline @ 1-800-801-8092.
  - 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.
  - ***Please Contact NYSDEC or EPA if you know or suspect where there may be dump sites in the Town of Hoosick (518) 402-7950.***

**New Business**

- **Resolution #61 Budget Transfer- to move funds between budgeted accounts.**  
***Motion to Approve***  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res.#61, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #62 2016 Budget Modification- For CHIPS Road Repairs -to make a change to the 2016 budget.**  
***Motion to Approve***  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res.#62, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

- **Cleaning Town Offices-** Appoint Chuck Prebble to clean the Town Offices through the rest of 2016 for up to 5 hours per week at \$17.00 per hour.  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to approve the appointment of Chuck Prebble for cleaning the Town Offices as stated above, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Fraizer Lane-** the Town has been asked to adopt this Lane as a Town Road due to Liability and safety concerns.  
**Board Discussion:**  
The Town Attorney said there variations of descriptions in the deeds for Fraizer Lane through the years. A lot of research would have to be done as to who owns it.  
Sutton said it's a safety issue.  
Surdam: Very expensive to bring a road up to Town specifications that has to be done before the Town could take it over. Will check into more information.
- **Resolution #63, 2016 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant- Resolution Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to submit 2016 JCAP Grant Application.**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #63, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Sheffer: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Planning Board Appointment - Mike Bacon**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to appoint Mike Bacon to the Planning Board filling the vacancy of Everett Quackenbush with term ending Dec. 19, 2019, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Discussion to change Planning Board from 7 members to 5**  
The Town Attorney has researched the information and said we can lower the number of members from 7 to 5.  
*Motion to Reduce the number of Members of the Planning Board from "7" to "5".*  
Sutton made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **556 Cottrell Road Property- Property Maintenance Issue.**  
The Building Inspector has gotten in touch with the Bank and they will clean up and take care of the mowing.
- **August 22<sup>nd</sup> Emergency Meeting Recent Animal Case-** Supervisor Surdam called an Emergency Meeting to discuss the legal ramifications and seek legal assistance in the ongoing Boarder issue of Animals seized during Rensselaer County Sheriff motor vehicle stop July 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hoosick and subsequent bill from Creekside Kennel.
- **Resolution #64, 2016 Approving Supervisor Surdam to sign Agreement with Creekside Kennel LTD.**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #64, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Comp Alliance Inspection-** On August 17<sup>th</sup> Comp Alliance Risk Control Specialist Joe Rupinski met with Highway Superintendent Shiland & Town Supervisor Surdam. After the meeting he did inspect the Highway Garage. On August 30<sup>th</sup> we received Mr. Rupinski's Recommendations for General Safety, Policies & Procedures and Security.  
**Discussion:** Committee formed as per recommendations, Board discussed cameras and panic buttons.

- **Senator Marchione River Sign-** Senator Marchione would like to help us if we are interested in adding signs along the Hoosic River that say "Notice Swimming & Fishing Advisory".  
**Discussion:** The Board wants more information on these signs as to why we even need them. Information we had received was very vague and no reason for the signs, we need to hear from Dept. of Health before we start putting up signs.

- **Executive Session to discuss and obtain legal opinion on;**
  - 610 Wilson Hill Road Legal Notice of a dangerous, hazardous, and defective condition.
  - PFOA Contamination Issues.**Motion to Enter Executive Session**  
Sutton made the motion to enter into executive session, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

**Motion to Exit Executive Session - 9:37pm**  
Sutton made the motion, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

- **Scheduled Meetings**  
**2017 Budget Workshop-** Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm @ Armory.  
**October Town Board Meeting will be held Thurs. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> due to that Monday being a holiday.**

**Zoning Board** meets the First Monday of the month; **Planning Board** meets the third Monday of the month, both in the Court Room of the Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or from the Town Clerk.

**Adjournment**

Hyde made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:37 pm pending signing of vouchers, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract: #9 Vouchers: 415-454**

General A	\$24,256.34
General B	\$4,089.76
Highway DA	\$3,446.97
Highway DB	\$39,003.88
T & A	\$10,017.55
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$80,917.55</b>

***Respectfully submitted,***  
***Sue Stradinger, Hoosick Town Clerk***