

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2016**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Mark Surdam, Councilperson Eric Sheffer, Dave Sutton, Jeff Wysocki, Jen 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

- **Ry Mausert** – Lives on Eddy Road and there are trees that are dead and should be taken down. They are on the border of his property and the Town’s right of way. Wanted to know if there is a policy as to who’s responsibility it is to have these trees cut down. Is it his responsibility or the Towns.
- **Keith Cipperly** – Had questions regarding actions taken at May’s Town Board Meeting: motion to approve Supervisor as Certified Pool Operator, lifeguard training reimbursement, pay scale of staff, revaluation of properties, feasibility study for extending water and sewer into the town and Town pool and day camp.
- **Kevin Allard** – Suggested we ask HFCS to share in the cost for water and sewer extension, go out to bid for Engineers for the water and sewer extension. Questioned whether Town Supervisor can hold other positions within the Town and Village..

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Gail Smith** – Talked about a fundraising campaign called Hoosick Water Crisis: “Paying it Forward” to help third world counties, especially Uganda, who do not have the luxury of being able to obtain help in receiving clean water. Hoping to get donations or funds matched from the community

Town Clerk’s Report

- **Facilities Use Request**
 - 1. Town Pool - HFCS second grade field trip. Friday, June 17, rain date Monday, June 20. Total participants 20 adults, 80 children, 100 total.
 - 2. Town Pool - Swimming Lessons/public swim. SMA Eagles Nest Summer Program. July 11 - August 19. 10 am - 2 pm. Total participants 2 adults, 10-15 children, approx. 10 - 20 total.
 - 3. Town Pool - Swim Instruction. Schaghticoke Youth Commission. Weeks of July 11 and July 18. 10 am to 12 pm. Total participants 15 adults, 70-80 children, total 85-95.
 - 4. Pool/surrounding fields. Cambridge Central School. Students to swim. 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. June 13th 3rd and 4th grades, June 14 5th and 6th grades. Total participants June 13 - 9 adults, 135 children total 144. June 14 - 9 adults, 125 children total 134.
 - 5. Athletic Fields. Hoosick Falls Youth Football. Football practice and games. 8/1/16 - 11/6/16. 4pm - 9 pm Monday-Friday, Saturday 8 am - 1 pm, Sunday 10 am - 2 pm.
 - 6. Skating Rink- HF Community Band Wed nights starting July 6th through Aug 24th from 6:45-9:30pm to use in place of Bandstand due to inclement weather.
 - 7. Skating Rink & Town Field. St Mary’s Academy for the Annual Cow Plop & Car Show Sat & Sun Oct 8th & 9th 8am – 4pm.

- 8. Pool - North Hoosick Fire Department. Annual Pool Dance. Friday, July 8th 7 – 10 pm. Pool is to do their concessions and provide lifeguards.
 - Sutton made the motion to approved the Facilities Use Requests contingent on all required paperwork being submitted. Wysocki seconded. *All Ayes Carried*.
- May's report total: \$4,675.00 – Remitted to the Supervisor \$3,778.15.

Assessor's Report

- Tentative 2016 Equalization Rate is 27.5%.
- Final assessment roll out will be July 1.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Cutting & Trimming Trees around Pool** – Update
 - Trees have been taken care of at the pool. There is a pine tree that should be taken down that is not on our property but we have permission from home owner to take down. We have not received a bill yet for the trees that have been taken down. Believe they are waiting for a decision on the pine tree and will bill after a decision is made. The cost to remove the tree is \$650.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to spend the \$650 to have the pine tree taken down. Sheffer seconded. All Ayes Carried
- **Roads** – Update
 - St Croix and Cobble Hill were just finished. Majority of road have been completed. The remaining roads will be done in the fall. CHIPS report to come so that we receive this year's money.

Town Historian

- Phil Leonard reported that three more names have been added to the Vet Memorial. One was from California, one from Connecticut and the other was local.
- On Saturday, June 18 there is going to be an encampment at Brown's Brewery in North Hoosick. He was asked to put some historical boards together about North Hoosick and the factories that were once operational where Brown's is located now. One of the boards was brought and explained to those in attendance.

Recreation Report

- **Community Pool**- Has been drained, power washed and refilled. The water was tested for PFOA and the results came back as a non-detect. Supervisor Surdam did complete the Certified Pool Operator (CPO) class as discussed last month. We have been issued our 2016 Permit to operate the pool from Rensselaer County. We had our first groups start using the pool today.
 - Official pool opening will be June 25.
 - Poolercise will be on Thursday's starting on June 30 from 6:15 – 7:15 pm
- **Pool Slide Fundraiser-Hoosick Falls Kiwanis** will be working on this project. Additional Information coming soon.
- **Additional Summer Staff Appointments**-
Day Camp Counselor- Danna O'Malley
Life Guards- Ayla Graney (also WSI), Tayler Ferris and Allison Perry.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve the additional 2016 summer staff for the Town of Hoosick Day Camp & Community Pool. Wysocki seconded. *All Ayes Carried*
- **Summer Day Camp**- Six one week sessions beginning July 7th. Applications are available on line www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.
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Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Jen Hyde & I attended a Celebrate Recovery Informational for Community leaders meeting held at the Community Alliance Church.
- Attended a two day Certified Pool Operators Training in Saratoga.
- Mayor Borge and I met with Dean Foster, Headmaster @ Hoosac School to discuss interest in extending municipal water to Hoosac School. Dean is very interested but would need to speak with the Directors about the concept.
- Walked and spoke briefly at the Memorial Day Parade.
- Mayor Borge & I met with HFCS Superintendent Facin & School Board President Greg Laurin to discuss interest in extending water & sewer to the school. Ken & Greg did come to speak in support of the project at the special informational meeting we held.
- I attended the combined Village & Town informational meeting to discuss the MRB Group proposal to complete an engineering report as a part of determining the feasibility of extending municipal water & sewer into parts of the town.
- Jeff, Dave, Eric & I attended the Hoosick Rising meeting held at Browns Brewing.

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki**
 - Have not received anything from the State yet on solar zoning.
 - Meeting on June 6 with Penflex did not happen. It will be rescheduled
 - Chris Arnold had inquired about Camp Director position. Did anything happen with this.
 - Supervisor Surdam said that Kayla was both Director of the Pool and Camp Director part-time. Because of the timing of when Kayla left there was no time to discuss whether we want to keep position part-time or return it to full time. For this year, since we already have enough staff and things are already in progress we will wait until next year to discuss what we will do with the position.
 - Is there anything for Flag Day celebration.
 - Supervisor Surdam said yes that it is at the Legion and it will be at 6:30 pm
- **Councilperson Hyde**
 - Thanked everyone who was involved with the new playground.
- **Councilperson Sutton**
 - At the intersection where River Street intersects with River Road there are trees blocking your site if you are making a left turn. Who needs to be called to cut them back.
 - Superintendent Shiland said that it would be NYSDOT because Route 22 is a state highway. He will give a call to DOT to have this taken care of.
 - There are historic blue signs that used to be placed around Hoosick Falls. If anyone knows who the original vendor was that made those signs that would be helpful in restoring them or possibly they still have the artwork to make new signs. If anyone can help with where these signs were located it would help in where to put them up again.
- **Councilperson Sheffer**
 - Received a quote from NYMER without the cost for Cyber Liability. Looked at what the cost would be in general to have this protection and it would be around \$484. The cost would include \$50,000 for server breach and \$100,000 for Network security.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Revaluation Project**
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to advertise Request for Proposals (RFP) revaluing all real property located within the boundaries of the Town of Hoosick. Sheffer seconded. *All Ayes Carried.*
- **Water & Sewer Extension**
 - **Resolution 57, 2016 To Work With The Village Of Hoosick Falls On Feasibility Of Extending Water & Sewer Into Areas Of The Town**
 - **Motion To Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve Resolution 57, 2016. Hyde seconded. *All Ayes Carried.*
- **Castle Playground Project-** The project has been completed. A huge Thank You to the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis for taking the lead and organizing this project. Thank you to Highway Superintendent Shiland and our Highway employees and all of the volunteers that came out to help it would not have happened without them. I have asked Aelish and HAYC3 to help us with painting some of the older structure with colors that will blend with the new colorful equipment.
- **Broadband-** 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 Bouncelinx & Hudson Valley Wireless continue to work towards providing some areas of the town. ***We all need to continue to work to raise awareness that this community wants Broadband Service....***
- **NYS Parks & Recreation Grant-Pool Project Phase Two-**
LaBerge Engineering has begun the planning process to update the Pump House & the Bath House. We hope to begin work on this project after the swim season is over.
 - Supervisor Surdam to meet with LaBerge on Wednesday at 3pm to discuss the issue of WBE requirements.

Albrecht & Wilson has completed the maps and descriptions for the boundary line adjustments around the pool area. It will now go to the Village Planning Board for approval then to Rensselaer County.
- **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, 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-**
 - **June Update-** 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 Blood testing Program and the Biomonitoring Results can be found @ www.townofhoosick.org or www.villageofhoosickfalls.com
 - 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.
 - Supervisor Surdam said that DEC has reported that there are between 1,500-1,800 properties with private wells in the town that should be tested. There have been 935 POET requests; 107 requests cancelled; 791 installed; 85 pending; 17 in progress; 68 on hold for various reasons. 698 still need to be tested.
 - Sutton asked when might the Town see a report from the State informing us as to what actually happened to cause this contamination.
 - Attorney, John Schopf, stated that we will get some kind of report from the State but an actual report as to what truly happened to cause the contamination will be driven by the private attorneys who are handling the litigation part of this for members of the community.
- **Please Contact NYSDEC or EPA if you know or suspect where there may be dump sites in the Town of Hoosick.**
- **EPA Announcement-** On May 19th the EPA released an updated lifetime drinking water health advisory of 70 ppt for PFOA/PFOS. Detailed information can be found at the EPA web site or at the Town & Village Web site.

New Business

- **Budget Transfer-** *to move funds between budgeted accounts.* No transfers needed this month.
- **Tory Redoubt Improvement & Interpretation Project Letter of Support-** David Pitlyk who is Historic Site Assistant at the Bennington Battlefield is applying for a grant through the Historic Hudson-Hoosick Rivers Partnership (HHHRP). It would cover the cost of gravel and culvert material as well as allow them to put in some interpretive signage.
- **NHFD Penflex, Inc. Service Reward Program-** The following participants are each entitled to a onetime payment of \$700 as of January 1st 2016, which represents a year of service credit earned during 2015: Robert Cook, Edward Flood, David Kessler and John Lettre.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the letter of approval for this onetime payment. Wysocki seconded. *All Ayes Carried.*
- **North Hoosick Fire Protection District- Resolution to Amend the Service Award Program Point System.**
 - Postponed until next months meeting.
- **Woods Brook 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) -** Discussion on Proposal from Barton & Loguidice (B&L) for preparation of the Woods Brook Flood Study grant Application as a resubmission. We would again be working with the Village and sharing the \$2500 cost.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign the Authorization to Proceed with the understanding that the Towns cost will be \$1250. Sheffer seconded. *All Ayes Carried.*
- **Public Hearing Date & Time Woods Brook Community Dev. Block Grant**
 - Monday, July 11 at 6 pm.
- Sutton asked for some additional time before Board goes into Executive Session. He said that the Hoosick Fire Department has said that the intersection of Route 7 and Route 279 (Bennington Bypass) has become a concern. They say most of their accident calls are for that intersection. Accident reports state that drivers coming West from Rt 7 stop at that intersection before turning left to continue onto Rt7 West and because of the way vehicles are traveling in the oncoming lane it appears, or it is thought to be, that vehicles travelling East are going to take a right turn to continue onto Rt 7 instead of traveling straight to go

onto the bypass. Vehicles the pull out to turn left in which then causes an accident with an oncoming vehicle This intersection needs to be looked at. Can a call be made to have that intersection investigated by the State.

- Supervisor Surdam said that a call can be made to the State for them to take a look at this intersection to see what may be able to be done.
- **Executive Session- Motion** to move to executive session to discuss with Council
 1. DEC orders on Consent to Saint Gobain & Honeywell, the legal level of the Town's involvement with the water contamination issue, additional professional/consulting services that may be needed and requirements that we will be need to meet to recoup any and all professional consulting cost or fees incurred by the Town of Hoosick that is associated with assisting the Town through this entire PFOA contamination issue.
 2. The Blanchfield Case- to obtain legal opinion on how to proceed.
 3. Cipperly Road- to obtain legal opinion on most recent letter.

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Sutton made the motion. Sheffer seconded. *All Ayes Carried.*

Executive Session began at 8:35 pm

Motion to Exit Executive Session

Sutton made the motion to exit Executive Session. Sheffer seconded. *All Ayes Carried*

Executive Session ended at 9:29 pm

- **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
- **Adjournment**
Wysocki made the motion to adjourn the meeting pending signing of vouchers. Hyde seconded. *All Ayes Carried.*
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

- **Bills Paid Abstract #6 Vouchers 260-317**

General A	\$2,465.50
General B	\$20,473.94
Highway DA	\$3,761.90
Highway DB	\$102,978.11
Cap.Proj. H	\$7,675.00
Spec. Fire SF	\$18,612.53
Trust & Agency TA	\$10,185.74
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$216,152.72</i>

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Blinstrub
Hoosick Deputy Town Clerk