

**Town Of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 13, 2016 7:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, Dave Sutton, Jeff Wysocki. Absent: 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 -

- Keith Cipperly: questions on budget.
- Kevin Allard: questions on well water supply, tax cap current budget.
  
- **Presentation: Clark Howe- Integra LED:** Discussed with the Board their proposal/quote for the LED program of replacement lighting at the Highway Garage. This is the same program that is available through National Grid. The Town Board all agreed to sign the Integra investigative proposals for the LED replacement bulb program so the Town will be able to see the actual quote. For the Highway Dept. a total annual savings of \$3854.21  
All project information is on file for all companies with actual numbers.

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- **Combined Village & Town Board public meeting** Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> here in the Armory to listen and accept Public Comments on the proposal by EPA to Add Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Site in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. to the Federal Superfund List. The public comments are due by November 8<sup>th</sup>. Representatives from EPA and DEC are being invited to attend.
- **The new Calgon long term water tanks** have arrived and have been set in place at the Water Treatment Plant.
- **DOH Letter ref to Blood Testing, Last Scheduled Opportunities Sat. Oct. 29 Hoosick Falls Armory 9am-1pm & Sat. Nov. 5 Petersburg Veterans Hall 9am-1pm**
- **PFOA & PFOS Fish Study in Hoosick & Petersburg-** On Sept 21<sup>st</sup> we were advised by NYS DEC Regional Director Keith Goertx, P.E. of this study with an outline and time line of the project. To see all of the information please go to our web site [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) . The project is expected to take at least 11 months.
- **EPA Community Update #5-** On Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Larisa Romanowski Public Affairs Specialist with EPA Region 2 notifies us of the latest update discussing soil sample results along Waterworks Road, some private properties on Carey Ave and the McCaffery St. facility site. All tests are reported to be well below the EPA's site-specific action level for PFOA in soil. The entire update can be found at Village and Town web sites as well as the EPA web site.
- **HACA Food Pantry-** There is an Urgent need food and personal care items.
- **Next Hoosick Rising Meeting-** November 2 @ 6pm @ JC Tractor on Church St.
- **Did you know that our Hoosick Local Development Corp. (HLDC) has a NEW web page?? Check it out @ [www.hoosickldc.org](http://www.hoosickldc.org)**

**Town Clerk's Report**

Total for September report: \$19,609.91 and remitted to the Supervisor \$1,662.09

**Assessor's Report**

- Collecting Data, starting to do mailings for exemptions.

**Superintendent of Highway's Report**

- Pool cover is on.

**Town Historian (absent)**

**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. Final report has been received.
- **Pool Slide Update-**  
According to the Town's Insurance Agent a pool slide should not make a big difference in insurance cost coverage. Board discussed the concerns of the cost to put a slide in. Alternatives of a kiddie sprinkler pad or a wading pool are also very expensive. More discussion will continue.
- **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.

**Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- I attended the recent Hoosick Rising Meeting which hosted by Yucel Erdogan who is the owner of "Yucelesque" on John St. (the former Ruditis building). Yucelesque has opened as an Antique Store and is going through the process of adding a Wine Bar. For our meeting the bar itself has been finished. There were approx. 25 people who attended including Jeff Cleary from Senator Marchione's Office, Staff from the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce who are very willing to work with us and many members of our local Hoosick Development Corporation. We had a special guest, Katharine Newcombe from National Grid who outlined a couple of funding opportunities that are available to businesses through National Grid.
- We held a Special Town Board Meeting which went into executive session to discuss PFOA Contamination issue with our attorneys.
- The 2017 Budget has been presented with a proposed 1.99% overall budget increase. The tax cap for 2017 is .64% based on formula we are required to use. Because my proposed 2017 Budget is over the .64% I am asking the Board to approve Local Law #1 of 2016 providing for the Tax Cap Override. Once again Thank you to Emily Sanders who really knows what she is doing and makes my job much easier.
- We held our 1st Budget Workshop and have scheduled a 2nd for October 26th. The Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget is scheduled to be held Thursday November 10th, 6pm at the Armory. If anyone has any questions on the Budget please feel free to contact me.
- I was invited to meet with David Hassel who lives in Wynantskill and recently offered testimony at the Albany PFOA Hearing. Mr. Hassel is an RPI Graduate who helped design, build and maintain the McCaffery St. stack that was used for the Teflon processing. He also worked at the John St. Plant. I spent about 2 hours with Mr. Hassel at his home and could have easily spent many more hours. He provided us a lot of information that is from his experience working with PFOA (which at the time they were not aware of), his perspective on the contamination issue and a practical interpretation of the C8 Science and Medical panels. Mr. Hassel is very active in this issue and has been consulting with Governmental Leaders in Vermont on PFOA.

Town Council Reports

**Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Solar Committee will meet to go over the State's recommendations received on Solar Farms.

**Councilperson Sutton:** none

**Councilperson Hyde:** absent

**Councilperson Sheffer:** none

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**

**Resolution #65, 2016 Approving the Bid Received from GAR for a Town-wide Revaluation and Authorize the Supervisor to Negotiate and Enter Into an Agreement with GAR, with an amount not to Exceed \$265,000.00 as submitted by GAR in the Bid Proposal.**

***Motion to Approve***

Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #65, 2016, seconded by Surdam. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Sheffer:aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

- **NYS Audit Update-** The Auditors have completed the onsite work. They did mention a few items to us on the way out. We should be receiving a report in the near future.
- **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- Discussion
- **Water & Sewer Expansion Feasibility Study-** We (the Village & Town) are waiting on the results from the Economic Facility Corp. (EFC) for scoring on the Grant Application. 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-** The Town Board has received feedback from the Planning and Zoning Boards. Solar committee will reconvene to review.
- **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.***
- **Fraizer Lane-** the Town has been asked to adopt this Lane as a Town Road due to Liability and safety concerns. We are researching what options may be available.
- **White Creek Bridge Project-** We have received the final re-imbusement check from the State of New York for \$63,688.51. This should officially close out this project and this file.

- **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 @ , 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-**
  - **October Update-** Please see the 5 bullet points under Correspondence/Announcements near the beginning of this Agenda.
  - 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 #66, 2016 Budget Transfer- To Move Funds Between Budgeted Accounts.**  
***Motion to Approve***  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res.#66, 2016, seconded by Sheffer, Roll Call Vote:  
Sheffer: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Resolution #67, 2016 Budget Modification- To Make A Change To The 2016 Budget**  
***Motion to Approve***  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res.67, 2016, seconded by Sheffer. Roll Call Vote:  
Sheffer: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Fiscal Stress Management System Status Notification-** Report received from Office of the New York State Comptroller (OSC). This is a system to identify local governments experiencing fiscal stress. The OSC classifications of Fiscal Stress are Significant, Moderate, Susceptible, and No Designation. ***The Town of Hoosick for 2015 is No Designation.***
- **Penflex, Inc.-** The Town Board needs to make a motion to accept the Penflex, Inc. 2016-2017 Standard Services Fee Schedule and to authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign and return the agreement with the option of "Do Not Complete the LOASP Audit Package".  
***Motion to Approve***  
Wysocki made the motion to approve, seconded by Sheffer, all ayes carried.

- **Planning Board- Gary Kjelgaard** has resigned via email from the Planning Board. We thank Gary for his time and effort and wish him the best.
- **Hoosick Housing Authority Board-** In February of this year we appointed Joyce Brewer to complete the term of Michael McCune which expired Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. 2021. The Town Board wishes to appoint Joyce Brewer to a full 5 year term expiring on Sept. 30, 2021 on the Hoosick Housing Authority Board. Surdam will call her to see if she is still interested in serving. ***Tabled until November.***
- **Resolution # 68 Proposed Local Law #1 of 2016- Tax Cap Override of the 2017 Budget Scheduling a Public Hearing for Nov. 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm.**  
***Motion to Approve***  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res.#68,2016, seconded by Wysocki. Roll Call Vote:  
Sheffer: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. ***Motion Approved.***

**Scheduled Meetings**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 Budget Workshop-** Wednesday, Oct 26th, 6pm @ Armory.

**Fire Dept. Public Hearings-** Thursday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm West Hoosick Fire Dept., 6:30pm Buskirk Fire Dept., and 7pm North Hoosick Fire Dept. **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**

Sheffer made the motion to adjourn the meeting pending signing of vouchers, seconded by Wysocki, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid - Abstract #10 Vouchers: 455-503**

General A	\$19,730.83
General B	\$ 8,044.34
Highway DA	\$10,608.28
Highway DB	\$31,607.71
Special Fire	\$ 2,250.00
Trust&Agency	\$ 5,742.76
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$77,983.92</b>

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