Town of Hoosick Regular Board Meeting Monday March 14, 2016 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call; Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, Dave Sutton, Jeff Wysocki, Jenn Hyde

<u>**Previous Meeting(s) Minutes-</u>** have been reviewed by the board and are available from the Town Clerk or www.townofhoosick.org.</u>

<u>Reports-</u> 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

- **Gail Smith** Celebrate Recovery Invited anyone who is having difficulty with the water situation and or any other issues are more than welcome to attend where they will be give tools to help them deal with their issues
- Louise Ciuk: Wants to know now that the carbon filtering systems are being installed, who is going to pay for the maintenance of them.
- Surdam: That has been addressed to DEC and the State will be maintaining them.
- Stacey Parker: Wanted to know what was passed at last month's special meeting:.
- Stradinger: No law was passed last month. It was a resolution the Board voted down to not send the temporary moratorium for solar farms to the County.
- Cindy Brewster: Wanted to know about the Village solar farm and wants her soil tested for PFOA.
- Surdam: the Town is still working on that issue.
- Kevin Allard: Village solar farm no C.O. issued.
- Michelle Baker: Letters to residents regarding water issues.
- Lisa Revet: Raw sewage on farm land

Correspondence/Announcements

- Public Notice- State Superfund Program
- Rensselaer County Economic Development and Planning Letter
- Hoosick Falls Village Election is this Tuesday, March 15th from Noon to 9pm @ Village Hall.
- Hoosick Rising Meeting 6pm March 22^{nd.} Location TBD
- American House Demolition will begin Monday March 21st.
- PiMag Water Flyer- Not NYS DOH related flyer.

Town Clerk's Report

- February report total \$961.50 remitted to the Supervisor \$723.89
- Presidential Primary April 19th all poles open noon to 9:00 pm

Assessor's Report

• Exemption deadline was March 1st had 99% return rate. Updating exemptions, roll values and data collecting before the tentative roll.

Highway Superintendent's Report

- Cutting and Trimming Trees around Pool estimates: After reviewing the proposals Shiland recommended Supreme Tree Service for \$4,975.
- The Town Board tabled until next month so they can look at where the funds will be coming from.
- Opening of Bids Fuel Oil and Diesel and Sand Publication-Eastwick Press Feb. 12, 2016
 - 1 Bid received from Doug's Oil for Fuel Oil: total \$1.449

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- 1 bid received from Doug's Oil for Diesel Fuel: total \$1.487
 - Motion to Approve Wysocki made the motion to approve Doug's Oil bids for both fuel oil and diesel fuel, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- 1 Sand Bid Received from: Peckham Industries FOB \$8.00/ton, Delivered \$11.70 /ton.
 - Motion to Approve
 - Sutton made the motion to approve Peckham Industries for sand, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

<u>Historian</u>

Phil Leonard discussed his display of "Remember? Pictures 25 years ago and older.

Recreation

- *Summer Camp*: Recreation Director, Kaila Matatt recommended to the Board to increase Day Camp pricing to: \$85. For Resident and \$95. non-resident. Camp will begin July 11th. Prices have not been raised in many years. Did a comparable chart with other camps and Ours is the cheapest.
 - *Motion to Approve* Sheffer made the motion to approve camp pricing of \$85/resident and \$95/non-resident for the 2016 season, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.
- *Swimming Lessons* Prices will discuss at April meeting.
- *Accepting Lifeguard employment applications* for the 2016 season. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office or on the Town website: <u>www.townofhoosick.org</u>

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- There has been a lot of time committed to the water contamination issue this month. Please if you have a private well and have not requested to have your water tested please do so.
- Signed EPA Consent to Access form to allow EPA to take soil samples on the Athletic Field.
- With the Town Board we interviewed Environmental Attorneys representing Bowitch & Coffey LLC, Young/Sommer LLC and Dreyer Boyajian LLP.
- Attended a meeting in the Armory with Jim Malatras who Governor Cuomo's Director of Operations, NYS DOC Commissioner Basil Seggos, NYS DOH Commissioner Howard Zucker, Mayor Borge, and HFCS Superintendent Facin.
- Mayor Borge and I Attended a meeting at Central School with Superintendent Facin and some school staff along with representatives of the TOH Little League to discuss options for the 2016 baseball season.
- Jeff, Dave and I attended the Association of Towns Training in NYC
- I attended an Emergency Services meeting to critique the incident at the Danforth.
- Mayor Borge & I met with Steve Mann, Deputy State Director from Senator Schumer's office to discuss the water contamination issue.
- Had a wonderful dinner and many laughs at the Town Of Hoosick Rescue annual dinner. Mark Spiezo from the Cambridge Rescue was the guest speaker.
- Mayor Borge and I met with Jim Hayden (retired) and local resident Paul Miller who are Professional Geologist by trade who are willing to assist the Town and Village in any way they can when it comes to the water and soil clean up.
- I attended a meeting at the Hoosick Falls Presbyterian Church and was part of a discussion of how the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance national Response Team could come and help our community through this water contamination crisis.

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- Mayor Borge and I met with the Hoosick Local Development Corp to discuss how best to work together and maybe gain some additional funding for the LDC to help with the economic recovery. We have added information about the HLDC on to <u>www.townofhoosick.org</u>.
- I have had initial contact with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp (EFC). We will be setting up a meeting very soon to discuss economic recovery type projects and potential funding sources for the projects. More to come.
- Participated in the 25th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and I believe it was the best one I have walked in. The weather was perfect, there were many people out to see the parade, and it was something we needed. Congratulations and Kudos to the Parade Committee for a job well done!!!
- Yesterday mayor Borge and I met with Governor Cuomo, Jim Malatras who Governor Cuomo's Director of Operations and NYS Senator Marchione at the Village water treatment plant so they could see the operation first hand. While there we had some very open dialog about the progress we are making and some of the setbacks. From the water treatment plant we went to the DEC Incident Command Center on Rte. 7 where we were joined by, NYS DOC Commissioner Basil Seggos & NYS DOH Commissioner Howard Zucker and many others. Jim Malatras filled us in on some of the latest test results on private well water test. Of the 465 total test results to date, 59 have tested above the 100 PPT that the EPA has established as the new advisory for our Town. There is a new updated map showing the areas of concern throughout the town. All of the results will be posted on our web site. So far 263 POET Systems have been installed throughout the town. 2,500 people have signed up for the Bio-monitoring and 1,065 blood samples have been drawn.
- On Sunday Governor Cuomo committed to the following to assist the Town and the Village;
 - 1. To seek to establish an Escrow Account for the maintenance of all of the POET Systems that are installed.
 - 2. To work with St. Gobain to ensure bottled water delivery to those who need the assistance.
 - 3. 6 month rebates to Village water users.
 - 4. \$150,000 to upgrade village well #3 in an effort to increase capacity from a well that is believed to be influenced more by the river.
 - 5. Approved a \$95,000 SAM Grant that the Village has been waiting on.

Town Council Reports

- Deputy Supervisor Wysocki
 - **Solar Committee Report –** The committee is working on decommissioning, setbacks, etc. waiting for the State response.
 - **Philpot Project-** \$165,000 has been received and a check was delivered to Chris Krahling who is the Project Manager @ Agricultural Stewardship Association
 - Attended NYS Assoc. of Towns Conference in NYC with Sutton, and Surdam. Attended Solar seminars.
- Councilperson Sutton
 - **Rt 7 & 22 Island-** working with Dean Foster of Hoosac School, who have been maintaining the island. There are some residents who would like to help out in the maintenance. Will get together with Foster to coordinate.
 - Would like to move forward in seeing a Pilot Program with the Solar Companies.

• Councilperson Hyde

- Will work with Surdam on the Solar Pilot Program.
- **Swimming Pools** If you have a pool do not drain it call the Village office at 686-7072 to get your name on a list. They are addressing this issue.

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- Councilperson Sheffer
 - **Insurance Review** Has met with insurance agent Matt Cronin, everything looks good only a few small changes. Met with Shiland to go over equipment for insurance.
 - Looking into Cyber Insurance. NYMER will come in and evaluate what would be need.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Revaluation Project-** Suggestion has been made to delay project for a year due to water contamination issue and the effect it will have on property values.
- **Pool Project Phase Two-** LaBerge Engineering has begun the planning process to update the Pump House & the Bath House.
- Well Water Testing- We have been working with NYS Dept. of Health on testing private wells for PFOA's in the area. NYSDOH now has multiple teams taking water samples from homes with private wells. NYSDOH continues to update the map that they have developed showing the areas of concern. To see the latest version of 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.
- 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
 - Water is available for free @ Tops
 - 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
 - Please Contact NYSDEC or EPA if you know or suspect where there may be dump sites in the Town of Hoosick.
- **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.
- **EPA Soil Testing-** The EPA completed taking samples from the little league ball fields the week of 2/15/16 and the TOH athletic fields the week of 2/22/16. We are expecting the results the beginning of April.

<u>New Business</u>

• <u>Resolution #48, 2016 Budget Transfer- To Move Funds Between Budgeted Accounts.</u> Motion to Approve

Sutton made the motion to approve res. #48, 2016, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

• <u>Resolution #49, 2016 Budget Amendment- To Amend The 2016 Budget To Allow The Pass</u> <u>Through Of The NYS Department Of Ag Funds To The ASA For The Philpot Project.</u> Motion to Approve

Sutton made the motion to approve res. #49, 2016, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

• <u>Resolution #50, 2016 To Pay For Legal Fees Associated With The Cipperly Road Issue.</u> Motion to Approve

Sheffer made the motion to approve res. #50, 2016, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved

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• <u>Resolution #51, 2016 Young / Sommer LLC- To Retain Young / Sommer LLC To Represent And</u> <u>Advise The Town Board Regarding Groundwater Contamination And Related Environmental</u> <u>Issues Associated With The Discovery Of PFOA.</u>

Motion to Approve

Sutton made the motion to approve res. #51, 2016, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

 <u>Resolution #52, 2016HAYC3 2016 Agreement-</u> <u>To Enter Into An Agreement With The Hoosick</u> <u>Armory Youth Center & Community Coalition ("HAYC3") To Provide Financial Support, \$14,000</u> <u>As Budgeted To HAYC3 For A Legitimate Municipal Program For The Benefit Of The Town By</u> <u>Providing And Supporting Youth Activities, Opportunities And Evidence-Based Programs That</u> <u>Foster Engaged Minds, Healthy Bodies, Strong Families And Caring Relationships.</u> <u>Motion to Approve</u>

Sutton made the motion to approve res. #52, 2016, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

- **Mobile Friendly Web Site** Bob Phelps of RBP Web Designs would like to update our web site in stages to be more mobile friendly. Total estimate is \$750.
 - *Motion to allow RBP Web Designs to update the TOH website to be more mobile friendly.* Hyde made the motion, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Code Enforcement-** We have been informed by Code Enforcement Officer Fran Rogers of issues with a Multi Family unit on Rt 22 across from the school where the owner refuses to respond to the issues.

Executive Session

To enter into executive session to discuss Cipperly Road Litigation, Blanchfield Litigation, Legal Assistance in ref to PFOA Contamination and discuss the issues of the Multi-Family unit on Rt22.

Motion to Enter Executive Session

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

Motion to Exit Executive Session 8:28pm

Sutton made the motion to exit Executive Session, all ayes carried (except for Surdam, he was at a meeting with the press).

Motion to Enter Executive Session 8:37 pm for all reasons originally stated above, Hyde made the motion to enter exec. Session, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

Motion to Exit Executive Session 10:22pm

Sutton made the motion to exit Exec. Session, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

• Code Enforcement - Property Rte 22 Multi-Family Issue

Motion to allow code Enforcement to start working with Town Attorney Schopf in an effort to force owner to bring property into compliance.

Sutton made the motion to approve, seconded by Hyde. Wysocki: abstained, 4- ayes carried.

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.

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<u>Adjournment 10:23 pm</u>

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

Bills Paid Abstract #3 Vouchers: 72-169

General A	\$56,780.30
General B	\$186,815.43
Highway DA	\$28,501.95
Highway DB	\$3,908.32
Trust & Agency	\$8,320.36
Total:	\$284,326.36

Respectfully submitted, Sue Stradinger Hoosick Town clerk