

**Town Of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

**Potentia Management Group:** They had presented the LED lighting proposals at a previous meeting. They presented the pool area only. The Town was looking for the Highway garage specifically since the pool lighting will be all part of the pool rehabilitation project. Surdam will call Potentia and also Integra LED to get detailed information before the Board will make a decision

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- **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)**
- It has been announced that students from the HFCS are planning on creating a documentary entitled, Our Hometown, Hoosick Falls which will encapsulate why it is so outstanding to grow up and live in our community. Students will be interviewing key community leaders highlighting our schools, area artists, business leaders and influential alumni who give credit to their hometown for setting the stage for life successes. We will premiere the film to the public in our auditorium with a reception at Browns afterward. Additional information will be released soon.
- **Lakes to Locks Passage Letter and Request**  
They are asking \$250 for their services. They put up the kiosk in North Hoosick. They promote heritage tourism, etc. Letter is attached.  
The Supervisor will ask them to do a presentation for the Board to learn more about what they do.
- **Carbon for Calgon Water Tanks-** is scheduled to be put into the tanks December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Town Clerk's Report**

- Total for the month of October: \$ 6,646.50 – remitted to the Supervisor \$1,041.91

**Assessor's Report - none**

**Superintendent of Highway's Report**

- Finished paperwork for CHIPS- \$162,000 reimbursement for paving.

**Town Historian**

- New display "Woods Pond".
- Bio on William F. Carey who lived in Hoosick Falls and became a millionaire and an industrial leader throughout the world.

**Recreation Report**

- **Pool Slide-** Continue Discussion so we can advise the Kiwanis Club in ref to fund raising. **Tom Marciotta** discuss with the Board some options he has seen around the state. He and the Town Board thought the slide would be best and more cost effective.

- **Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink- New** Rink Director Tyler Rondeau has begun organizing the 2017 Town of Hoosick Learn to Skate Program through Learn to Skate USA. Janet Deluca is assisting Tyler with the set up and organization.
  - We are now accepting applications for Rink Guards and Instructors. Applications are available on the Town Web Site or from the Town Clerk.
  - **Skating Lessons Sign Ups** are scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm with actual Lessons scheduled to begin 1/14/17 weather permitting. \$50 per skater for Resident & \$60 for Non-Resident.
  - **Proposed Rink Hours-**
    - Mondays 4-6 *Free Admission*
    - Tue & Thur. Open Skate 4-6 with Hockey from 6:30-8:30pm
    - Wed. Open Skate 3:30-5:30 with Lessons 6-9pm
    - Fridays Open Skate 3:30-5:30 and 6:30-8:30pm
    - Saturday- Lessons 9am to noon, Open Skate 1-4pm and 6-9pm
    - Sundays Open Skate 1-6pm
  - **Rink Pricing-**
    - Student/Child/Seniors- \$3, Adult- \$4, Adult Open Hockey- \$5.00, Skate Rental- \$2, Skate Sharpening \$5.
    - **Motion to Approve Hours and Pricing**
    - Sutton made the motion to approve the 2017 Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink hours of operation and pricing, seconded by Sheffer, all ayes carried.
      - Any Use of Rink: Everyone \$60.00 an hour, skate rentals not included.
  - **Staff Pay Scale- Rink** Manager \$17 per hr. Assistant \$15 per hr. Rink Guard & Lesson
  - Instructor with CPR & First Aid Certification \$10.25 per hr. without CPR & First Aid Certification \$9.70 per hr.
  - **Rink Appointments:**
    - Rink Guard & Skating Instructor- Anna Brewer & Katy Gardner.
    - Rink Guard- Thomas Holovach, Alyssa Houghton, Timothy Kinney, Tayler Ferris-Dow, Zoe Nixon, Anna Wysocki, Lizza Ryan, Janie Morrison, Brandon Decker.
    - Rink Guard & Ice Maintenance- Michael L. Matatt.
    - Skating Lessons- Samantha Brewer, Nathan Harwood, Emma Kelly, Rachel Boisvert
    - Assistant Rink Director- Janet Deluca.
      - **\*Motion To Approve Pay Scale And All Rink Staff**

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

- I attended a fund raiser for Senator Marchione and two debates that included the Senator to show support for Senator Marchione who has been very active in supporting the Town of Hoosick and the Village of Hoosick Falls.
- Mayor Borge and I met with Christine Golden who is the Assistant for Government Relations from Rensselaer County Tourism to discuss ways the Town and the Village area and events could be represented. We were given an overview of how the County Tourism office works and some of what they do and can do to assist us.
- I sat in on a NYS Property Tax Cap Webinar for Local Officials hosted by the NYS Comptroller's Office.
- We hosted a meeting for the Town, Village, and NYS Dec & DOH to discuss the EPA's proposal to nominate the McCaffery St. Saint Gobain site to the National Priority List (NPL).
- Bookkeeper Emily Sanders & I met with our Bond Attorney Karen Martel who is retiring and wanted us to meet her son Christopher Martell and A. Joseph Scott, III also from Hodgson Russ LLP who will be taking her place when she retires at the end of this year.

- I was part of conference call with NYS EFC regarding our submitted Water System extension project proposal. The requirements that EFC is requiring for us to move forward with obtaining all of the financing options available to us include establishing Water Districts before we can find out what Grant money is available to us. We are following up through the Governor's office to see what options are available to us.
- I attended a local Emergency Preparedness meeting.
- Mayor Borge and I met with Senator Marchione as a part of our ongoing discussions for addressing the PFOA Contamination Issue. The Senator continues to be very active with us and is working on obtaining some additional funding that will she knows will assist us very much in our goals for coming back from all of this.
- I attended a Hoosick Rising Meeting; Senator Marchione also sat in on this meeting and was very encouraged with the number of local residents who are actively involved in working together to promote the positive attributes of our community.
- I attended the presentation results of the study of Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site that was presented to the public in the auditorium of the Hoosick Falls Junior/Senior High School.
- Met with Tyler Rondeau as we prepare for the upcoming Rink Season.
- We held a public Hearing on the 2017 Preliminary Budget.

### **Town Council Reports**

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Solar Committee workshop at Town Hall this Wednesday at 7pm.
- **Councilperson Sutton:** Attended the Greenway meeting – planning exercise station pads along the Greenway. Anna Brewer has been planning this for her Girl Scouts requirements. Everyone was very excited about this idea.
- **Councilperson Hyde:** Attended the Veteran Celebration. Very moving tribute.
- **Councilperson Sheffer:** none

### **Old or Ongoing Business**

- **Broadband- *We all need to continue to work to raise awareness that this community wants High Speed Broadband Service throughout our entire town.. This is going to take a community effort, please help any way you can.***

Broadband Update- A local resident who requested TWC to their home recently received the following reply with options:

Your address currently is not serviceable by Time Warner Cable. In order to begin construction to your address we are asking for a customer contribution amount listed below. You are in an area with a franchise agreement which may provide you with a discount on the customer contribution.

Option 1:

- Customer contribution of \$92,942.11 based on the standard Time Warner Cable model

Option 2: (Franchise Calculator – 1 customer interested)

- Customer contribution of \$107,099.48 based on the local franchise agreement and you alone requesting service.

Option 3: (Franchise Calculator –11 customers request services)

- Customer contribution of \$8,425.14 per customer. Based on all 2 customers (passing's), you are included, requesting construction and being invoiced.

***This response to a legitimate request is not a practical answer for a very real problem.***

This information along with the 2015 Broadband Survey results were forwarded to Ana Rua who is the Director of Outreach, Innovation & Broadband with Empire State Development. Ana has already started to help us by getting us heading in a direction that we hope will lead to obtaining High Speed Broad Band throughout the Town of Hoosick.

- **Resolution #69 Local Law #1 of 2016 Tax Cap Override for the 2017 Fiscal Year**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #69, 2016, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Adoption of the 2017 Budget**
  - *Motion to Approve*  
Sheffer made the motion approve and adopt the Preliminary 2017 Budget as the Final 2017 Budget, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Town wide Revaluation Project- Update**  
Supervisor Surdam, Board Member Wysocki, Assessor Rice and the Town Attorney met today to go over the contract agreement with GAR, the company who will be performing the revaluation. Start date is scheduled for 2017, finished for the 2018 tax season and 2019 for the Village tax season.
- **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) have received verbally the results from the Economic Facility Corp. (EFC) for scoring on the Grant Application and it was not everything we were hoping for. We are working with the Governor's Office for additional information.
- **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.
- **PFOA Water Contamination Issue-**
  - **November Update- Change in NYS DOH & DEC Availability at the Armory;**

Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 Below, please see an email message received from NYSDOH. Due to a significant decrease in the numbers of Hoosick residents seeking information from NYSDOH and NYSDEC representatives on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Armory, they will be reducing their presence at the Armory effective November 8, 2016. They will continue to be available by phone and on line. Over the next 2 weeks, they will be eliminating their presence on Thursdays and reducing their time on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

In follow up to your recent conversations, we are proposing a new schedule for our availability at the Armory. We will, of course, continue to be available by phone and email for any questions about water quality or blood testing. Here are the changes to our availability at the HAYC3 Armory:

Tuesdays 6pm-8pm (instead of 2-8)

Thursdays discontinued after 11/3 (instead of 2-8).

Saturdays – starting on 11/5; 10am-noon; (instead of 10-2).

If community members have any questions, Department of Health staff can be reached between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at these numbers:

*For specific questions about potential health effects: Email: [btsa@health.ny.gov](mailto:btsa@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7800*

For specific questions about the public water supply: Email: [bpwsp@health.ny.gov](mailto:bpwsp@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7650

For specific questions about private wells: Email: [beei@health.ny.gov](mailto:beei@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7860

For specific questions about blood testing: Email: [beoe@health.ny.gov](mailto:beoe@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7950

In addition, The New York State Water Quality Hotline, [800-801-8092](tel:800-801-8092), is available, Monday-Friday 9am-8pm and Saturday 9am-3pm. Let us know if you any concerns with this proposal.

Adam Helman

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Representative

### **New Business**

- **Resolution #70, 2016 Budget Transfer- To Move Funds Between Budgeted Accounts**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #70, 2016, Wysocki seconded, Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Resolution #71, 2016 Budget Modification To Account For Youth Grant Funding Received Through Rensselaer County**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #71, 2016, Hyde seconded, Roll Call Vote: Sutton: aye, Hyde: aye, Wysocki: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #72, 2016 Budget Modification to account for Kiwanis Donation for Playground Fence**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sheffer made the motion to approve Res. #72, 2016, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Volunteer Opportunity-** Supervisor Surdam is seeking assistance in updating the information on the Town's Web Site. Discussion that maybe students at HFCS could assist.
- **Hoosick Housing Authority Board Reappointment: Joyce Brewer**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to appoint Joyce Brewer to the Housing Authority for a full 5 year term expiring Sept. 30, 2021. Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Assessment Review Board Appointment- Reappointment : Lisa Saunders**  
*Motion to Approve*  
Hyde made the motion to reappoint Lisa Saunders to the Assessment Review Board for a 5 year term to expire September 30, 2021. Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Copier Lease-** 60 month lease proposal from Northco on the Konica Minolta Bizhub C308 Multi-Function Copier with proposed Service Pricing.  
*Motion to Approve*  
Sutton made the motion to approve the lease with Northco for the Town copier, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Youth Center Building-** With the recent announcement by HAYC3 that they will be consolidating into the Armory the question has been raised by many asking what will become of the Youth Center Building. There are many people currently searching for the actual ownership of the building. There will be a committee to go over what work needs to be done and ideas for the building. Surdam said he would serve on that committee.

- **Seat Belt Policy-** It was pointed out to us in September this year by NYMIR that we needed to have a Seat Belt Policy for employees and Town owned vehicles.

***Motion to approve***

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

- **Rte. 22 Bridge Construction in North Hoosick-** We have heard from Project Engineer Chris Rowe, NYS DOT. He advised us that he has spoken to first responders in ref to the project so they are aware. They are preparing the job site, making room for equipment and materials that will be needed for the project. For now they are setting up for lane shifts on the bridge which will make the lanes slightly narrower but they do not expect much traffic interruption. They are not anticipating the need for one way traffic or traffic signals until next summer.

**Scheduled Meetings**

**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**

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

**Bills Paid Abstract # 11 Vouchers: 504-547**

General A	\$43,691.69
General B	\$6,280.16
Highway DA	\$80,360.04
Highway DB	\$10,061.73
T&A	\$4,619.58
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$189,464.64</b>

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