

**Agenda**  
**Town Of Hoosick Regular Meeting**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

- **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

**IV. Correspondence/Announcements**

- The Friends of the Bennington Battlefield have issued a Newsletter, Issue #1 of 2017 that has some great information. If you are interested in seeing the newsletter we have posted it on the Town web site [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) in the Battlefield section under Parks and Recreation or Supervisor Surdam would be happy to provide a copy.
- Glens Falls Hospital- We received a letter dated January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 that they are closing the Hoosick Falls Family Health Center located at 16 Danforth St. at 5pm on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Note- We expect to be hearing details soon of the re-opening of this facility under new ownership.
- Rensselaer Land Trust is working on a County wide conservation plan and is holding a Community Workshop on Thursday 2/16/17 from 6pm-8pm here in the HAYC3 Armory. Contact for this workshop is Executive Director Christine Young, Esq. @ 518-659-5263 or [Christine@renstrust.org](mailto:Christine@renstrust.org) .
- We received a letter from Rensselaer County Snowriders Club (RCSR) thanking the Town for permission for the snowmobile trail to cross Town property. With the letter was the Certificate of Insurance and a brochure explaining how private landowners are the foundation of the snowmobile trail system.

- St Patrick's Day Parade- We received a letter from the St Patrick's Committee. This year's Parade and festivities will be on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm.
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wood Memorial 5K & Fun Run hosted by the Town of Hoosick Lions Club to be held May 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. Additional information is available at [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) .
- Charter Communication sent the Town a letter in ref to the renewal of the franchise agreement with the Town which is set to expire in October of 2018.
- Application for Use of the Skating Rink by CCS Class of 2020 for March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.
- DEC Press Release ref: VOC's found in soil near old Honeywell Facility on John St.
- Sancoick Mill Marker- We have received a request from David Pitlyk of NYS Parks to send a Letter of Support to NYSDOT & NY Highway Safety Commission to have this marker moved to a more visible and accessible location. **Motion** authorizing Supervisor Surdam to send the letters of support.
- Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA)- Chris Krahling of ASA has requested a Letter of Support for federal funding request to conserve the Hay Berry Farm on Babcock Lake Road, owned by Lawrie Nickerson. **Motion** authorizing Supervisor Surdam to send a Letter of Support.

## V. Town Clerk's Report

## VI. Assessor's Report

- **Exemption Season-** Deadline for submitting exemption request is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

## VII. Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Bids-** Diesel Fuel & Oil- **Motion(s)**
- **Tow behind Sweeper-** Sweeper is under State Contract so there was no need to bid. **Motion** to approve the purchase of the Tow Behind Sweeper Model 53MH as per Quote #15167 through Capital Tractor, Inc. for \$19,246.80
- **Cottrell Road Bridge-**

## VIII. Town Historian

## IX. Recreation Report

- **Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink-**
  - *Skating Lessons Sign Ups* were held last Sat. Lessons scheduled to begin 1/14/17 weather permitting. \$50 per skater for Resident & \$60 for Non-Resident.
  - **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.
    - Any Use of Rink: Everyone \$60.00 an hour, skate rentals not included.

**Calling all Lifeguards-** Pool season will be fast approaching now is the time to start thinking about Lifeguard Certifications, WSI Certifications, First Aid we are starting to take applications....

## X. Supervisor Surdam's Report

## XI. Town Council Reports

**Deputy Supervisor Wysocki**

**Councilperson Sutton**

## Councilperson Hyde

## Councilperson Sheffer

- Insurance- Storage Tank Renewal Policy information has been sent to the Board.

## XII. Old or Ongoing Business

- **Broadband-** We are seeing some encouraging signs that Broadband is coming. *We all need to continue to work to raise awareness that this community wants High Speed Broadband Service throughout our entire town. We have been told it is important to keep the calls coming to Charter especially if you own a business. This is going to take a community effort, please keep making the calls to Charter Communication that the Town of Hoosick wants & needs Broadband Service.*
- **Pool Project Phase 1 Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)** – As mentioned last month we did make the BAN payment to Pioneer Bank for \$90,000 plus interest. We did work with Bond Attorneys from Hodgson Ross LLP advertising to issue a new BAN on remaining balance of \$330,000. Key Bank was the low bidder @ 1.20%; the closing was completed 1/24/17. We also paid off the remaining principal balance with Pioneer.
- **NYS Parks & Recreation Grant-Pool Project Phase Two, Bath House & Filter House-**
  - NYS Parks & Recreation has approved the scope modifications of our plan to focus on the Bathhouse improvements as the priority due to cost projections with the limited amount of funds. They will decide toward the end of the project if we need to revise the contract.
  - Plans and specs and the Bid documents have been sent by LaBerge to NYS Parks & Recreation for review prior to going out to bid.
  - It was our hope this project would be done before the start of the 2017 swim season. Due to the extensive contract delay related to the PFOA Contamination issue and the time involved in meeting some of the Grant specifications it is looking more like this will be a fall of 2017 project.
- **Pool Pump/Filter House and Chemical Storage-** With the scaling back from part of this project under the Grant there are some safety related issues with chemical storage and dispersing that we can deal with ourselves. Tom

Marciotta has already met with Supervisor Surdam and we have put together an outline of steps we can take. Additional information with cost estimates will be provided to the Board prior to the March meeting.

- **Woods Brook Study Grant- Motion** Based on Resolution #58 of 2016 to work with the Village of Hoosick Falls now that the Village has received the CFG for \$23,560 the town Board Authorizes Supervisor Surdam to sign the Authorization to Proceed with Barton & Loguidice Engineers to complete the Woods Brook Study and to pay half of the CFG match of \$620 to the Village of Hoosick Falls.
- **Court Grant-** We have received word that we have been awarded a grant to purchase a Stand Alone Metal Detector through the Justice Court Grant Assistance Program. Thank you to Court Clerk Jan Kimball for working on this grant. This will be a good time to review Court Security as we will need to determine where the metal detector will be placed.
- **Revaluation Project-** Assessor Rice and Supervisor Surdam hosted the organizational meeting last week with GAR Associates LLC who we have contracted with on this project, Khris Ulmer of NYS Office of Real Property & Tax Services and Bill Film of the Rensselaer County Bureau of Tax Services. The First mailing from GAR to all home owners will happen in April or May will be an Intro Letter that will have an “800” number for residents to call and ask questions, there will be an opportunity for everyone interested to sign up for small Workshops that will explain the entire process and answer questions and there will be a sign up for the request Not To Enter on to My Property. We will keep everyone informed as to when Data Collection will begin and in what areas, what vehicles they are driving, what identification we can expect to see. We will have updated information on our Town Web Site as we go through this process. The Revaluation Project is broken down into **3 Phases; Phase 1 Data Collection** will begin with the Intro Letter and is expected to go through August of this year. **Phase 2 is Valuation** where there will be a Data mailer sent to all homeowners with the opportunity to verify or correct information that has been collected. Valuation Modeling for Land, Residential and Commercial/Industrial properties are completed with Field Review and creation of New Preliminary Assessments is completed. Phase 2 should last into February or March of 2018. **Phase 3 is Informal Review & Value-** All homeowners will have the opportunity to schedule a time to review with GAR Associates the value that has been put on their home. The whole project is expected to be completed by July 2018.

- **NYS DOH Availability at the Armory;** Tuesdays 6pm-8pm, Saturdays – 10am-noon.
- **PFOA related contact information;**

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: [btas@health.ny.gov](mailto:btas@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: [bee@health.ny.gov](mailto:bee@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.

### **XIII. New Business**

- **Budget Transfers- Motion** to approve budget transfers within the 2017 Budget.
- **2017 Youth Development Program- Resolution** to work with HAYC3 to apply for the Rensselaer County OCFS Youth Development Program Grant.
- **Storage Tank Liability Insurance Renewal Policy- Motion** to accept one year storage tank liability insurance renewal policy for the three storage tanks at the Town Highway Garage from ACE American Insurance Company with a Premium of \$435.00 with a \$5,000.00 deductible per incident beginning 3/1/17 through 3/1/18.
- **2018 Town Clerk Salary- Discussion**
- **Town/Village Agreement** to turn over funds relating to the time when the Town did collect Water and Sewer Funds but no longer does. **Motion** authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the Agreement with the Village of Hoosick Falls that will allow the transferring of Water & Sewer Funds to zero out the Water & Sewer Accounts that the Town no longer uses.

### **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 HAYC3 Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or from the Town Clerk.

**XIV. Adjournment pending the signing of Vouchers**