

**Town Of Hoosick
Regular Meeting
September 11th, 2017**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

- **Hoosick Falls Central School Capital Project-** Greg Laurin & John Helft from the HFCS Board to present information to the Town Board in reference to the upcoming Capital Project at HF Central School. The Capital Project for the school is \$19,753,973.00 the public is asked to vote yes or no, on October 17th at the HFCS. See the school's website for additional information.
- Jean Andrick: Notified the Board that the Athletic field area needs some repairs.
- Kevin Allard: comments made on facebook about Keith Cipperly regarding the unauthorized ACH withdrawals from the Towns Pioneer checking account.
- Keith Cipperly: commented on the ACH withdrawal that is going to be discussed in executive session at the end of the meeting.
- James Martinez: Spoke with Pioneer Bank Fraud Officer and said the withdrawal done by Cipperly was not done in an accidental manner. Asked the Board to pursue the money that was withdrawn regardless if it was put back in.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Thank You : Received Thank You note from Maria Nowik** for getting Tory Hill Rd. reopened . The road collapsed and the culvert had to be replaced from a storm that occurred earlier in the season. After Numerous calls to the State for their help and an agreement made with the town for shared services the road finally got repaired. Supervisor Surdam read her note to the public.
- **Thank You: Blake Buckner, Acting Resident Engineer at NY DOT**, for his help on Tory Hill Rd. In an email to the Supervisor: Buckner explained the following: by tomorrow the guiderail will be up, and seeded and mulched the slopes; the Town should think of doing the flat areas. The beaver dam is out until the beavers decide to rebuild it, the Town or property owner may want to keep an eye on things and if activity is seen by the Town or owner, they should call DEC to get a permit to have them trapped. There is also a roadway to get down to the inlet and outlet should the Town need to do any work in the future.
- **Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad-** 60th anniversary event scheduled for this coming Saturday, September 16th at the Town of Hoosick Athletic Fields. The schedule is:
4:30- 6:30 Chicken BBQ \$10.00
5:00- 6:45 The Four of Us (band)
7:00- 9:00 Whiskey Highway
9:00-9:20 Fireworks This is a public event, everyone is welcome!!
- **Walter A. Wood Tractor & Agriculture Show** is returning September 30th in the Woods Memorial Park. Info is available on Facebook or contact Kevin O'Malley.
- **Hoosick Falls- Open For Business Workshop-** HAYC3 Armory 4-6pm this Thursday, September 14th, 2017. Additional Information is available @ www.townofhoosick.org.

- **Youth Center 510c3-** We have received word from Penny Acree that the 501(c) (3) Non Profit Status has been reinstated.
- **Bells Across America 2017-** Bells will be rung simultaneously in all time zones at 4pm Eastern Time on Constitution Day, Sunday September 17th 2017 at 4pm to commemorate the 230th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Additional information and a participation form is available on the Town of Hoosick Web site.

- Fort Crailo Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in Sand Lake has asked us to support their efforts by signing the enclosed proclamations:
 - **National Constitution Week September 17th-23rd. Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the Proclamation on behalf of the Town of Hoosick.**
Motion to Approve
Sheffer made the motion to approve, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

 - **To Acknowledge November as American Indian Heritage Month Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the Proclamation on behalf of the Town of Hoosick.**
Motion to Approve
Wysocki made the motion to approve, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

- **PFOA Community Health Questionnaire-** through Bennington College, Residents have until October 1st to complete the questionnaire. The information is available at www.townofhoosick.org or www.bennington.edu/PFOA or call 802-440-4324.
- **Governor Cuomo Request Major Disaster Declaration to Release Federal Aid to 15 Counties Impacted By Severe Storms and Flooding.** - Action will provide Financial Relief to both Individuals and Local Governments Impacted by Severe Summer Storms. The entire press release is on the Town Web Site.
- **NYS DOT Letter Rte. 67 Bridge-** over the Battenkill Railroad and the Owl Kill is going to be replaced with construction beginning in the Spring of 2019 lasting until the Fall of 2019.

Town Clerk's Report

- Sue Stradinger reported for the month of August a total of: \$13,707.25 and remitted to the Supervisor: \$7,870.05
- Announced: Primary Day is Tues. Sept. 12th all poles are open from noon to 9:00 pm.
- Reminder: October Board meeting has been moved to Oct. 11th due to holiday.

Assessor's Report

- Tony Rice reported that GAR has collected over 50% of the property information.
- Attended a teleconference with Surdam, Town Attorney and GAR.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Tory Hill Road-** Is now open!!

Code Enforcement - none

Town Historian - absent

Recreation Report

- **Community Pool-** The pool officially closed September 1st. By all reports it has been another very successful year, all of the feedback so far has been very positive. We are now just waiting for the okay from the NYS Parks & Recreation to move ahead with the Bathhouse Project.

- **Summer Day Camp-** Very successful year, we averaged over 40 kids per week with most of them taking advantage of the swimming lessons program at the pool. Thank you to Camp Director Rachel Green and staff!!!
- **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.
- **Appointments - Skating Rink Manager & Rink Guard-**
Tyler Rondeau as the 2017/2018 Rink Manager and Jillian Maser as a Rink Guard.
 - ***Motion to make Appointments***
Sutton made the motion to appoint T. Rondeau as Rink Manager and J. Maser as Rink Guard, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- We hosted one of the Public Hearings for the County Wide shared Services.
- Participated in a GAR conference call for project update. They are approximately half way through Data Collection.
- Spoke with EFC via conference call ref the Town not applying for the water grant for water line extensions. I did explain the concerns the Town Board has in ref to setting up Water Districts, the funding of the projects that have been discussed and the need to determine if our residents want municipal water to combat the PFOA contamination or if we are content with the POET Systems as long as they continue to be maintained.
- Community Pool- Daily monitoring and closing.
- I met with Rachel Green to follow up on our 2017 Summer Day Camp. We had a couple of unusual situations to deal with this summer and it was encouraging to me to see the way our Camp Director and Councilors handled the situations. I received no complaints from parents and judging from everything I saw with the number of kids attending and taking swimming lessons it appears to be another very successful year for the Summer Camp.
- We have continued communication with St. Gobain and Honeywell through our Attorneys ref PFOA contamination. We have asked the companies to help us with the cost associated with retaining a technical advisor to assist the Town through the PFOA Contamination issue. This kind of assistance is sometimes available through the State and or Federal Government as a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) but as a municipality we do not qualify for the grant. We have heard back from the Companies and they have agreed to give the Town a one-time grant in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to retain a technical advisor. The check is being processed and we have been told we can expect to see it shortly.
- I have prepared a Letter of Support for the Rensselaer County Shared Services Plan and will be attending another meeting this week.

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** thanked Shiland for his help on Tory Hill Rd. Also reminded everyone tomorrow is Primary Day.
- **Councilperson Sutton:** commented on rebuttal to comments that were made to him directly.

- **Councilperson Hyde:** absent
- **Councilperson Sheffer:** Attended Hoosick Rising Meeting

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Knapp Way Request for name change-**

The Town Attorney addressed Robert Medvetz that the Town cannot name an easement. This was already rescinded many years ago. He needs to go back to the County to get it changed, Bovie Hill Rd is the actual legal name.

- **Sign Law Review-** We have obtained information from the Association of Towns and New York State to assist us in the review of our local sign law and will try have additional information for the October meeting.

- **Town Welcome Sign Rte. 7 & 22-** Sheffer offered to take on this project, updating or replacing the sign.

- **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.***

Bouncelyn has informed the LDC that it is providing services to Pine Valley Road and South St. homes. It is researching additional towers near South Street and the Countesses in East Hoosick.

- **Senator Marchione DASNY Grant-** Through the continuous efforts and support of Senator Marchione and her staff to the Town of Hoosick we have been notified that we are in line to receive a DASNY grant of \$975,000 to add a refrigeration system to the Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink & Multi-Purpose Building. **Update-** We have received the estimate we have been waiting for from National Grid and it has been forwarded to DASNY.

- **Revaluation Project-** Project questions should be directed to GAR Associates by calling 1-866-910-1776. Project information will be posted on both the Town and Village web sites. **Update-** As of 8/22 GAR has collected the initial information on approx. 43% of the Town Parcels.

- **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: btsa@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7800

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

For specific questions about private wells: Email: bee@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7860

For specific questions about blood testing: Email: 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.

New Business

- **Budget Transfers- budget transfers as proposed 9/11/17.**

- **Motion to Approve**

Sutton made the motion to approve the transfer, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

- **Resolution #46, 2017 - Budget Modification**

- **Motion to Approve**

Sutton made the motion to approve Res. #46, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sutton:aye, Sheffer:aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*

- **1st Scheduled 2018 Budget Workshop**- Thursday October 5th 6pm here in the HAYC3 Armory.
- **Rensselaer County Dept. of Youth- Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to enter into the 2017 Agreement on behalf of the Town of Hoosick for a \$1,978.00 Youth Development Grant through the Rensselaer County Dept. of Youth.**
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **LED Lighting**- We have heard from 3 companies, Potentia Management, Integra LED and NRG in ref to providing cost saving LED lights and fixtures. Rensselaer County will also be offering options through the County Shared Services.
- **Local Law #1 of 2005 Prohibiting the Operation of Dumps and Dumping**- is missing a carve out that does affect local farmers. The Attorney will be reviewing for updates.

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 or from the Town Clerk.

Executive Session-

- To discuss HAYC3 Lease negotiations, consult as a Board with our attorney in ref to the recent unauthorized ACH withdrawals from the Towns Pioneer Checking Account, and PFOA Contamination Issue.
 - **Motion to Enter Executive Session**
Sutton made the motion, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Exit Executive Session**
 - **Motion to Close Executive Session**
Sutton made the motion to close the session at 8:55 pm, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Unauthorized ACH withdrawals from the Towns Pioneer Checking Account to be turned over to the State Police to determine if a crime has been committed.**
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Adjournment 8:57 Pm

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

Bills Paid: Abstract #9 Vouchers: 406-451

General A	\$40,974.34
General B	\$9,994.55
Highway DA	\$3,795.32
Highway DB	\$124,968.28
Capital H	\$7,162.10
T & A	4,496.64
Total:	\$191,341.23

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger, Town Clerk