

**Town Of Hoosick  
Regular Meeting  
August 14, 2017 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.

- **Jean Andrick from Kiwanis** ref Awning at the Community Pool, fence donation around the remainder of the playground, the possibility of forming a Pool Committee and SCORE- Hoosick Falls Open for Business Workshop.
- **HF Police Chief Ashe** to discuss recent issues with some kids at the Town Park.
- **Keith Cipperly** asked why needle drop boxes are being allowed at Stewart stores and a questioned Town Attorney on an unauthorized ACH withdrawal. Attorney not going to comment. Supervisor reported it has been taken care of.
- **Bob Medvetz** discussed needing board approval before 911 will change the name of Knapp Way to a name that the residents can agree to.
- **Tom Dooley Jr** discussed that in January of 2012 he took down a building that needed to come down located at 43 & 45 Center Street. His taxes for the property reflected the building still on the property instead of just a vacant lot. Taxes were not paid for that year but have been for every year since. Because taxes were not paid it went to Rensselaer County for payment. Needs Town to say that his taxes for 2012 should reflect no building on the property and only be taxed as vacant property before the County can adjust payment for back taxes. If Town approves he can get the 2012 taxes paid.
- **Marla Nowak** discussed Tory Hill Road damage from the flooding. Understands there is a resolution on tonight's agenda. Spoke with DOT and they said they are ready to go once resolution is passed. Supervisor reported that there is a resolution on the agenda and once all paperwork that is needed by the Town to DOT work will begin.
- **Kevin Allard** wanted to know if there is a local law to stop the placement of drop boxes for needles in the Town; Town should clearly define what you are going to be able to see with the new camera's that are being installed at the playground; Budget meetings will be starting soon and at the Village meeting Butch Eastman talked about Village water at the Youth Center. Bob Downey suggested that the money given to support HAYC3 be split with the Youth Center and Allard suggested that the Town do the same.

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- **Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad-** Is seeking donations for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> which will include musical entertainment, open house with a health fair and a pyrotechnic display.
- **Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> 6-9 Free Concert in Wood Park with Westside Drive Band-** "Modern and classic Pop, Funk, Blues and Rock and Roll.
- **Walter A. Wood Tractor & Agriculture Show** is returning September 30<sup>th</sup> in the Woods Memorial Park. Info is available on Facebook or contact Kevin O'Malley.
- **Rensselaer County Program Monitoring Report of Summer Program-** We received this from an August 4<sup>th</sup> Inspection of the HAYC3 Program we receive the Youth Grant for.
- **Hoosick Falls- Open For Business Workshop-** HAYC3 Armory 4-6pm September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Additional Information is available @ [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org).
- **Friends of Bennington Battlefield-** We have received a few requests relating to the documentary prepared by a New York PBS station that features Bennington Battlefield. If you follow the link below, and click on the "watch" tab, you will be able to view it. <http://www.wcny.org/hallowed-ground/> this link is also available on our Town Web Site.
- **Rensselaer Plateau-** Information packet sent to local Meteorologist in reference to Weather forecasts related to Eastern Rensselaer County. A copy of the information along with a link to the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance is available at [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org).

- **EPA News Release-** EPA adds Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Site in Hoosick Falls, NY to the Federal Superfund List. The complete news release is available through the Town web site.
- **Two Village Sites added to the NYS Superfund Registry-** On July 13<sup>th</sup> it was announced that Saint-Gobain Liberty Street and Former Oak Materials on John Street have been added to NYS Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. Links to the information are available at the Town web site or through NYS DEC.
- **2020 Census-** Received a packet offering us the opportunity to be actively involved in the local update.
- **Draft Town of Bennington Hazard Mitigation Plan-** We have received a copy of the plan for review and comment. If anyone would like an electronic copy of the plan please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board Member.
- **Draft Town of Pownal Municipal Plan –** We have received a copy of the plan for review and comment. If anyone would like an electronic copy of the plan please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board Member.

#### **Town Clerk's Report**

- **July Report** Total: \$9,993.50 Remitted to the Supervisor: \$9,497.16
- **Facility Use Request-**
  - **Youth Football & Cheerleading-** To use the athletic fields and maybe the rink if it rains from July 31<sup>st</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday through Friday 5pm to 9pm.

##### **Motion to Approve.**

Sutton made the motion to approve Facility Use Request for Youth Football & Cheerleading. Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved.

- **HFCS Football Program-** to use the town pool after practice on 8/15, 8/17, 8/22 & 8/24 from 7:30-8pm until 8:30pm each of those nights. We will have about 30-35 swimmers.

##### **Motion to Approve.**

Sheffer made the motion to approve Facility Use Request for HFCS Football Program. Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton – Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved

- **SVC Women's Soccer Program-** to use the pool 8/13 at 6:30pm & 8/27 at 10:30am.

##### **Motion to Approve**

Sutton made the motion to approve Facility Use Request for HFCS Football Program. Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved

- **St. Mary's Cow Flop-** to use the athletic fields and the rink on October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm.

##### **Motion to approve**

Wysocki made the motion to approve Facility Use Request St Mary's Cow Flop. Sheffer Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved.

#### **Assessor's Report**

- **Revaluation Project Flyer-** As a result of some questions that were discussed at last month's Town Board meeting we had asked GAR Associates if they could come up with an information sheet. The Flyer has gone out in the mail and we have received positive feedback on the flyer information. The flyer can be viewed at [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org).
- **Equalization Rate-** On August 7<sup>th</sup> NYS Tax Dept. established a final 2017 equalization rate for the Town of Hoosick at 27.50.

**Superintendent of Highway's Report**

- **Cottrell Road Bridge-** Update – Waiting until September
- **Roads- Storm Damage-** Update & Discussion – Clean-up should be completed late this week or next week. Winter Storm Stella in March the Town will be receiving money for damage in the amount of \$22,000. Three more meetings to be held on this and money will not be received until after those meetings.
- **Tory Hill Road- Discussion- Resolution** Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to enter into a Shared Services Agreement between the Town of Hoosick and the NYS Dept. of Transportation and to take all necessary steps to finalize such agreement. State has decided to do the work but needs a letter from the Town with the amount money needed.

**Code Enforcement**

- **9 Brady Lane-** Owner has completed the cleanup, Code Enforcement issue is resolved.
- **2 year Salvage Permit Renewal-** All have been inspected.
  - **Brownells Auto Salvage**
  - **Brenenstuhl Salvage**
  - **Cahills Auto**
  - **Augies Auto Salvage**
  - **Charlie Foster**
  - **Performance Auto Salvage**
  - **Sonny's Auto Salvage**

**Motion to Approve**

Sutton made a motion to approve 2 Year Salvage Permit Renewals. Wysocki seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion approved

- **Sign Law Discussion ref Lumber Jacks** – Towns Local Law allows one 32 SF sign on-site. Lumber Jack's has five. A complaint came into Building Inspector. They can appeal his decision. Councilperson Sheffer stated that the Local Law was brought to our attention. Is the Local Law adequate to today's standards. Supervisor Surdam will look at other Towns Local Laws and get some examples of what their law allows on signage.

**Town Historian**

- Phil Leonard talked about Frank Cipperly, who is one of five soldiers highlighted in the book "Five GI's In Battle World War II".

**Recreation Report**

- **2017 Summer Camp-** Has been going great. Tying the camp activities with going to the Community Pool is a great combination that the kids really seem to enjoy. There have been a couple of incidents where we did consult with Hoosick Falls Police Dept. Parents or Guardians of the kids involved have been notified, one camper will not be allowed to return to camp this year.
- **RC Dept. of Health Summer Camp Inspection-** The inspection was completed July 20<sup>th</sup> and there were no violations observed.
- **Pool Update-** A huge Thank You to all of our staff, the Pool is open and it looks great!!! The pumps we had issues with were replaced with new units on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We have seen some of the largest crowds in recent years. Swimming Lessons were again very popular; the 8am morning adult swim is also very popular.
- **Lifeguard Appointment-** Jamie Olvera as a TOH Lifeguard.

**Motion to Approve**

Hyde made the motion to approve Jamie Olvera as a TOH Lifeguard. Wysocki Seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved.

- **RC Dept. of Health Pool Inspection-** The inspection was completed July 20<sup>th</sup>.
  1. They found broken electrical conduit on the far side of the pool near the playground. This will be repaired when we update the security system.
  2. Chemical Storage area not enclosed properly. We have a makeshift temporary barricade set up that they did not approve of. We will address later in the meeting.
  3. No Bleach Solution found in the food service area. This was corrected immediately.
- **Castle Playground-** Please support our local Kiwanis as they are working diligently to continue upgrading this area. The Kiwanis has made a donation to pay for the new area of fence needed at the playground.
- **Phil Koziol from LaBerge Group-** is here to discuss our Bid options with NYS Parks & Recreation Grant-Pool Project Phase Two, Bath House & Filter House. **We will be taking action to move this project forward.**

**Motion to Approve**

Sutton made a motion to award the Town of Hoosick Pool Improvement Project contingent upon approval by NYS Department of Parks and Recreation. Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved.

**Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- We met with the Small Business Administration (SBA) re: the local storm damage.
- I met with members of the Kiwanis and rep from Chain Link Fence Connection in re: adding another section of fence at the Athletic Field Playground using fence we have in stock and adding a new gate to the Chemical Storage Area at the pool.
- Attended the Bath House Project bid opening.
- Attended the County Shared Services meeting with other Town Supervisors in Brunswick.
- Attended a meeting in the Village with EPA in re: the local PFOA Contamination issue.
- I was asked to meet with Ken Facin and Pam Hatfield. We had a very productive meeting covering a number of topics.
- Attended a meeting in Albany with Attorneys in re: the PFOA Contamination issue.
- Called an emergency special meeting to move forward with the Community Dev. Block Grant to begin implementing the Woods Brook Flood Study in a joint application with The Village of Hoosick Falls.
- Attended a FEMA meeting in the Village re: the recent storm damage.
- Continued to do what I could for the Tory Hill Road issue.
- Maintain the Community Pool water, testing a couple of times a day and adding water and/or chemicals when needed.
- Thank you to the Hoosick Historical Society and the Voice of the Vets for the service to honor the 102 men from the Town of Hoosick who paid the ultimate price servicing our Country. This service along with the Adopt a Serviceman program was very moving.
- I attended the Dedication to the Liberty Memorial Park in memory of Herbert Oscar Anderson at the Maple Grove Cemetery.
- The Mayor, Niel Stowell and Supervisor met with reps from MRB Group for Kick Off meeting to the Woods Brook Study.
- Supervisor attended the North Hoosick Fire Dept. 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.
- Supervisor attended the Hoosick Rising meeting that was held at Iron Mike's.
- Supervisor attended a meeting at the Village office with NYS DOH to review the results of the Cancer Study.
- Eric Sheffer & Supervisor, with our attorneys attended a meeting with NYS DEC at the Region 4 office in Schenectady. In this meeting we discussed the future of POET Installation if requested, the plan for maintenance and parts as needed. We asked for a way to come up with Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) or funds to pay for an Environmental Consultant that will work for the Town. We were able to express the importance of continued cooperation and communication with the Board and our residents as we proceed through the long term PFOA contamination investigation and remediation actions.

### Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Himself and Supervisor Surdam have been sharing attending the Shared Services meetings with the County. The public phase will be ready in September.
- **Councilperson Sutton:** Straightened out the Hoosick sign that is on Rt 7. Sent pictures to the board of the sign. The western side of the sign is peeling and will need to be taken care of. The reflector posts are either bent or broken. His people have completed what they can do.
- **Councilperson Hyde:** Disaster Reponse pamphlet is complete and has copies.
- **Councilperson Sheffer:** Discussed the DEC law pertaining to farmers solid waste disposal and how it relates to the local law.

### Old or Ongoing Business

- **Community Pool & Playground Security System-** The equipment is here. There is a need to update the cable that runs to the cameras. I asked Scott @ JA Bradley's to provide an estimate for upgrading the cables and mounting all of the new cameras.
- **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.*
- Bouncelynx 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 are still waiting to obtain a project estimate from National Grid for three phase power to the rink.
- **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.
- **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](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, is available, Monday-Friday 9am-8pm and Saturday 9am-3pm.

### New Business

- **Budget Transfers-** None this month.
- **2017 Budget Modification-**
  1. To receive \$762 Donation from the Kiwanis for the playground fence.
  2. To receive \$200 Donation from Donna Starr to be used at the Summer Camp.

- **Judge McClellan-** Request to attend the Annual NYSMA's 3 day training conference 10/15-10/18 at Turning Stone Verona at a cost of \$755.

**Motion to Approve**

Sutton made the motion for Judge McClellan to attend the Annual NYSMA's 3 day training conference 10/15-10/18 at Turning Stone Verona at a cost of \$755. Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved.

- **Chain Link Fence Connection Quote- Motion** to approve quote of \$793 to install 6' wide x 60" high single galvanized gate to secure the Community Pool Chemical Storage area. Discussion
- **Chain Link Fence Connection Quote-** Quote of \$762 to install approximately 56' of 5' high chain link mesh fence supplied by the Town around the playground where the wood fence and towers were recently removed. Donation for this expense has been received from our local Kiwanis Organization. Discussion

**Motion to Approve**

Sutton made the motion to approved the quote of of \$762 to install approximately 56' of 5' high chain link mesh fence supplied by the Town around the playground where the wood fence and towers were recently removed. Donation for this expense has been received from our local Kiwanis Organization. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved.

- **Security System Installation at Playground & Pool-** Proposal from JA Bradley & Sons for \$5500.00 to install the Foscam Security System the Town has purchased. Discussion. **Resolution-** To transfer the \$5500 from A Fund Balance to A7180.4 Recreation CE to pay for the installation.

**Motion to Approve**

Sutton made the motion to approve the proposal from JA Bradley & Sons for \$5500.00 to install the Foscam Security System the Town has purchased. Roll Call Vote: Hyde-Aye; Wysocki-Aye; Sutton-Aye; Sheffer-Aye; Surdam-Aye. Motion Approved.

- **Two Unauthorized ACH withdrawals-** During the monthly reconciliation process it was discovered that there were two transactions on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the amounts of \$68.00 & \$46.00 from the Towns Checking Account. Immediate action was taken, the Towns account was credited, additional protections were put in place and Attorney Schopf sent a letter on our behalf to the responsible person.

**Executive Session-** No session needed

**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.

**Adjournment:** 8:55pm

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

**Bills Paid:** Abstract #8 – Vouchers: 343 through 405

General A	\$ 51,276.89
General B	\$ 19,639.35
Highway DA	\$ 838.30
Highway DB	\$ 33,109.80
Capital H	\$ 5,694.96
T and A	\$ 5,793.02
Total:	\$116,352.32

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Blinstrub, Hoosick Deputy Town Clerk