

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday July 8, 2019 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** William Hanselman , Jerry McAuliffe, Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, and 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.

- Chief Ashe spoke regarding the town park/playground and signage that needs to be replaced. It is not clear what the rules are for the Town Park and playground. He asked the board to update the signs so that is it is clear to all who use the Town Park and playground. He is going to increase patrols in this area as there has been issues in the past and there continues to be. He also asked that the hours of use be changes from 7-10 to 7-9 so that it may be controlled a little bit more. He also asked about putting up signs for the basketball courts as there are kids riding their bikes on the courts. The board will address the sign issues.
  - David Delurey spoke regarding the motor cross track in West Hoosick. He states that this is considered an Ag district and that the track is not considered Agricultural. 100% of the residents are against this track which will create a lot of dust, noise, and pollution which could not be controlled the last time the track was up and running. David also feels that the Noise law that is in effect should be changed for times of quite. He feels 10pm -7am is not reasonable.
  - Susan Stradinger spoke to the board about the motor cross track. She states that they now are working on not only the one track but the track that is directly behind her home on Tate road. There are no sound barriers that were supposed to be installed when it was originally in use along with trees being planted. They do not have a way to keep the dust under control. There were two deaths at the track which resulted in the closing of the track. She also states that she lost the sale of her home because of the track being right in her back yard. Sue also states that this is definitely not for personal use and the track is getting close for use. This will increase the call volume not only for the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad but for the West Hoosick Fire Department. Sue states that she has done some research and states that the track being up and in use will depreciate the value of all the homes in the area by 2%.
  - Jamiee Ziem spoke to the board regarding the track. She states that she owes her own business and had to go through all of the steps to open her business legally. She not only has the barking dogs that are below her but now will have a track that was not approved running above her. She asked the board to stop this from happening. She states that the work on the
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track is drawing to a close and will soon be open. She states that if the track is allowed to open and operate than she will have to take her business elsewhere.

- Connie Kheel would like to mention the Zoning law 6.1.11 and that, “Any land disturbance of one acre or more excluding agriculture must conform to the specifications in the *New York Guidelines for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control*”.
- Joyce Brewer lives about 4 miles from the track and is able to hear the bikes from her house.
- David Delurey also added that he had contacted the Sheriff’s department regarding the speeding happening on Tate Road. The Sheriff’s office told David that they would put in a speed box but have not installed this as of the date of the meeting.

### **Correspondence/Announcements**

- **Southshire Roller Derby Event**- July 20<sup>th</sup> @ Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink
- **Hoosick Rising**- Their website is now live @ [www.hoosickrising.org](http://www.hoosickrising.org) . They are asking for area businesses and organizations to send a photo, contact info (website, phone, email) hours of operation and you are also welcome to send a short description or background story also.
- **NYSDEC Hoosick Area Community Update Flyer**- Summer 2019 is available through [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov) or [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) .

### **Assessor’s Report**

None

### **Town Clerk’s Report**

- Report for the month of June total: \$16,764.75 remitted to Supervisor: \$15,794.61
- No Facility use requests

### **Superintendent of Highway’s Report**

- **Truck lettering**-this was supposed to happen today but was not contacted. Price for all three trucks is \$900. Lettering should be done by next week.
- **284 Agreement**-Agreement is complete and will make copies and distribute.
- **Cottrell Road Bridge**-DOT inspected and it remains with yellow flags for now. Bridge will remain open with no changes in restriction.
- **Restored Emergency Winter Relief Funding (EWRP)**- **\$24,832** was restored to the budget after it was cut out last month from a change with the state.
- **Cut Off Road**- Speed limits and stop signs both have to be approved by the DOT. Cut Off road was reviewed in 2007 and the speed limit decrease was denied by DOT. This again would probably not be successful in getting a reduced speed. Suggestion was made to make the road a one way access.

### **Town Historian**

- **Natty Bumppo Day July 13<sup>th</sup>**. Hoosick Township Historical Society has asked the Town Board to designate this day as “**Natty Bumppo Day**”- **Declaration**. Supervisor Surdam read the Declaration announcing July 13<sup>th</sup> as Natty Bumppo Day.
- Phil presented James Fenimore Cooper and how he related to Natty Bumppo.

- **Friends of Bennington Battlefield- Summer 2019 Newsletter is now available, [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) .**
- **Artifacts Recovered from the Battlefield now on display at the Bennington Museum through August 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Email from Peter Schaaphok President Friends of the Bennington Battlefield.**
- **Bennington Battlefield Upcoming Events-**

**July 25th at 4:00 PM** the trustees of the Friends of the Bennington Battlefield will be meeting at the Barnett House (30 Caretaker's Road, Hoosick Falls, NY).

**July 27th at 7:00 PM** there will be a Fireside History presentation. The subject will be cannon at the Battle of Bennington. Visitors will meet near the upper parking area and enjoy an open fire and refreshments.

**August 3rd at 4:00 PM** there will be a guided hike of the Battle Loop Trail. Visitors will meet under the flagpole.

**August 16th at 7:00 PM** the Friends of the Bennington Battlefield will host the annual commemoration of the Battle of Bennington. The program will include DAR and SAR representatives and students from Hoosick Falls. The ceremony will take place near the flagpole.

### **Recreation**

- **Swim lessons & Summer Day Camp have begun.**
- **Pool Closing- July 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**- This was the only time available to train the life guards for WSI as swimming lessons were to begin on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. In the future, we will look to train in the winter time or over school breaks, either at Hoosac School or Bennington Recreation, the life guards that will return for employment for the following summer so that this will not happen again.
- **Paying WSI class/time-** After some discussion, the board decided to pay the life guards for their time and half of the money they paid for the course. If the life guards return next year, they will receive the reimbursement for the other half.

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

- Completed phase 2 of the Town's part in the County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
- Completed and submitted to Rensselaer County Health all of the required paperwork for the Town Pool & Summer Day Camp Program.
- Held the annual required staff training with NYMIR.
- I attended the Countywide Shared Services meeting in Troy.
- I participated in a FEMA conference call in ref to the Village Levee review.

### **Town Council Reports**

**Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-** Michelle continues her work on getting data on the roads in the Town. The Town will be issuing the check that was approved in 2018 to the Hoosick Rising now that we know the exact name that it needs to be.

**Councilperson Hyde-**None

**Councilperson McAuliffe-** Jerry attended the zoning board meeting and states that they discussed the Pilot Program for Solar. There also was an issue on Main Street with a trailer awhile back which was rectified. Now the same individual is back living out of his truck. Jerry watched a feature on Channel 17 (PBS) which featured a piece of art from a Hoosick resident Gary Susman who was in attendance at the meeting. Gary talked about how much work went into the piece that was featured.

**Councilperson Hanselman-** Bill installed the time clock at the pool.

### **New Business**

- **West Hoosick Motocross Track-** There was a lot of West Hoosick Residents in the attendance regarding the possible opening of the Eagle Bridge motor cross Track. All residents had expressed their concerns with the opening of the track. There is a gofundme page, they are violating the zoning law, and it was mentioned that they are disturbing more than 1 acre of land which maybe a violation of state and federal regulations of the Clean Water Act.
- **Planning Board Resignation-** Daryl Cipperly has submitted his letter of resignation from the planning board. We are now down to 4 members for a 7 member board. There was discussion on possibly lowering the amount of members for the board so that a quorum can be met for meetings and decisions. One more ad will be placed for members for both the planning and zoning. Jonathan will review for reduction of planning board.
- **Solar Law Revision-** The solar law will be revised for residential roof top and ground mount (14.6).
- **Zoning & Planning Board Training-** LeBerge will provide training for the planning and zoning board members. The date has been set for Monday July 29<sup>th</sup> for a local training class starting at 6pm here at the Armory.
- **Court Clerk Conference-** With the court clerk training now mandatory every year, a request to attend the Court Clerk Conference in Syracuse from September 29, 2019 through Wednesday October 2 for a total cost of \$642.88 was present to the board. **Motion** to approve the court clerk training from September 29, 2019 through Wednesday October 2.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

Hyde made the motion to approve the court clerk training from September 29, 2019 through Wednesday October 2, Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Magistrates Conference-** The annual Magistrates Conference request was presented to the board for approve. The conference will be held in Lake Placid from Sunday September 15 through Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of will be \$1203.45. Motion to approve the Magistrates Conference from September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

Sheffer made the motion to approve the Magistrates Conference from September 15<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

### **Old Business**

- **SAM Grant-** We now have the CHA Design and information. We still may need to tweak a few things but it will help us move forward. We are still collecting project estimates. Still waiting for Specs from Hoscott's regarding pavilions before this can go out to bid. The spray pad has a lot of features as is and this option will be using a lot of water which in turn will not be cost effective. The board will look at other options that use less water and have fewer features. There may be a possibility that an agreement could be reached with the Village of Hoosick Falls regarding the water usage at the pool. Supervisor Surdam also mentioned that the sound system at the rink needs to be updated. The Town needs a quote. It was also mentioned by a few that there is no music at the pool. Mark contacted Paul Baker for information regarding a sound system at the pool.
- **Combined TOH/Village of Hoosick Falls Woods Brook Grant Project-** May 2019 meeting minutes contain the most recent update.
- **Rte. 22 Rock Cut Parking Area-** Hoosick Rising is still willing to help out with the issues that have been happening in the area near the rock cut. They are still in discussion regarding the information board that may be placed in the parking area with local business information and maps.
- **Mass Gathering review of the Law-** Public hearing was held tonight before the Town Board Meeting. There are some changes that need to be made and a new public hearing has been set for August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm.
- **Changing Towns street lights to LED-** The next step is consulting with NY Power Authority through Rensselaer County.
- **Updating our Town of Hoosick Employee Handbook & Policy/Procedure Manual-** Ginny to begin working on an updated version of the Employee Handbook. Ginny will review emails that have been sent regarding this and do a draft for review.
- **On-Line Town Code-** Attorney Schopf is continuing to work on this to try and get a resolution.
- **Retaining Employee Records Electronically-** Attorney Schopf checking for retention requirements- backups of our information are stored off site. The retention of records electronically should not be an issue.
- **AED-** Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad has an extra AED and is willing to give this to us for use. We are responsible for the up keep and the maintenance on the machine along with replacement of pads. One AED did get purchased for use at the rink.
- **Updating Local Law #1 of 2008 for Building Code Fees-** Supervisor Surdam is going to review what the Village has for fees. Board feels that the fees should be similar.
- **Bathhouse Grant Update-** The information provide to State Parks & Recreation was not what they were looking for. What they want is a complete new survey that reflects all of the updates. We have received an estimate from Weston & Sampson for \$4,400 to complete the project. **Motion** to approve the Weston & Sampson Land Survey and authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign the project agreement.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Hyde made the motion to approve the Weston & Sampson Land Survey and authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign the project agreement, Sheffer Seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Catholic Charities**-an agreement has been reached for the parcel located at 97 Church Street, owned by Catholic Charities. **Resolution**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

Sheffer made the motion to adopt Resolution #49 to end the litigation between Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany and the Town of Hoosick. Hanselman Seconded. Sheffer-Aye, McAuliffe-Aye, Hanselman-Aye, Hyde-obstained, Surdam-Aye.

*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.

**Scheduled Meetings-**

**Please Note- Board Openings-** Planning Board (2), Housing Authority Board (1), and Zoning Board (1). Contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board Member if interested.

**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.

- **Executive Session- Motion** to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing of personnel issue at pool.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

McAuliffe made the motion to enter into executive session, (time 9:25pm) Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

**MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Sheffer made the motion to exit executive session at 9:30PM, McAuliffe seconded, all ayes carried.

**Adjournment**

Hyde made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:31 pm pending the signing of vouchers, McAuliffe seconded, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract #7 2019 Vouchers 263-312**

General A	\$	20,798.86
General B	\$	6,143.83
Highway DA	\$	2,681.27

Highway DB	\$	19,172.16
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>4,747.42</u>
Total:	\$	58,895.74

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross  
Town Clerk