

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday October 15, 2019 7:00 pm**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Councilman Hanselman, McAuliffe, Sheffer, Supervisor Surdam

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, List of Monthly Checks Issued, 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.

- Jamie Jerome was not able to attend meeting
- Hoosick Falls Police Chief Ash – Explained there has been some confusion and questions from the residents concerning the recent vandalism that took place in the Village and the Town and why those involved were released so quickly. Chief explained what the proceedings were once apprehended, what the charges against those arrested were and what has transpired since the time of arrest.
- Kevin Allard – Reviewed the Zoning Board Meeting Minutes and it was noted that the Zoning Board reviews permits issued by Building Inspector Fran Rogers. He feels it is not the Zoning Board's jurisdiction to review and approve these permits but is the jurisdiction of the Town Board.
- Rick Tinkham – Stated that he has been in contact with Robert Scaccia from Living Resources and they are working with HAYC3, the Village and Town about parking. They are looking at adults that go out to the workplace and trying to see where they can help with different functions/needs. Seven new members they will be servicing in the area. The hours are from 7:30 – 8:15 am and 3 – 3:30 pm

Correspondence/Announcements

- **5th Annual Local Government Innovation Conference Flyer-** To be held Oct 17-18, 2019 @ Empire State Plaza.
- **NYMIR-** Updated Harassment & Discrimination Training to comply with New Legislation Now Available on The Online University.
- **NYSDEC Community Update Meeting-** Wednesday, October 23, 2019 Hoosick Falls High School 6-7:30pm.

Presentations by state experts will include: Update on the Municipal Water Supply Study report; Site-specific updates on investigations and cleanup plans; Information on

the ongoing bio-monitoring program; and The recently announced multi-state health study.

For residents who are not able to attend the Oct. 23 meeting, before and after the meeting, DEC and DOH are hosting availability sessions for the public to meet one-on-one with state experts and ask questions and get information about our ongoing work in the community, 3-5pm & 7:30-9pm.

- **NYSDOH email-** alerting us the National Center for Environmental Health Press Release that U-Albany is one of 7 million dollar recipients to begin Multi-Site PFAS Study.

Town Clerk's Report

- Report for the month of October total: \$23,627.50 remitted to Supervisor: \$4,492.94
- No Facility use requests for the month of October.

Assessor's Report

- Phone & Computer issues-
- We have received the \$8817.70 Aid payment to be used towards the multiyear plan we submitted to the NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance.
- GAR Reassessment Update Project Proposal- Try to keep it at 100% for three years. Try to get an idea as to what it will cost to do that.
- Tom Lemon's term has expired Assessment Review Board-Discussion-

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Final Cornell Roads Program Report is now available-** It was discussed to put the report on the Town's website with a link to the report
- **Beaver Dam off Rte. 7-Discussion-**The Beaver Dam is gone but still need to remove the beaver's while the Town has the permit to remove them.

Town Historian

- **Phil Leonard** – Talked about how he had read the diaries of the Pierce Family who came to this area from Germany.
- **Friends of Bennington Battlefield- Summer 2019 Newsletter is now available,** www.townofhoosick.org .
- Final programs for the 2019 Season-

October 25th, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM there will be a Fireside History presentation. The subject will be "Blame for Bennington: Reactions of the British and Their Allies to Defeat." Visitors will meet near the upper parking area and enjoy an open fire and refreshments during this informal talk.

October 30th, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM the book discussion group will meet at Brown's Walloosmac Taproom to talk over Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution by Nathaniel Philbrick.

November 3rd, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM there will be an early bird tour of the battlefield. Don't forget to set your clocks back! This will be the final public tour of the season. A mix of driving and walking is required. Visitors will meet under the flagpole.

November 11th at 11:00 AM the battlefield will host a commemoration ceremony to mark Veterans Day. This will also be the final day of the site's 2019 season.

Recreation

- **Town of Hoosick Recreation Web Site-** Someone needed to maintain the website. Possibly link the website to the new Recreation Director position for maintaining it.
- **Rink Manager-** We are accepting applications for all rink director and all rink personal.
- **Requested Recreation Report-Discussion-**Changes needed to be made to it. Is the rink tied into the grant for lighting.

Supervisor Surdam's Report-

- Rae Philpot and I spent a number of hours working on the 2020 Tentative Budget.
- I met with Kendra Kostek & Jennifer Manierre who are a part of the NYSERDA Technical Assistance Team in ref to the upcoming need for Battery Storage System regulations and a review of solar regulation needs. NYSERDA is available to assist any way they can.
- I attended the SVHC Today program that was held at Brown's Brewing.
- Attended the 2020 Budget Workshop.
- Attended the Tractor Show in the Park and the St. Mary's Block Party. I was asked to share in the difficult task of tasting all 15 apple pies as part of the apple pie contest held during the tractor show.
- Eric and I attended a Comp Alliance Sponsored Leadership Symposium held at West Point. The program was titled **Leading and Communicating in Crisis** by COL (Ret.) Sean Hannah from the Thayer Leader Development Group at West Point. While there we were able to take a guided bus tour of West Point.
- At the request of HFCS Superintendent Dailey I did write and send a letter of support to the NYSDOT Regional Director for a Rte. 22 Traffic Study in front of the school.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-

- **Cornell Local Roads Program-** Map will be done this week and sent to the Capital Region Road group.

- **Hoosick Rising-** Will be working with the Village on the Halloween Parade to be held on Oct. 30
- **CPWG-** Information had been brought to us about CPWG meeting. Positive steps in communication needed because there have been some issues with communication to the residents. Meeting this week with the water group and meeting with CPWG still on for following week. Will be out of Town for this meeting
- **Town Vehicles** – Met with Bill Shiland on the wording on all Town vehicles. There are a couple of options that can be done to keep cost as low as possible.
- **Fire Department Budget Hearings** – will be out of town for these hearings

Councilperson McAuliffe- Attended the block party for Immaculate Conception Church. To date they have collected \$116,000 in donations for the restoration.

Councilperson Hanselman- The road assessment report showed that out of 75% of the roads within the Town, 64% are in need of work. Need to come together to come up with a plan on how to improve road conditions.

New Business

- **Budget Transfers- Motion** to approve 2019 budget transfers as requested.
Motion to approve 2019 budget transfers made by Sheffer and seconded by McAuliffe. All ayes carried.
- **2019 Budget Modifications-**
Discussion – Hanselman asked if more money needed to be put into this before approved. Supervisor said yes. Money needs to go out first before reimbursement can be made. Items on the spreadsheet need to be in on time or there will be the risk of losing the grant.
Motion to approve Resolution #52 to fund DASNY SAM Grant Recreation Project.
Motion to approve Resolution #52 made by Sheffer and seconded by Hanselman.
All ayes carried
Motion to approve Resolution # to fund Cornell Roads Program.
Tabled until November meeting.
- **2020 Budget-** workshop was held on Oct. 3rd. The 2020 TOH Budget has been proposed with a 2% increase which does meet the NYS Tax Cap Requirements.
Motion to approve the 2020 Tentative Budget
Motion to approve the 2020 Tentative Budget made by Hanselman and seconded by McAuliffe. All ayes carried.
- **2020 Budget related Fire Dept. Public Hearings-** West Hoosick F.D. Thursday October 24th at 6pm & Buskirk F.D the same night at 6:30pm.
- **2020 Preliminary TOH Budget Public Hearing-** Thursday November 7th 6pm.

- **Truck & Equipment Lettering Resolution- Discussion** – One option is to use a seal that the Town can create how they would want it to read. Eric talked with the Town of Clifton Park and they went decals.

Motion To Table Until The November Meeting.

Motion made by Sheffer and seconded by McAuliffe to table Truck & Equipment lettering until November meeting. All ayes carried

- **Lakes to Locks Passage Funding Request Letter- Discussion** –Town is not connected to any of the Lakes to Lock Passages. Since there is no connection with the Town it was decided to forgo this funding and remove it from the budget.
- **NYS Comptroller Fiscal Stress Monitoring System Report- No Designation**
- **NYS Comptroller AIM (Aid and incentives to Municipalities) in the amount of \$51,304 has been received.**
- **Planning Board Member Reduction- Motion** to approve LL # of 2019, a local law providing for the reduction of the number of members of the Town Planning Board from 7 to 5. Motion could not be made because a Public Hearing needs to be held first. Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 6:45 pm before the regular monthly Town Board Meeting.
- **Planning Board Appointment**
Motion To Appoint Sarah Gorgas To The Planning Board To Fill The Vacant Term That Is Set To Expire 12/31/2021.
Motion to Appoint Sarah Gorgas to the Planning Board to fill the vacant term that is set to expire 12/31/2021 made by McAuliffe and seconded by Sheffer. All ayes carried.
- **Kathy Bugbee's term on the Housing Authority Board has expired- Discussion** – Due to time conflicts Supervisor Surdam has not talked to Kathy as of yet.

Old Business

- **SAM Grant-** We now have the CHA Design and information. We still may need to tweak few things but it will help us move forward. We are still collecting project estimates.
- **Zoning & Planning Board Training**
- **Teamsters Negotiations-** Update
- **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-** New letter from Rensselaer Land Trust to Hoosac School.
- **Updating our Town of Hoosick Employee Handbook & Policy/Procedure Manual-** Ginny to begin working on for us.
- **On-Line Town Code- Update from Attorney Schopf-Discussion-**Attorney Schopf was not in attendance so will be discussed at next month's meeting but it this will be more involved than thought and will be part of Zoning and Planning combined.
- **Updating Local Law #1 of 2008 for Building Code Fees- Discussion-**Building Inspector Rogers was not in attendance but has ideas on how to make Town fees compatible with Village fees.

- **Bathhouse Grant Update-. Update-** We now have the required new survey from Weston & Sampson for the Recreation Park with the updates. Survey is complete and needs to be send to the State.
- **Solar Law Revision & New York Battery Energy Storage Systems** - we will try to have something for the Nov. meeting. NYSERDA is willing to be the go to on the project.
- **Greenway Grant for updating Comprehensive Plan- Discussion-**Deadline is in the beginning of November.
- **Comp Alliance Letter- Member Loyalty Award Program-** While at the West Point Leadership Symposium Eric Sheffer & Supervisor Surdam did receive the previously discussed Member Loyalty Award Program check for \$500.
- **Rensselaer County Legislature Fire Advisory Board- Discussion-**Deadline has gone by but will still need to submit someone’s name for this Board.

Executive Session- If needed

Please Note- Board Openings- Hoosick Housing Authority Board (1), Assessment Review Board (1), please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board Member if interested.

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.

Adjournment pending the signing of Vouchers

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Sheffer and seconded by McAuliffe. All ayes carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm

Bills Paid Abstract #10 Vouchers 430-475

General A	\$ 18,309.82
General B	\$ 3,265.57
Highway DA	\$ 2,585.75
Highway DB	\$ 66,910.72
Capital Fund H	\$ 8,793.73
Trust & Agency TA	\$ 12,264.42
 Total	 \$112,130.01

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Blinstrub
Deputy Town Clerk