

Agenda
Town Of Hoosick Regular Meeting
August 14th, 2023

Our Town Board meeting is open to the public. The meeting can be seen live via the internet at Zoom.com Meeting ID 815 3993 3955 Passcode is 161804; the meeting begins at 7pm.

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 .
- **Reports-** Monthly Operating Statement, Abstract of Vouchers, List of Monthly Checks Issued, and Revenues have been issued to the Town Board, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, and Assessor.

IV. Welcome/Public Comments

- **Please join us for a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Marcus Martinez who meant so much too so many in our community.**

V. Correspondence/Announcements

- **The Historical Society & The Friends of Bennington continue their summer events with;**
 - **Commemoration of the Battle of Bennington August 16th, at 7pm at the Bennington Battlefield.** This year marks the 246th anniversary of the Battle of Bennington.
- **The August 2023 Hoosick Township Historical Society letter** is available featuring articles in ref to the History of the Hoosick Falls Community Band Celebrating 150 Years, Liberty St After the Nancy Shoe Company both written by Carol Gaillard and more.
- We received an email from John Jennings of Harter Secrest & Emery LLP re-announcing the planned takeover of operations of the Pan Am Southern railroad by the Berkshire & Eastern, a subsidiary of Genesee & Wyoming Railroad, Inc. The new target switchover date is Sept 1, 2023.
- We received an email from Jim Bonesteel representing the Rensselaer Plateau making sure we are aware that DEC has announced Round 2 of the Community Forest Conservation Grant Program and offering to assist us in anyway if there is any interest.

VI. Town Clerk's Report- Holli Cross

- **Monthly Report-**
- **Facility Use Request:**
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VII. Assessor's Office- Tiffany McMahon

- **Report-**
- **Recent email showing properties affected by the new solar project(s). Discussion**
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VIII. Superintendent of Highway's Report- Paul Hoag

- **Report-**
- **Wilson Hill & Fog Hill roads Update**
- **Trees @ Courts have been removed in preparation of the Courts rehab Project. Discussion**
- **Cottrell Road Bridge has been Red Flagged by NYSDOT- Discussion**
- **Town of Hoosick Road Asset Management Plan- Update**

IX. Town Historian- Rick Ferrannini

- **Report-**
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X. Code Enforcement- Jared Smith

- **Report**
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XI. Recreation-

- **Ashley St Onge Summer Camp Manager Report**
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- **Sydney Stowell Pool Manager Report**
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XII. Supervisor Surdam's Report-

- I attended a HFCS safety meeting with the School Superintendent, the new HF Police Chief, and the Mayor.
- Eric & I met with Jim Monahan re Town of Hoosick Rescue 6-8 year plan, current discussions with CVRS, future funding, and a few other thoughts and ideas pertaining to the Town of Hoosick Rescue.
- I responded to a County survey in ref to animal shelters.
- Board meeting agenda & prep.
- Many of us have been aware for some time that the County had a goal to make a change for the seniors which would involve moving out of the Murphy Building. As Town Supervisor I was contacted by Rensselaer County on Monday July 24th as to their plans to purchase the Dollar Tree in order to create a new, “state of the art” Senior Center facility which will also be the new local satellite office for the NYS DMV and the County Mental Health services. I expressed during the phone call that I do support the idea of an improved facility but my immediate response to the County was to ask that they not leave an empty, worthless building in the downtown area of the Village. I was satisfied that there was no intent to hurt the Village, the new facility will be a tremendous upgrade for the seniors, DMV, and Mental Health and was assured we will discuss what is best for the Murphy Building based on its overall condition and what is best for the Village as a part of the overall project.

My fulltime job as the Village Code Enforcement Officer has resulted in me being very actively involved in inspecting and reporting to the Village Board and the County Officials my observations during the recent inspection of the Murphy Building. My inspection report is available on the Village website. Overall I believe the building is structurally sound but it needs a lot of work.

My initial stated concern has not changed. It is my personal hope and expectation that we will be able to work with Rensselaer County to make the necessary repairs and upgrades to the Murphy Building so that it will continue to be an active and viable part of the Village for years to come.

XIII. Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-

- **Comprehensive Plan update.**
- **Military Banners**

Councilperson McAuliffe-

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Councilperson Hanselman-

- **Turf Update- Discussion**
- **Reynold's/Gilchrist Facility Roof repair- Open Bids, Discussion, Motion to approve**

Councilperson Houghton-

- **Courts Paving Project- Open Bids, Discussion, Motion to approve**
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XIV. New Business

- **2022 Inner Budget Transfers- Motion to approve**
- **2023 Budget Modification to pay for the approved BB/Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project- Motion**
- **2023 Budget Modification to pay for the approved Reynolds/Gilchrist Rink Roof Repair Project. Motion**
- **Mass Gathering Permit Application from State Line Riders Motorcycle Club for Labor Day Weekend on Cipperly Property at 143 Cipperly Road. Discussion**
- **Support Letter Request for National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program Grant. Motion/Discussion**
- **Rensselaer County to move Senior Center to Dollar Tree- Discussion**
- **LL #1 of 2023 Moratorium on Applications for Cannabis Retail Dispensaries- Discussion to end moratorium.**
- **Troy & Banks, Inc. Renewal Request- Motion & Discussion**
- **Tennis Court Wall Repair revised quote- Discussion**
- **Town Offices Cleaning Position- Discussion**
- **Former Monolith Solar facility located in the Town at the previous site of the Village Landfill. Discussion**
- **Hawthorne Solar Array Project- Notice Discussion**
- **Livingston Charge Port \$2592.00 Invoice for maintenance and software updates. Discussion**
- **AED Discussion**
- **Reynolds/Gilchrist Rink unauthorized use- Discussion**

XV. Old Business

- **Zoning Law re-writes update-**

- **\$925,000 Recreation SAM Grant-** Everything is complete on our end. Recent Update- we have heard from the DASNY in response to Supervisor Surdam's email and we have been told we are still waiting for final approval. **Sadly**, there is nothing new to report.
- **Executive Session- If Needed.**
- **Scheduled Meetings- Zoning Board** meets the First Monday of the month; **Planning Board** meets the third Monday of the month. These meetings are held in the Court Room of the Hoosick Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.
- **Adjournment pending the signing of Vouchers**