

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday July 10, 2023 7:00 pm**

Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jerry McAuliffe, William Hanselman Jackie Houghton, Eric Sheffer, and Supervisor Mark 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, 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.

- **No Public Comments**

Correspondence/Announcements

- **The Historical Society & The Friends of Bennington still have many events this summer;**
 - **The Community Picnic and Family Fun Day July 15th 10am to 3pm at the Bennington Battlefield.**
 - **Drama presentation called Voices of the Fallen August 5th & 6th.**
 - **Please contact Joyce at friends.bennington.battlefield@gmail.com for more information.**
- **Rensselaer County Legislatures Bruce Patire & Jeff Wysocki mailed us the 2023 Rensselaer County Officials and Services Directory. It will be in the Town Clerks Office.**
- **Rensselaer County Executive McLaughlin mailed a copy of the Forth Extended Local State of Emergency Order in ref to the influx of illegal aliens.**
- **NYSDEC State Superfund Site Classification Notice in ref to Site Name Former Columbia Corporation @ 11 Cottrell Rd. in Hoosick.**

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk's report for the month of June is as follows: \$14,131.82 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$13,017.76.
- **Facility Use Request- July 3rd Hoosick Falls Fire Dept. request.**

MOTION

Hanselman made the motion to approve the Hoosick Falls Fire Department request for July 3rd, pending the insurance proof. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **America Corp**-They stopped by the town and would like to know if a mobile van would be useful in the town for the residents. The van would provide food, some clothing items, pre-health screenings, etc. They asked if this was available where would be a good location for them to set up. They would have to assess what hours would be good and for how long. I told them that I would bring it to the board's attention. The board would like to know more about what it is they are looking to do and what they have to offer the residents. I await the email explaining this.

Assessor's Report

- **Report**-Tiffany states that the final roll is available to review Monday – Friday from 8am – 4pm. This will be posted in the Eastwick on 7/14/2023. Tiffany has been data collecting and following up on open permits (complete, partial, and not started).
- **Office Window Project**- The window project is now complete and works/looks great.
- **Senior Exemption**-Rensselaer County is discussing raising the financial limit. In return they will eliminate the medical expense and sliding scale. This will be determined before the beginning of the year.
- **NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance 2023 Final Special Franchise Full Values Report**- Tiffany has reviewed and there are no disagreements with the values.
- **GAR**-Tiffany will be reaching out to GAR to find out the next steps in the 2024 Re-eval.
- **Exams**-Tiffany is scheduled to take 2 exams on Wednesday (7/12/2023) for farm appraisal and Mass) There is one requirement left for the completion of the NYS Assessor Certification. Ethics will be offered in December.
- **Solar Projects**-when a large solar project is taking place, they need to be advised to enter into the pilot program in the county after their application has been approved. Holli is looking for the Local Law and/or meeting minutes when the Town opted out of NY RPTL 487 which was approximately two years ago, per Tony.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report**-Highway has finished mowing. Signs for no dumping will be installed once the posts have arrived. Installed Kids at Play signs on Eddy Road. Ditching has begun on Fog Hill and Wilson Hill.
- **2 Year Plan**-Paul presented the board with a two year plan for the roads he would like to take care of. For 2023, he would like to pave 1 mile from lower River Road to just past Cottrell Lane and on Fog Hill, he would like to reclaim road, add gravel, and double chip seal .7 miles. On Bayer Road, he would like to pave from County Route 102 to Beechwood Road, shim remainder of road for chip sealing in 2024. On Farmers Inn Road, replace culverts and complete ditching. Also for 2023, Chip seal 4.1 miles of road including upper Cottrell Road, Cobble Hill (lower section), St. Croix, and Beck Road. This is preventative maintenance. Paul would like to grade and improve the gravel roads throughout the town. For 2024, Chip seal remaining .6 miles of Wilson Hill Road and complete same process on remaining .4 miles of Fog Hill. This completes Wilson Hill and Fog Hill. On Bayer Road, Paul would like to chip

seal and on Farmers Inn Road, Peckham Industries agreed to pave from Route 7 to Quarry entrance at no charge, per the agreement with the Town when the mine opened. Paul recommends repaving the remainder of Farmers Inn Road when this is being done. This would complete both Bayer Road and Farmers Inn Road in 2024.

- **Highway Law 284 Agreement-** The board discussed the 284 agreement and Supervisor Surdam asked for a motion from the board to sign and submit the agreement.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve Supervisor Surdam to sign and submit the 284 agreement. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Burgess Road excessive speed complaint with request to have Burgess Rd posted at 30 or 40mph-**Supervisor Surdam states that in order to have the speed limit reviewed for Burgess Road, the Town would have to submit a letter to the County. The county would in turn have to agree to the speed limit review and submit a letter to the DOT on behalf of the county and town to have DOT review for a speed reduction. Since there has only been one complaint about this, the board decided to table the matter for now and revisit the issue if needed.
- **Cottrell Road Bridge-**Received word that the Town once again had been denied the money from the state to replace the Cottrell Road Bridge. Supervisor Surdam states that we will keep trying but it is discouraging that we keep getting denied.
- **NYMIR Letter ref Master Battery Disconnect (MBD) switches-** Paul states that all of the large trucks and some of the equipment have the disconnects already installed. He is unsure on a few of the equipment pieces and will check to see if they do or do not have them and get the disconnects installed on them if they do not.

Town Historian

- **Report-** Rick was not available.

Code Enforcement

- **Report-** Jared was out of town and will email his June report to the board.

Recreation

- **Ashley St Onge Summer Camp Manager Report-**Ashley reports that the official camp permit has arrived and is posted. Ashley stated that she received a donation of coloring books, chalks, freeze pops, and board games for the campers. She states that we are starting Week #2 and it is off to a good start. This is arts and crafts week. Ashley also states that she will be getting a donation of water for the campers.
- **Additional Camp Counselor: - Motion** to approve Lila Coon as Camp Counselor.

MOTION

Hanselman made the motion to approve Lila Coon as Camp Counselor for the 2023 camp season. Sheffer seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Sydney Stowell Pool Manager Report-**Sydney reports that she also has received confirmation of the permit being issued for the Pool. She will grab the hard copy from the office but does have a paper one displayed for now. Sydney states that they were able to finish all of the first session except the last one. They had thunder at 12:23pm and had to finish the lesson outside the

pool in the pavilion area. Session 2 and 3 spots are still available, and people can sign up at the pool. The average attendance at the pool has been 18 adults for morning swim, 73 for open swim and at least 100 people at the pool everyday with the hot weather. They stay at the pool right up to close.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Will provide his report to the board next month.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric states that there has been no communication from LaBerge regarding the comprehensive plan updates and a meeting to be scheduled to go over the changes. Supervisor Surdam has also tried getting ahold of them as we have applied for a grant of \$10,000 and need information from LaBerge for an extension. Eric also reports that the Community Garden had its ribbon cutting ceremony. This was a success. The only issue was water for the garden, and this has since been resolved.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Nothing for the month

Councilperson Hanselman- Bill states that he was told by the installer that there would be wrinkles in the turf due to the timing of the turf being laid out. He explained to Bill that it would need to have more trimmed once this started happening. Bill will ask him to come back to trim up the turf and help with the strategy of taking the turf back up for the winter skating season. The roof will have to be repaired this year. Need to get bid specs together so that this can be posted in the newspaper and the bids can be opened at the August meeting.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to get the roof repaired and to move forward with the bid specs to post in the newspaper for bids to be submitted for the August meeting. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried. Supervisor Surdam and Bill will work on the specs.

Councilperson Houghton- Jackie states that the paving quotes have all been distributed to everyone. Jackie met with Falls Fence to replace the fencing on both sides of the court. Jonathan will have to check and see if this will need to be spec'd out for bidding purposes since the amount is \$110,000-\$150,000.

New Business

- **2023 Inner Budget Transfers-None needed.**
- **2023 Budget Modification to set budget for BB/Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project-** Supervisor Surdam states that the budget should be modified for now to establish an H fund for

the project in the amount of \$150,000. Need to wait to see if bid specs are going to be needed to move forward with the project. Attorney Schopf will look into this and get back to the board regarding the requirements.

- **Rink Roof Project- Motion** to create and advertise for bids to repair and coat the original roof of the Wier/Reynolds Community Facility on Barton Ave. with bids to be returned prior to the August Board meeting. This motion was granted in favor and is listed in Councilperson Hanselman's information.
- **Hawthorne Solar- 20 MW Solar Farm- Questions from Zoning Board Attorney Gilchrist-** All the questions that are listed below have been addressed through Attorney Schopf. A question that was raised was when does the 60 days start? Attorney Schopf stated that the assessor will need to be sent a notification via certified mail and then the 60 days starts. This is part of the process for the pilot program.
 1. Has the Town of Hoosick opted out of NY RPTL 487, so that the Town Assessor will be reassessing the properties in question in the event the proposed facility is approved and constructed? Or, alternatively, will the Town be seeking to enter into a PILOT Agreement for this facility?
 2. Does the Town of Hoosick have a preferred method of security for decommissioning (cash, bond, or other form of acceptable security is listed in Section 247-59(I)(2) of the Town Code)? Does the Town of Hoosick require a decommissioning agreement, and if yes, do you have a form of agreement used by the Town of Hoosick?
 3. Does the Town of Hoosick require a stormwater management facilities maintenance agreement? If yes, do have a form of agreement used by the Town of Hoosick?

Old Business

- **Zoning Law re-writes update- New date needs to be set for law rewrites.** Can not continue without the comprehensive plan write up. We are still waiting for this to come over to all the board members as a draft.
- **\$925,000 Recreation SAM Grant-** Everything is complete on our end. Recent Update- we have heard from DASNY in response to Supervisor Surdam's email and we have been told we are still waiting for final approval. **Eric is working on breathing new life into this grant.**
- **Town of Hoosick Asset Management Plan Update-** Stantec has completed the data collection on our local roads. **No new updates.**

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

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

For specific questions about blood testing: Email: beoe@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7950

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-

Scheduled Meetings- Zoning Board meets the First Monday of the month; **Planning Board** meets the third Monday of the month. These meetings are held at 7pm in the Court Room of the

HAYC3 Armory. **The Planning Board meeting and the Zoning Board meeting will be held via ZOOM just as the regular monthly meeting was held.** Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

- **Executive Session-None needed.**

Adjournment

Houghton made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:02pm pending the signing of vouchers, McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #7 2023 Vouchers 369-413

General A	\$	19,078.70
General B	\$	12,795.28
Highway DA	\$	-----
Highway DB	\$	34,223.54
Capital Fund H	\$	2,882.35
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>3,459.44</u>
Total:	\$	72,439.31

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk