

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday January 8, 2024 7:00 pm**

**Called to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**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.

- **Welcome Mayor Allen, Village Attorney Dave Engel, and Honeywell Rep.** to present an update on the Village Water Project and discuss the possible need for the Town to approve an Open Development Area for the new well site. The Water supply for the village is located on Route 22 on the Lacroix property. Contracts for a subdivision are in place and landowners are on board with the subdivision. The draft resolution has been submitted to the board for approval.
- **Gary-**He asked about the filtration system if this would null and void this on the current system.
- **Maryann-**Lorianne Hackett provided her with information on the solar panels and how there are PFAS chemicals that are in the coating of these panels.
- **CS Energy-**A representative from CS energy did respond to this statement by stating that there is an antiglare coating on the panels.
- **Mary-**Feels that there is a grave error in the moratorium for Tiers 3/4 and referenced section E line 8. She would like the board to review this before voting on this.

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- **The Town Board Congratulates the Hoosick Falls Village Board and all those who participated in the application process for the past two years for the awarding of the \$4.5 Million NY Forward Grant!!! A job well done!!!**
- **St Patrick's Day Parade Committee Letter-**Parade is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm

**Town Clerk's Report**

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk's report for the month of December is as follows: \$1809.00 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$489.25.
  - **Facility Use-**There were no facility use requests for the month of December.
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### Assessor's Report

- **Report-**Tiffany has been with Gar on the Re-val. She received spreadsheets for review and the next meeting is scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>. Rensselaer County Assessor meeting was held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The county passed the Local Law for Senior Citizens and Persons with Disability and Limited Income exemptions on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The next assessor meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Hoosick Falls Central School District approved the same Local Law as the County did at their December meeting. The Town will need to amend Local Law #1 of 2007 and Local Law #5 of 1998 to reflect the changes that the county and school have adopted. There is an agreement with the Town of Hoosick and Village of Hoosick Falls for the sharing of the assessor and the Village is to pay the town \$6,500 for the salary of the assessor for services. Tiffany is looking for an increase in wage to \$7,197 for the Village fiscal year commencing in May. Tiffany also stated where she is at with her assessor education. She will be taking Fundamentals of Mass Appraisal in March. This will be held in Albany. In April, she will be attending Introduction to Farm Appraisal located in Cooperstown.

### Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report-** Paul states that he has bought a new 304 mini excavator with a flail mower attachment. He also reported that he has purchased a new Sparton lawn mower from JC Tractor. He has ordered a new fuel tank for one of the trucks. With the mild weather in December, they have been able to continue cutting brush on Beechwood Road and Farmers Inn Road.
- **Cottrell Road Bridge Update-** Wayne Bonesteel is working on the grant for Bridge NY.
- **Culvert Projects- Farmers Inn Road-**Farmers Inn Road needs the culvert replaced. Paul called DEC and they came out and looked at the culvert. Army Core is now involved, and they are the ones that stated that there needs to be a 5-foot culvert pipe put in there. Paul states that this job is going to require assistance with the installation of the culvert. The road will need to be elevated so that the pipe will be able to be laid properly.
- **Tate Road Bridge-**Paul states that this bridge was installed in 1939 and will need to be replaced. Wayne will incorporate this in the grant that he is working on for Bridge NY.

### Town Historian

- **Report-** Rick was not available for the meeting.

### Code Enforcement

- **Report-** Jared supplied his report to the board via email and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

### Recreation

- **Skating Rink-**Alya reported that there were 30 people for lesson signups.
- **Ayla is requesting the following staff for the rink; Toni Hanselman** **Motion to appoint**  
**MOTION**  
Sheffer made the motion to approve Toni Hanselman for rink staff. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.
- **Ice Maintenance-** Ice has not been a good sign. Temps remain warm.
- **The Town is accepting applications for these positions.**
  - **Pool Manager**
  - **Pool Assistant Manager**
  - **Lifeguards**

- **Summer Camp Manager- Motion** to appoint Ashley St. Onge as the 2024 Town of Hoosick Summer Camp Program Manager.

**MOTION**

Houghton approved Ashley St. Onge as the 2024 Town of Hoosick Summer Camp Program Manager. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

**Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- I attended the CPWG meeting at HFCS.
- Spent time on solar review including the ZBA approval of the Hawthorn project and the proposed solar moratorium.
- I attended the January ZBA meeting to provide Zoom access and to record the meeting.
- We held a public hearing on the proposed solar moratorium.
- January Town Board Meeting Agenda and prep.

**Town Council Reports**

**Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-** Comprehensive plan update-working on edits. The military banner applications are out. They are located in the armory on the table in the hallway.

**Councilperson McAuliffe-** Jerry states that the military banners are a big hit. It will be nice to see all the banners.

**Councilperson Hanselman-** Bill would like to create a brochure to advertise the turf at the rink. Bill will also check on the commercial vacuum to clean the turf.

**Councilperson Houghton-** Nothing for the month.

**New Business**

- **2023 Inner Budget Transfers- Motion to approve**

**MOTION**

Sheffer made a motion to approve the 2023 inner budget transfers. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Solar Moratorium- Motion to approve Local Law No. 1 of 2024, A local law establishing a temporary Land Use Moratorium prohibiting large/commercial solar installations within the Town of Hoosick.** Discussion among the board was that they felt that there was some wording issues within the moratorium that would need further investigation and changes. The board felt at this time they would table the approval of the moratorium.
- **Commercial Windmills-** Discussion among the board members felt that this also would play into the moratorium and that this also would have to be addressed so that a law could be written for and included in the land use.

**MOTION**

Houghton made a motion to write a moratorium for commercial windmills. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **2024 Organizational Meeting- Discussion** reference the date & time to hold the 2024 Town of Hoosick Organizational meeting. This was discussed with the board members and they have decided to hold the Organizational meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the Armory.
- **Town & Village Assessor Agreement- Motion to extend the 2019 Agreement through the Town of Hoosick fiscal year 2025.**

### **MOTION**

McAuliffe made the motion to extend the 2019 agreement through the Town of Hoosick fiscal year of 2025. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Court Audit- Discussion-** reference the date and time to conduct the Town Court Audit.
- **Planning Board Appointment- Adria Diel's** 5-year term expired Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2023, Adria is willing to continue serving on the Planning Board. **Motion to** appoint Adria Diel to the Planning Board for a 5-year term which will expire December 31<sup>st</sup> 2029.

### **MOTION**

Sheffer made a motion to approve the appointment of Adria Diel for a 5 year term to expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2029. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Shared Communication Position-** We received an email this week from Hoosick Falls Central School Superintendent Patrick Dailey asking to discuss the possibility of a shared Communication position with the Town and the Village for a person to manage social media and websites for all of us. After a brief discussion among the board members, they all were in agreement that this would be a good idea.
- **Workers Comp Agreement with Comp Alliance- Comp Alliance** did agree to a two year agreement from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025. Supervisor Surdam has signed and returned as approved at the November 2023 Town Board meeting.

### **Old Business**

- **Zoning Law re-writes update-** This is still in progress waiting for the comprehensive plan to be updated.
- **Troy & Banks, Inc. Utility rebate search-** This is nearly complete.
- **Town of Hoosick Road Asset Management Plan- Update-** We have received the completed 2023 Road Asset Management Plan from Stantec. Highway Superintendent Hoag and Supervisor Surdam have a follow up meeting scheduled for Jan 17<sup>th</sup> with Stantec and the Capital Region Transportation Council.
- **Executive Session- Executive Session-Entered into executive session to discuss a two personnel issues at 7:54 PM**

### **MOTION**

Houghton made a motion to enter executive session. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

**Executive session-Ended executive session at 8:54 PM with no decision.**

### **MOTION**

Houghton made a motion to exit the executive session. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried. No decisions were made.

*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*

New York State Water Quality Hotline, 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](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or from the Town Clerk.

**Adjournment**

McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:54 p.m. pending the signing of vouchers, Sheffer seconded the motion. All eyes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract #1 2024 Vouchers 1-45**

General A	\$	12,110.80
General B	\$	23,720.97
Highway DA	\$	1,329.82
Highway DB	\$	135,345.89
Capital Fund H	\$	12,319.51
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>2,170.24</u>
Total:	\$	186,997.23

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross  
Town Clerk