

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday August 13, 2018 7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: William Hanselman, Jenn Hyde, Jerry McAuliffe and Eric Sheffer Absent:
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

- Stacey Parker spoke on behalf of the Mountain View Way residents that were in attendance looking for the Town's answer on taking over the road as a Town road. The residents wanted to know if the attorney had a chance to review the law that was provided to the board at last month's meeting. Jonathan did review this and provided an answer as to why the town will not be taking over the private road.
- Ian Beilby, P.E. Chief Section C (Special Projects Bureau) Division of Environmental Remediation NYS DEC and Barbara Firebaugh, Engineering Geologist with NYS DEC addressed the board regarding the investigation of contaminated sites in the Town of Hoosick. They stated that they have sent out 46 letters to private residents and have received half of them back with permission to take soil samples from the property to check for contaminations. DEC will be testing the soil for 21 different compounds. The samples should be completed by the end of the year along with the testing, however the report may take a little bit longer to produce.

Correspondence/Announcements

- Hoosick Area Church Association (HACA) is coordinating a Back to School BOOST initiative to help kids learn with school supplies. Flyer information is available on the Town of Hoosick Web Site www.townofhoosick.org .
- 2018 Hoosick Falls Youth Gun Club 1st Annual Fundraising Banquet is Saturday, September 29th, 2018 at Barbeque Recreation Center. Information flyer is available on the Town of Hoosick web site.
- Kirby Webster from SEKO Solutions, who is a contractor for the EPA, will be attending the September Village and Town Board meetings to present the

Technical Assistance Needs Assessment (TANA) Report detailing her findings and recommendations in ref to the PFOA Contamination Issue.

- Rock the Block- By all reports the 3rd Annual Rock the Block Community Get Together was another success even with the move to the rink due to the weather. Thank you to everyone involved.

Town Clerk's Report

- Report for the month of July total: \$10,830.25- remitted to Supervisor: \$8,319.49
- **Facilities Use Request:**
 1. Southshire Roller Derby to use the rink August 16th for closed practice time in the evening and August 18th for the 1st Event and then September 20th for closed practice time in the evening and September 22nd for the 2nd Event.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Hyde made the motion to accept the facility use for Southshire to use the Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink for closed practice time on August 16th and September 20th and for the Roller Derby Events on August 18th and September 22nd McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.
 2. Hoosick Falls High School Coach Ron Jones would like to continue the tradition of using the Athletic Field and Town Pool during preseason football practice leading up to the start of football season in September. Hoosick Falls High School would like to use the fields from 6pm to 7:15pm and the Town Pool from 7:15pm to 7:45pm. If possible, they would like to get access to the skating rink in case of thunder on those days as well.
 - **Motion to Approve**
McAuliffe made the motion to accept the facility use for Hoosick Falls High School Coach Ron Jones to use the Athletic Field and Town Pool during preseason football practice leading up to the start of football season in September and for the Hoosick Falls High School to use the fields from 6pm to 7:15pm as well as the Town Pool from 7:15pm to 7:45pm. It was also approved that they would have access to the skating rink in case of thunder on those days as well. Hyde seconded. All ayes carried.
 3. Hoosick Falls Youth Football and Cheer would like to use the Athletic Fields from 7/30/18 to 11/30/18 from 5pm until 8:30pm. They may use the pool on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7pm while the pool is open. They are requesting the fields stay mowed and extra garbage cans. They will need to coordinate with Coach Jones on what sections of the field they will be using when the high school team is there.
 - **Motion to Approve**
McAuliffe made the motion to accept the facility use for Hoosick Falls Youth Football and Cheer to use the Athletic Fields from 7/30/18 to 11/30/18 from 5pm until 8:30pm. They may use the pool on

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Wednesdays and Fridays at 7pm while the pool is open. They will coordinate with Coach Jones on what sections of the field they will be using when the high school team is there. Hyde seconded. All ayes carried.

4. Southwestern Vermont College Women's Soccer to use the pool 8/22/18 & 8/27/18 at 10:30am and 6pm.
 - **Motion to Approve**
McAuliffe made the motion to accept the facility use for Southwestern Vermont College Women's Soccer to use the pool 8/22/18 & 8/27/18 at 10:30am and 6pm. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Key Bank Fees-** Discussed with the board regarding fees that have been charged to the town from the bank. Holli has been in contact with the bank regarding the fees and has been since the beginning of the year. We had most of the fees reversed but still are working on the fees the bank continues to charge us for online access and previous days transactions. Holli is looking into other banking options.
- **New Email Address-** hoosicktownclerk@gmail.com
- **New Hours- the Town Clerks Office is now open on Saturdays!!! See new hours listed below.**
 - Monday 8-4
 - Tuesdays 8-12- **This is a change**
 - Wednesday 8-4
 - Thursday 8-4
 - Friday 8-4
 - Saturdays 8-12- New Saturday Hours!!!**

Assessor's Report

- **On July 27, 2018 NYS Dept. of Taxation set the Town of Hoosick Final 2018 State equalization rate at 100%.**
- **Revaluation Project**
 1. GAR Closeout meeting was held last week.
 2. The Cyclical Aid Form seeking partial per parcel revaluation reimbursement from NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance has been submitted. Submission receipt was received over the weekend.
 3. September 2018 the new assessments are applied to School Taxes.
 4. January 2019 the new assessments are applied to the Town & County Taxes.
 5. June 2019 the new assessments are applied to the Village Taxes.

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Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Cottrell Road Bridge Update**-Bill states that the bridge is now back open with 1 lane traffic. 15 ton limit on the bridge and an inspection of the bridge will be required every year. Bill states that he anticipates that the weight limit will decrease every year upon the inspection.
- **Fox Hollow Update**- Bill reports that the ditching on Fox Hollow has begun. He will be replacing culverts as they go down the road.
- **Highway Garage Lighting Proposal**-The board reviewed the proposal for new LED lighting around the Garage. The ballast is burnt out of some of the old lighting and needs to be replaced or it will be very dark in the yard come this fall.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Hanselman made the motion to approve the Light Proposal at the Town Highway Garage. Hyde seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Clark Cemetery reminder**- The board reminded Bill that the Clark Cemetery needed to be mowed. Bill stated that this has already been taken care of and was finished the week prior to the meeting.

Veteran Rep

- George Driscoll-Not Present

Town Historian

- Phil shared with everyone about the Murders that happened in Hoosick Falls in 1920's, 1930's and 1940's. There is a book available at the museum for \$5 and you can read all the stories about each one.
- August 16th starts the weekend long celebration of the Bennington Battlefield.
- **Bennington Battlefield Upcoming Events**- <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/12/hunting.aspx#events>

Recreation Report

- **Town Pool**- Many compliments this year. Water temp has been as high as 85 degrees; we have had many participants in all levels of swimming lessons from all over the area. It has been awesome to see the large number of kids enjoying our Community Pool.
- **Pool Inspection**- was completed 7/24/18 by Rensselaer County Health Dept. No Issues were observed.
- **Day Camp Inspection**- was completed 7/24/18 by Rensselaer County Health Dept. There were two Violations that have been corrected. 1. We had some exit lights that needed batteries. 2. We were missing the fire extinguishers. These violation have since been addressed and corrected.
- **TOH Summer Day Camp Request for Field Trip** Wednesday 8/15 to Tiashoke Farm in Buskirk with an additional stop at Benson's Dairy Barn. HFCS will provide a school bus for the Field Trip.

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➤ **Motion to Approve**

McAuliffe made the motion to approve the field trip to Tiashoke Farm in Buskirk with an additional stop at Benson's Dairy Barn. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- I have spent some time dealing with the sewer pipe drain issues in the bathhouse. Bill Shiland and the highway employees replaced approximately 20' of drain pipe at the end of the line out past the diving board. We are waiting for final determination from LaBerge on the sewer drain issue but we do believe at this time old cast iron drain pipe that was not replaced as a part of the project combined with new low flow style toilets is a contributing factor to this ongoing issue. I do want to Thank **All Out Waste from Shaftsbury Vt.** For their quick response every time I called them and going out of their way to help us through this mess.
- I did get involved with trying to help the Buskirk Fire Dept. with a small Workers Comp Claim. The issue in my opinion is that we have so few claims there was some confusion and we did not understand the process at first. After meeting with a Workers Comp Board Investigator who was very helpful we did get it straightened out.
- John Morris from Honeywell did contact me in ref to adding 5 more properties to the list that they would like to access as part of the search for a clean water source large enough to support the Village water use.
- Eric and I met with Bill Shiland to begin working together on following Highway Law 284 which is putting an agreement in place as a part of the Budget process for the roads we would plan to work on next year. We also discussed beginning a long term road planning project to try to gain a better handle on what the budget requirements would be to properly maintain all of our Town roads over the course of 15, 20 or 25 years. We have already publicly discussed this a little and hope to have more information in the near future.
- I attended a meeting at the rock cuts with our Town Board, Bill Shiland, a number of members of the Rensselaer County Legislature and Assemblyman Jake Ashby to discuss the dumping complaints at the river and what options we have to address them. We also did some cleaning up while we were there and Bill Shiland went back later in the day to remove some larger objects.
- I discussed the bathhouse floor paint issue with Dean Pectal from Benjamin Moore & Co. and he is committed to working with us on the issue. We did decide it would be best to wait until our pool season is over to address the issue. The issue is for a newly painted floor it always looks dirty even after we mop it.
- Bill Shiland and I met with Amy & Amy from the Roller Derby Club to discuss questions and details as they prepare for their two upcoming events.

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- There have been a couple of issues at the Summer Camp and the Pool that I have had to be directly involved in with our managers to address the issues. One case did involve meeting with a parent and another happened in the parking lot. Bill Shiland was able to make a copy of some security footage that we turned over to HF Police Chief Ashe who is going to look into it a little more.
- I attended the GAR Revaluation Project close out meeting with Assessor Rice. They did make it a point to tell us how working in Hoosick was one of their best project experiences because everyone was respectful and courteous throughout the project even while disagreeing with some of the results.
- I was able to have lunch with Emily Saunders last week to officially thank her for all that she did to help me and the Town for the past 4 plus years. Her knowledge, experience and professionalism elevated all of us. Thank you Emily and we wish you all the best in your new role at HFCS!!

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Sheffer:** Eric is going to try and attend the next Hoosick Rising meeting. Eric also talked about the garbage that was left in near the river by the rock cuts. Still working on the sign and trying to decide if it would just be best to do a different picture on the sign than to try and get permission for the Gramma Moses logo since this is taking so long. He does have some options to discuss.
- **Councilperson Hyde:** Jenn is still working on the franchise agreements with Charter/Time Warner. She is watching to see what happens with the Spectrum collapse and how this will affect the agreements in place.
- **Councilperson McAuliffe:** Again met with Hoosick Fire and they are still having trouble with the radio communications out in this area.
- **Councilperson Hanselman:** Did not have anything.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Phase 2 of the Pool Rehab Project is the Bathhouse-**
 1. We are waiting for the final results and recommendations relating to the sewer drain issues that we have been dealing with from the beginning of the pool season.
 2. Dean Pectal from Benjamin Moore & Co. has committed to work with us on the painted floor issue in the bathhouse after the pool season is over.

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- **Resolution #54 Establishing a Public Hearing for L.L. #3, 2018 September 10, 2018 at 6:30pm for Amendments to the Complete Land Use Law with Amendments**
 - **Motion to Approve**
McAuliffe made the motion to approve Resolution #54 2018, Hyde Seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: Aye, Hyde: Aye, McAuliffe: Aye, Hanselman: Aye
Surdam: Absent. Motion Approved.
- **Sign Law Draft-** A workshop has been set for September 12th at 6:30PM
- **Noise Control Law Draft-** A workshop has been set for September 12th at 6:30PM
- **SAM Grant- Motion** discussion among the board and approved that Supervisor Surdam to ask Senator Marchione if it is possible to change the SAM Grant Funding from rink refrigeration to pool and recreation area updates.
- **Woods Brook Grant-** The Village Board of Trustees voted last week to award the \$900,000 CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant for Woods Brook Project to Barton & Loguidice (B&L). Project Planning will begin soon.
- **New Pool Lights-** The lights that were approved at the July 2018 meeting needed to change from the E-FFA12 Series by e-conolight to Morris 71561 due to shipping issues. Waiting to hear from Scott @ JA Bradley on ETA.
- **2018 PFOA follow up Blood Testing is now available NYS DOH-** Blood draw is available to everyone in the community previously tested or not. Step one of the process is to contact NYSDOH online at www.health.ny.gov/hoosick OR you can call 1-800-801-8092 Monday- Friday, 8:30-4:30. You will need to provide the names, birthdates, and contact information of your household who want to participate. You will then be mailed test orders that you will need to take to either Twin Rivers Medical on Danforth St. or Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington to have blood drawn. The test does not require fasting. There is no cost to you for this blood test.
- **PFOA related contact information;** If community members have any questions, Department of Health staff can be reached between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at these numbers: *For specific questions about potential health effects:*
Email: btas@health.ny.gov, phone: 518-402-7800

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

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

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

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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.

New Business

- **Budget Transfers-** No Transfers needed
- **Resolution #55 Budget Modification to pay for New Wireless Security Camera System at the Pool and Playground.**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
McAuliffe made the motion to approve Resolution #55 2018, seconded by Hanselman. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: Aye, Hyde: Aye, McAuliffe: Aye, Hanselman: Aye, Surdam: absent. Motion Approved.
- **Court Clerk-**request to attend the annual NYSCCA training conference 9/16-9/19 in Lake Placid at a cost of \$644. Court Clerk training will become mandatory starting in 2019.
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Hyde made the motion to approve the Court Clerk training and expenses in Lake Placid 9/16-9/19, seconded by McAuliffe. All ayes carried
- **Judge McClellan-** Request to attend the Annual NYSMA's 3 day training conference 9/23-9/26 in Niagara Falls at a cost of \$1,104.96.
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Hanselman made the motion to approve the Magistrate's training in Niagara Falls 9/23-9/26, seconded by Hyde. All ayes carried.
- **River Garbage-** Received a complaint about the amount of garbage being left behind at the river across from the rock cuts. Board members and Jake Ashby met at the River to further discuss a solution to this.
- **Fall Concrete replacement project @ Pool-** The board discussed that there is concrete that needs to be replaced at the pool but thought that they should wait until after the closing of the pool to continue work on this.
- **Black slime on Courts-** Bill, Superintendent of Highway's, states that they can put bleach mixture on the courts to wash off the black slime to stop the growth but sun is needed in order to dry out the courts.
- **NYS Deferred Compensation Plan-** Mark was not in attendance, the board decided to wait and further discuss when Mark is present.
- **Town of Hoosick GASB 75 Valuation for 2018 & 2019 Budget years. Motion** to approve working with BPAS Actuarial & Pension Services to assist us in developing the required GASB 75 that will need to be adopted for the 2018 and 2019 Town Budgets at a cost of \$7500.00. This will be tabled until next meeting so that more information can be gathered and Jonathan has had a chance to review in more detail.
- **2019 Budget Dates Review-** All the dates were approved and the October meeting will be held on Wednesday October 10th due to the October Holiday.

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- **Village of Hoosick Falls assuming Lead Agency for their new Highway Garage-**
 - **Motion to Approve**
Hyde made the motion for the Village to assume Lead Agency for their new Highway Garage and that the Hoosick Town Board has no objection, seconded by McAuliffe. All ayes carried.
- **AOT Letter-** We have received the annual letter from the NYS Association of Towns (AOT) that on our 2016 “total revenues” our dues for 2019 will be \$1,000.00.

Executive Session

No Executive Session needed.

- Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

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 8:34 PM

Hyde made the motion to adjourn the meeting with no further business and pending the signing of vouchers, McAuliffe seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #7 Vouchers 332-

General A	\$ 32,344.86
General B	\$ 12,055.58
Highway DA	\$ 2,702.31
Highway DB	\$ 177,939.60
Capital Fund H	\$ 6,933.24
Trust & Agency	\$ 6,160.48
Total:	\$ 238,136.07

Respectfully submitted,
Holli Cross, Town Clerk

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