

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday March 9, 2020 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**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.

- **Matthew Tripoli** who is the Director of Project Development at CS Energy, presented information on an application CS Energy has submitted to NYSERDA to become part of NYSERDA's LSR (Large Scale Renewables) for a 100 acre solar development project in the vicinity of Pine Valley and Ford's Road. The project is to be named the Hawthorn Solar Project.
- **Bill Film** who is Director of the Rensselaer County Bureau of Tax Services expanded on the Solar Project and how the pilot program will work regarding taxes.
- **Chris Krahling** who is Senior Project Manager with Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) presented information and a request of support for Sheffer Grassland Dairy Grant application to NY Department of Ag and Markets for a PDR through the Dairy Transitions grant program.

**MOTION**

McAullife made the motion to approve the request of support for Sheffer Grassland Dairy Grant application to NY Department of Ag and Markets for PDR through the Dairy Transitions grant program. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried (except Sheffer)

**\*Please note while discussing the application, Eric Sheffer stepped out of the meeting and returned once the discussion and application was approved by the other board members.**

- **Dave Delurey** addressed the board regarding the track. He does not want to start out this year with issues and wanted to know if the wording in the law was fixed. It was an issue last year with confusion about the definition of Personal use versus commercial use and Private versus Public. It was mentioned that the noise ordinance needs to be worked on as well.

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- **St Patrick's Day Parade this coming Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm!!**
  - **Rensselaer County Dept. of Health** will be sponsoring a **Rabies Clinic** here in the Armory on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.
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- **Community Participation Work Group (CPWG)** is opening a recruitment period for CPWG membership for its second year as it continues to engage community input on remediation of PFOA contamination sites and the study of alternative water supply options. The full press release can be found at [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) .
- **CPWG is seeking volunteers to participate in Health Study Community Assistance Panel.** Call Toll Free 1-833-732-7697, Email [PFAS@albany.edu](mailto:PFAS@albany.edu) , Website [www.albany.edu/sph/pfas](http://www.albany.edu/sph/pfas) .
- **The March CPWG meeting** is scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm High School Cafeteria.
- **Advanced First Aid CPR and AED Training-** Rensselaer County Dept. of Health is offering classes May 19<sup>th</sup> or June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 5pm or May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> or June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 10pm at a cost of \$90 per person to be held at the Rensselaer County Health Dept. in Troy. For additional information please contact the Rensselaer County Health Dept.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

- Report for the month of February total: \$580.00 remitted to Supervisor: \$355.54
- Summer Camp Application was sent to all board members for review. This is work in progress and will be further discussed at a workshop.
- No Facility use requests
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Ginny and I will be attending a regional meeting in East Greenbush.

### **Assessor's Report**

March 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline for exemptions. 99% return on them. Data collection will start next week for the tentative roll.

### **Superintendent of Highway's Report**

- **Bovie Hill Road- Update/Discussion of proposed Engineering cost and options-**Received the report from LaBerge right before the meeting and was not able to review the requirements.
- **Recent Roads Workshop-** Beck road will be one of the first to be worked on. They are trying to figure out what can be done with this road.
- **Castle Playground Damage-**the damage was done by 4 teenage girls who kicked out boards from the playground. The Mayor, Supervisor and Parents along with the kids all met. The decision for the girls that they will be doing community service and the boards will be replaced.
- **2011 F550 Repair Cost Issue-** The cost to fix the truck would be \$18,000 and the truck would then be worth that much. Not fixing the truck, it is worth \$5,000 but the bill to pay for what has already been done is at \$6,000. Looking to purchase a new F350. Maybe piggy back off of the County bid on the truck or another Town. Bill thinks that he may be able to do better. The board would like to get pricing on an F550 as well and have the numbers for a decision at the next month's meeting.
- **Comp Alliance- Safety Source Training Video Access for members-** there was a flyer for a Safety source Training video for the Highway team to maybe review.
- **Senator Jordan's Extreme Winter Recovery Funding Letter-** the Town of Hoosick did support the letter to Governor Cuomo and others requesting restoration of the funding in the final 2020-21 State Budget.

- **Complaint regarding deceased cat hit by car-** An email was received regarding a deceased cat in Buskirk. This is not something that dog control will take care of. Not sure where to direct someone with this issue. DOT will not take care of this either.

### **Town Historian**

Phil was not available for the meeting this evening.

### **Recreation**

- **Reynolds/Gilchrist Rink is closed for the season.**
- **Rink Report for February**
- **Summer Camp Director- Motion** to appoint Ashley St. Onge as the returning 2020 Town of Hoosick Summer Camp Director.

#### **MOTION**

Houghton made the motion to appoint Ashley St. Onge as the 2020 Town of Hoosick Summer Camp Director. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Pool Manager- Motion** to appoint Kim Brownell as the 2020 Town of Hoosick Pool Manager.

#### **MOTION**

Sheffer made the motion to appoint Kim Brownell as the 2020 Town of Hoosick Pool Manager. Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.

- **American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class- Janet Davendonis** has worked very hard on our behalf to organize a class to be held April 13, 14 & 15 here in the Town of Hoosick. The cost will be \$260 per person. A local school has agreed to allow us use of their indoor pool, class instruction will be in the Supervisors Office here in the Armory and Dr. Cowder has agreed to allow use of his pool for the required deep water testing. **Motion** to approve the American Red Cross Life Guard Training Class. **Discussion**, Janet will be the point person for anyone interested.

#### **MOTION**

Houghton made the motion to approve the American Red Cross Life Guard Training class. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Lifeguard Training Reimbursement-** Historically the Town has reimbursed lifeguards who work at the Town of Hoosick pool 50% of the training cost per year. **Motion** to approve the Town of Hoosick reimbursing lifeguards who are hired to work at the Town Pool in 2020 and or 2021 50% per year for the cost of the lifeguard certification training. **Discussion**

#### **MOTION**

Sheffer made the motion to reimburse the Life Guards 50% for the cost of training at the end of the season. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

### **Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- Working on Grant with Tom M. I want to thank Tom for his help.
- Met with NYMIR Rep prior to site visits with Bill Shiland.
- Attended the monthly CPWG meeting.
- Attended the one day Mental Health Training with Town and Village Staff.
- Attended roads workshop meeting.

- Worked on monthly meeting and the agenda.

### **Town Council Reports**

**Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-** CPWG meeting will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Hoosick Rising had a mixer at BYTE trying to bring in new members. This went well. The Local Law that was sent to all the board was for review. David Sutton and others are interested in getting the sides of the roads cleaned up and would like litter signs installed on the sides of the road. The Island that is near route 7, Eric will try and keep up with the weeds this year and make sure that stays neat. You cannot use any weed killer out there unless it is put on by a Commercial applicator as a license is needed.

**Councilperson McAuliffe-** “Purple Heart Community” still need to make sure that all of the veterans that received purple hearts from the Town of Hoosick get ahold of Joyce Brewer to make sure that their names are listed on the plaque. Resolution will be completed at the next monthly meeting. Prestige Vending Services looked at installing vending machines at the pool. 10% of the sales would be issued back to the Town. A hot box was just purchased by Jackson and Cambridge for \$15,000 each town shared the cost. Jerry asked if this is something that Bill could do and share the cost with the Village.

**Councilperson Hanselman-**The turf for the rink is set for pick up. Needed to make sure there was room for storage. While over at the rink, the Lacrosse team was using the rink and bill did not remember seeing a facility use form.

**Councilperson Houghton-**The employee handbook project is going well. Almost finished with this and should have the updates available soon.

### **New Business**

- **Budget Transfers- Motion to approve Budget Transfers as presented.**

#### **MOTION**

Sheffer made the motion to approve the Budget Transfers as presented. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **2020 Budget Modification- Purchase of new computer for Bookkeeper and Payroll Clerk  
Motion to Approve Resolution # 41 of 2020.**

#### **MOTION**

Hanselman made the motion to approve the purchase of the new computer for the Bookkeeper and Payroll Clerk. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

- **2020 Budget Modification- Purchase of used turf- Motion to Approve Resolution # 42 of 2020.**

#### **MOTION**

McAuliffe made the motion to approve the purchase of the used turf. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Coronavirus- Please take the precautions below.**

#### **Basic Precautions:**

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

- Staying home when you are sick.
- Covering your coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Practicing good hand hygiene.

- **Irish Story Teller-** Requesting permission to use our meeting room on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> after the parade as part of the festivities. **Motion** to approve use of meeting room.
- **Email/Website- Discussion**
- **Youth Center Employee sharing proposal/ Full time Recreation Director- Discussion**
- **Hemp Plant Odor Complaint- Discussion**
- **2020 Census- Discussion**
- **Clark Family Cemetery- Discussion**
- **New Verizon Poles- Discussion**

**Old Business**

- **On-Line Town Code-**
- **Planning and Zoning Boards Training Workshop and Follow-Up Recommendations from LaBerge-** We are waiting on the Zoning Board response before we move forward with proposing changes.
- **SAM Grant- Update-**
- **Woods Brook Project- Update**
- **New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR) Buildings inspections-**

*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: [bee@health.ny.gov](mailto:bee@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*

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.

**Scheduled Meetings-**

**Please Note- Board Openings-** Assessment Review Board (1), please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board Member or Assessor Rice if interested.

**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. Meeting minutes are available online @ [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or from the Town Clerk.

- **Executive Session- Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Teamsters Contract & Personnel issue.**

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Sheffer made the motion to enter into executive session, (time 8:46pm) Hyde seconded. All ayes carried.

**MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

McAuliffe made the motion to exit executive session at 9:27PM, Hanselman seconded, all ayes carried.

**Adjournment**

Hyde made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:28 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Hanselman seconded, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract #2 2020 Vouchers 61-108**

General A	\$	23,326.68
General B	\$	14,345.99
Highway DA	\$	-----
Highway DB	\$	48,810.72
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>26,724.87</u>
Total:	\$	113,208.26

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross  
Town Clerk