

Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday December 13, 2021 7:00 pm

Our Town Board meeting is open to the public. The meeting can be seen live via the internet at Zoom.com www.townofhoosick.org.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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.

- **We answered public questions throughout the meeting as they come in.**
- **The Armory-**Marianne Zwicklbauer presented the mission of the armory. Dave Borge presented the many things that the armory is doing for the community. Carol McDonald presented the financial status. Fred Pirie presented the recent upgrades and needed upgrades.
- **Youth Center-**Lori Kempf presented the board with the status of the youth center and the changes that have occurred. She also reported on the many fundraisers that the youth center has done.
- **Ken Laporte-**Will talk later in the meeting.

Correspondence/Announcements

- Rensselaer County Legislature letter submitted to NYSDOT in regards to safety concerns at the intersection of NYS Route 7 and County Route 95 (Hill Rd.).
- Junior Historians Present: Sinterklaas December 18th 2021 from 3pm to 4:30pm @ Historical Society 166 Main St. Pre-Register by 12/17 518-686-4682.
- **SECOND WORKSHOP TO ASSIST POTENTIAL CLASS MEMBERS FILE CLAIM FORMS FOR HOOSICK FALLS PFOA SETTLEMENT**

On December 2-4 Class Counsel representing people affected by the PFOA contamination in the Town of Hoosick and Village of Hoosick Falls met with hundreds of residents at the Armory to answer questions and assist in filing Claim Forms and supporting documentation to allow them to participate in the Class Action Settlement. The turnout for this first Workshop was much larger than anticipated and although hundreds of people were assisted, the waits were long and some people were turned away. A second Workshop has now been scheduled for the Armory located at 80 Church Street, Hoosick Falls, New York on the following dates:

Friday January 7, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM
Saturday January 8, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

Learning from previous experience, Class Counsel will have more people to assist in filing Claim Forms and answering questions as well as to better organize the process and reduce wait times. Potential Class Members should call **Emma Duggan from Weitz & Luxenberg at (212) 558-5677** to schedule an appointment before the Workshop. People with appointments will be taken first and walk-ins will be taken next. We strongly recommend calling in advance for an appointment to reduce your wait time. **The rest of the statement is available @ www.townofhoosick.org.**

- Community Alliance Church will have a gathering in the park.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report**-The Clerk's report for the month of November is as follows: \$ 10,133.25 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$1,254.20 which included a 7 cent mistake from DEC carry over.
- **Facilities Use Request**- None received

Assessor's Report

- Tony reported that it is exemption time. Mailed out exemptions and agricultural exemptions. Tony will be mailing out the age exemption information at the beginning of the year.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Cottrell Road Bridge**- No news to report on this. Supervisor Surdam spoke with Wayne Bonesteel and they are just waiting. Supervisor Surdam also spoke with Andrew Tracy. Andrew sent over the bridge fact sheet on the Cottrell Road Bridges. The western bridge seems to be good and the eastern bridge closer to the Vermont border is the one that is still marked yellow and is in need of immediate attention. This is still in a hold pattern and we will be notified when funding becomes available.
- **Markers Road** – The road has been moved. The highway department found an old well in the section of the road that was dropping so they put in a drain in this section and moved the road over. Need to wait and see what happens. The culvert was replaced. The town used the village machine to help in the replacement of the culvert so that it could all be done in one day.

Town Historian

Phil joined us for the first time in many months. He presented to the board and attendees the many floods that have occurred in the town and village. He let everyone know that there is no falls in Hoosick Falls. This was a cascade that the water would flow into the building and then flow out. The damn that was build was the cause of the many floods. This was later taken out. Phil also discussed Warren Montgomery and the many hotels that used to be in the Town and Village.

Recreation

- **2021-2022 Rink Employee Handbook- Motion** to approve the Town of Hoosick Skating Rink Employee Handbook for the 2021-2022 season.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve the Handbook (after review). Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **2021-2022 Rink Employee Pay Rates- Motion to approve** hourly rate of \$17.35 for the Rink Manager, \$15.30 for the Assistant Manager, & \$18.00 for Ice Manager, \$12.50 for all other staff until the end of the year. Starting January 1st 2022, the rate will increase to \$13.20.

- **Figure Skate Donation- The Reynolds Foundation has donated \$1,500 for the purchase of 15 pairs of new figure skates and materials to build a new set of shelves at the rink.**

Motion to approve **Resolution #56 of 2021** accepting the \$1,500 donation from the Reynolds Foundation.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to accept the donation from the Reynolds Foundation in the amount of \$1,500 for the purchase of 15 pairs of new figure skates and material to build a new set of shelves at the rink. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Hockey Skates-** It was realized a few days later we need 5 pairs of hockey skates. **Motion** to approve the purchase of 5 pair of hockey skates with a total cost up to \$500.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to purchase 5 pair of hockey skates. Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Woods Brook Project- I attended Johnson Hill Rd (Site 1) and Richmond Ave. (Site 5) site meetings.
- I attended multiple Community Partnership Working Group (CPWG) meetings.
- Phone meeting with Sandy Misiewicz from Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC).
- I followed up on the multiple number street lights that are out in North Hoosick.
- I met with Dave Borge in reference to Armory Security and a few other issues relating to the Armory building.
- Worked on and submitted CDTC Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) New Visions application requesting funding to assist in long term town road planning.
- I attended a PFOA Settlement assistance planning meeting with Mayor Allen, HFCS Superintendent Pat Dailey, Michael Hickey, and Steve Schwartz Esq.
- I virtually attended the CDTC Policy Board meeting.
- I virtually attended a meeting with Aaron Guyette and Adam Goudreau representing the Vermont Agency of Transportation in reference to Railroad Bridge Projects one of which is scheduled for construction in 2022 near Hoosick Junction Rd just beyond Factory Hill Rd. The other project pertains to a 2023 railroad bridge replacement on Cottrell Rd.
- I called an Emergency Meeting to discuss Highway Dept. personnel issue.
- Monthly Board meeting prep and agenda.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric stated that he would like to thank Kevin O'Malley and Dave Sutton for the tree lighting and the Carols.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Jerry stated that Diane from the food pantry would like to thank the Town of Hoosick for allowing them to use the rink for the baskets. Everything went very smoothly. The railroad track had concrete pored near the Cary Ave piece. There is now more of a hump to help with flooding. However, the culvert pipe was not replaced. Jerry also wanted to talk about the private road regulations. He attended the planning board meeting regarding a development that is being planned. The road regulation needs to be big enough for emergency vehicles to access in case of a fire or emergency with the ambulance. He was not sure if our law states this already. Attorney Schopf states that his should already be in the subdivision laws and regulations.

Councilperson Hanselman- Bill just wanted to clarify, last year there was a law that was repealed about receiving information 10 days prior to the meeting so that it can be reviewed. He is concerned that we should not have repealed this so that there is time for the board members to review what it is going to be discussed. He is not always able to get things the same day of the meeting and does not want to miss anything.

Councilperson Houghton- Jackie reported that JA Bradley had no quote yet. They should have this by next week. Suggestions that were made are to expand the lighting area or add a new light pole. \$3,000-\$4,000 was a guess on the cost for now.

New Business

- **2021 Inner Budget Transfer**

MOTION

Hanselman made the motion to approve the 2021 inner budget transfers for December. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **2022-2023 CDTC Unified Planning Work Program Transportation Planning Project**

Proposal has been submitted requesting funding assistance in creating an Asset Management Capital Plan for Town of Hoosick Roads as part of the New Visions 2050 Federal Program.

- **Cleaning Town Offices- Motion** to appoint Cathy Aleksonis to clean the Town Offices at an hourly rate of \$15.00. Thank you to Jan Kimball and Holli for helping out the past couple of months.

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to appoint Cathy Aleksonis to clean the Town Offices at the hourly rate of \$15.00. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Town/Village Assessor Agreement- Resolution #57 of 2021 Motion** to approve 2022 Inter-municipal Agreement authorizing the Town Assessor to work on assessment duties pertaining to Village parcels as per the original June 2019 Agreement.

MOTION

- Sheffer made the motion to approve the 2022 Inter-municipal Agreement authorizing the Town Assessor to work on assessment duties pertaining to Village parcels as per the original June 2019 Agreement. Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.

Old Business

- **On-Line General Town Code-** Attorney Schopf has submitted the packet and we should be able to go live in the spring. The next update will be in January.
- **Zoning Law Update-** Project is proceeding. A workshop will be scheduled for some time in February.
- **Town of Hoosick Comprehensive Plan- Discussion for dates to have a public review and comments. A workshop will be scheduled some time in February.** We will need to get LaBerge involved to get this moving forward.

We all need to review the excel version of the Stakeholders List and update this list with any contact information we do not have. Also, please add any contacts we have missed or delete any which may not be relevant to this effort. Also please recall we will need the Town's assistance particularly with Agricultural Stakeholders, Local Developers and Real Estate Stakeholders, and Community Business Stakeholders.
- **Naturae, LLC ongoing odor issue-** Supervisor Surdam went up to the building and inspected the odor issue. He said that when he exited his car he did not smell anything. He went to the end of the building where the odor was coming from and still did not smell anything until he approached the backside of the building where the excess throw away was being kept. Then the odor hit him. The board will go into executive session after the regular meeting to discuss the next step. **Ken Laporte** states that something needs to be done. He has been in contact with an attorney and is not going to put up with this any longer.
- **EV Charging Station-** Project complete.
- **Cannabis Stores & Bars-**

Motion to accept **Local Law #1 of 2021** opting out of the establishment of Cannabis Onsite Consumption Licenses within the Town of Hoosick And Establishing a Moratorium on Cannabis Retail Dispensaries. **Resolution # 58** opting out of the establishment of Cannabis Onsite Consumption Licenses within the Town of Hoosick And Establishing a Moratorium on Cannabis Retail Dispensaries.

MOTION

Hanselman made the motion to approve Local Law #1 and Resolution #58 opting out of the establishment of Cannabis Onsite Consumption Licenses within the Town of Hoosick and Establishing a Moratorium on Cannabis Retail Dispensaries. McAuliffe seconded. All Ayes carried.
- **ARPA Funding-** a workshop has been scheduled for January 26th at 6:00pm for the discussion of funding for the requests received.

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

- **Executive Session- Entering into executive session to further discuss Naturae LLC at 8:39pm.**

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to enter into executive session. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

Attorney Schopf made the announcement that Building Inspector Moses did send out a Notice to cure for them to fix the issues on October 14th.

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to exit the executive session. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

Decision: There will be a reissue of the Stop Work order and any tickets through the town building inspector. Attorney Schopf will help in this process.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to accept the reissue of the stop work order and any tickets to be issued through the building inspector with the assistance of Attorney Schopf. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

Adjournment

Hanselman made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:49 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #12 2021 Vouchers 528-572

General A	\$	19,150.15
General B	\$	2,792.96
Highway DA	\$	-----
Highway DB	\$	12,844.10
Capital Fund H	\$	655.24
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>3,502.02</u>
Total:	\$	38,944.47

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk