

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday June 14, 2021 7:00 pm**

Our Town Board meeting is open to the public with limited seating available. The meeting can be seen live via the internet at Zoom.com or the Hoosick New York Facebook Page, note there is a Facebook link through the Town of Hoosick Web- Site www.townofhoosick.org.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jerry McAuliffe, Eric Sheffer, Supervisor Mark Surdam, Jackie Houghton, and William Hanselman (present via zoom)

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.**
- **Matthew Tripoli** from CS Energy gave a quick overview of the possible Hawthorn Solar Project. Scope of the project will start with the Zoning Board. Will be submitting materials over the summer to the Zoning Board to get the project started. There will be a 100 acres of solar panels (50-60 thousand panels) and will contract with the State of NY to sell power. A survey of the property will need to take place for wetlands etc. The project right now is still in the planning stage and will be a lengthy process working through the Zoning Board and Planning Board. While there will be a loss of farm land, there will be payments made to the Ag & Markets.

Correspondence/Announcements

- State Comptroller Letter re-instating \$2,565.20 in AIM Program funding for the 2020-21.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk's report for the month of May is as follows: \$ 18,475.00 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$17,440.83
- **Facilities Use Request-**
 - Request to use Town of Hoosick Pool for baptisms on Sunday, June 27th.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the request to use Town of Hoosick Pool for baptisms on Sunday, June 27th. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- Request to use the Wier/Reynolds Facility for Hoosick Falls Community Band Concert in the event of rain July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 18, and 25.

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to approve the request to use the Wier/Reynolds Facility for Hoosick Falls Community Band Concert in the event of rain July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 18, and 25. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- Schaghticoke Youth Commission to use the Community Pool for Learn to Swim program.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the request for the Schaghticoke Youth Commission to use the Community Pool for Learn to Swim program. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

Assessor's Report

- **2021 Equalization Rates-** Town of Hoosick remains at 100%
- Grievance was held and there were a total of 9 complaints.
- Will be attending school the week of July 12th for 4 days.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Cottrell Road Bridge-** Application for Bridge NY has been received and accepted. The decision for the application will be in the Fall of 2021 or the Winter of 2021. The bridge has been inspected and as long as the barrels stay on the outer edge of the bridge, the road/bridge can remain open but pictures need to be submitted to the state every 2 months.
- **284 Agreement-** Chip funds are going to cover everything that was put into the 284 agreement and we are going to coordinate the paying with the Village of Hoosick Falls on some of the town/village roads.
- **Employment-** Looking for two full time employees as of right now.
- **Roller-** Roller broke down this past week and we await parts for repair.

Town Historian

- Phil states that the computer is set up and now able to genealogy. There are over 20,000 pictures of Hoosick Falls on file in the museum. Ninety percent are in files that show up on Facebook. Joyce is working on getting the Maple Grove Cemetery all digitized. The cost is \$9,000 in which \$2,000 has been raised. The remaining money, Joyce has applied for a grant to see if the additional money can be through a grant. Erwin Hambright photos were available at the museum. July 4th will be the drawing for the quilt raffle. The mural on the wall and looks beautiful.

Recreation

- **Additional Pool Appointments- Lifeguards:**
Kasey Billert, Daniel Hunt, Christian Farley

Admissions: Baylee Hoag

MOTION:

Sheffer made the motion to approve the additional lifeguards and admissions for the 2021 pool year. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Pool Officially Opens June 26th from 1-5 open swim, 5-6 family time**
- **Swim Lessons- Three 2 week sessions beginning July 5th. If you missed the original sign up days additional sign-ups can be completed any day the pool is open beginning on June 26th from 1-6p.m.**
- **Summer Camp** is set to begin July 5th for 7 one week sessions Monday through Friday 8am to 4:30pm. The cost per camper per week is \$115. AM & PM Care will be offered for an additional \$25 a week (AM-7:30-8, PM- 4:30-5pm). COVID 19- The Town of Hoosick Summer Camp will follow CDC, NYS Health & Rensselaer County Health Dept. recent COVID-19 Guidance. A Town of Hoosick Summer Camp Application is required for each camper. We can allow up to 60 campers per week however the number may be limited due to COVID-19 Guidance restrictions. If a waiting list is needed for any reason the list will be prioritized by application receipt date at the Hoosick Town Clerks Office.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Continue to meet with Kim & Ashley as we plan and prepare for the 2021 Pool & Summer camp season.
- Attended the Virtual Public Hearing on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street Superfund Site addressing a remedy for the Village water supply.
- Met with Dave Borge & Fred Perie from the Armory Board at the Armory to review the new camera system that has been installed.
- Thank you to Bill & the Highway Dept. for getting the pool cover off, cleaning, filling and installing all of the equipment at the pool.
- Worked with Tom Margiotta to get the pool pumps operating properly. Another huge Thank You to Tom who hooked up the new C02 system, rebuilt the chemical pumps and in general for Volunteering his years of experience and expertise helping us with the pool.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric stated the island is cleaned up. The island sign will need to be repaired on the one side and Eric will try and find 3m brand adhesive for the corners of the sign. He also attended the North Hoosick Fire Appreciation Banquet.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Jerry stated that he attended the open house for Unity House. He also had a local contractor thank the board for hiring Lloyd Moses as the Building Inspector.

Councilperson Hanselman- Nothing for the month.

Councilperson Houghton- Nothing for this month.

New Business

- **2020 Inner Budget Transfer as requested-None required**
- **Budget Modification(s)- 2021 Budget Modification** needed to pay for Code Enforcement Software which was previously approved by the Town Board. **Resolution #55**

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve **Resolution #55** to pay for approved Code Enforcement Software and Installation. Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.

- **NYMIR Training-** Required Annual Compliance for Harassment & Discrimination Training is being offered virtually on May 12th at 5:30pm and June 23rd at 10am. Everyone employed or appointed by the Town of Hoosick is required to complete annual training- no exceptions.
- **Required Staff Training- Workplace Violence, Right-To-Know- Chemical Safety, and Blood-Borne Pathogens. Comp Alliance Supplied Live- Virtual Video Conference Training.** Dates & Times have been emailed to all Department Heads.
- **Table w/ legs that were produced at The Noble & Wood Machine Co.-** To obtain this table, someone would need to go get it from NYC. It was decided that the table was unique but there is no one available to go get it in NYC.
- **Rte 67 Speeding Complaints-** Multiple complaints of vehicles speeding on Rte 67 in Buskirk- The place where the complaints are coming in from are the strip of road near Strawberry Acres. The Assistant Chief is saying it is more fatigue than speed. On behalf of the town, Supervisor Surdam will do a letter to the state asking for a reduction.
- **Municipal Deposits in Local Credit Unions, proposed NYS Bill-** There was a proposed bill that was in legislation. This was turned down.
- **Rte 7 & 22 Triangle Welcome Sign Area-** The triangle has been weeded and is now finished. Thank you to Eric for putting this all together.

Old Business

- **On-Line General Town Code-** Attorney Schopf discussed the changes. The board approved for Attorney Schopf to make the necessary changes and move forward.
- **NYSDEC Announces** Extension of Public Comment Period for Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street State Superfund Site
- **Naturae, LLC ongoing odor issue-** Scheduled June meeting has been rescheduled for July 1st.
- **Woods Brook Project-** Project is proceeding, will be meeting soon to put the project out to bid. Johnson Hill Road site has an issue with the landowner and has not been resolved yet.
- **Zoning Law Update-** Project is proceeding. A meeting is now set for June 28th at 6PM for a workshop on the Land Use Law.
- **Town of Hoosick Comprehensive Plan- Meeting was held Wed evening 6/9. Here is the follow up email from Josh @ LaBerge;** Thanks again for the meeting last evening, I think we set a good path into the summer and clarified the next steps succinctly.
Per our discussion, please find the excel version of the Stakeholders List. Please update this list with any contact information we do not have and feel free to send the listing to the rest of the Town Board and/or those attending last night.
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.

Please note: I've Copied Councilwoman Houghton per our discussion for School/ Youth contacts she could provide. In order to begin the process in a timely manner and comply with the timeline we discussed last night, I would like to request we get these back **before Independence Day**. They can be sent directly to me and I will synthesis the new information to create a final list to be provided. Within the next few weeks we will begin contact any Town Staff as listed. **This is a guide to all boards for decision making.**

- **EV Charging Station-** On Tuesday June 8th 2021 the Village Board did approve the area in the Village Parking Lot for the Charging Station. Ken has been working on this. Chloe has sent over an email and will need the Town of Hoosick's EIN number.
- **Legalization of Marijuana-** There is still a lot of unanswered questions concerning the legalization of Marijuana. We will check with the Association of Towns regarding regulation and see what needs to be done for approval or disapproval. Is it different for manufacturing or consumption? Hopefully we are able to get some answers.
- **ARPA Funding-**Approval has been received and there is no solid outline on how we can use the money. The money should be sent to us by the end of July and has to be used by 2024. Fifty percent of the money will go to the Village.
- **Stateline Riders Mass Gathering Application-** The town is still in need of some information from their application in order to move forward for approval. An email/reply was sent to Mr. Bugbee for the extra information. Awaiting a response.

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-When into executive session at 8:53 pm to discuss a legal issue on a Foil and a safety issue with town employees.**

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to enter into executive session. Houghton seconded

Exit of executive session 9:22 pm

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to exit executive session and resume normal meeting. Sheffer seconded. No Decision

Adjournment

McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:23 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Hanselman seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #6 2021 Vouchers 244-298

General A	\$	64,775.12
General B	\$	14,321.98
Highway DA	\$	733.69
Highway DB	\$	22,756.73
Capital Fund H	\$	4,477.50
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>8,771.56</u>
Total:	\$	115,836.58

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk