

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday October 12, 2022 7:00 pm**

Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jerry McAuliffe, Supervisor Mark Surdam, and William Hanselman, Jackie Houghton. Eric Sheffer was absent from the meeting.

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.

- **No Public Comments**

Correspondence/Announcements

- Hoosick Armory Benefit Nightmare on Elm St. an evening of masquerade, spirits, music and food Saturday October 29th, doors open @ 6:30pm. Popular band West Side Drive takes the stage at 7pm, A costume contest and judging will be held at 8:30pm (Costumes are greatly encouraged but not required). Tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Tickets are available at various Hoosick Falls business and can be purchased at the door.
- **Bennington Battlefield Upcoming Events-**
 - 10/14 4pm Fall Foliage Hike
 - 10/15 7pm Halloween Drive-In Movie on the grounds of the Barnett House.
 - 10/26 6pm Book Discussion: Turncoat Benedict Arnold.
 - 10/28 2pm Focus Tour Battlefield Burials.

Additional information on all is available from: benningtonbattlefield@davidpitlyk.com

- **First Time Home Buyers-** Rensselaer County has a program to assist called Trip & RCHR Neighbor works Home Ownership Center. If interested info is available at www.triponline.org or call 518-272-8289.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk's report for the month of September is as follows: \$26,554.00 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$3,710.13
- **Facilities Use Request-** Hoosick Area Church Association 11/1-12/17 Rink warm up room to do the holiday box packing and distribution for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve the use of the Rink warm up room for the holiday box packing and distribution for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Assessor's Report

- **Report-** Revalue is progressing. Tony states that he will be training the new assessor in the next coming weeks. The responses for the revalue were supposed to be online per the instructions on the post card everyone received in the mail. Some called the office because they were unsure what to do. Results in the end were good.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report-** Both drivers that had been working for their CDL have both passed and are now new drivers. Eagle Bridge Road has been fox sealed and 2200 feet of Windy Hill has been chip sealed. White Creek Road had a culvert replaced and should be good for a couple of years.
- **York Rake Purchase-**This has been ordered and was told it would be a 6–8-week delivery. The rake has been received already.
- **Calcium Chloride application equipment-**This has been approved for purchase. Paul will order.

MOTION

McAuliffe made a motion to approve the purchase of a calcium chloride application equipment. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Town Historian

- **Report-**Rick was not present at the meeting.

Code Enforcement

- **Report-** No report for this month.
- **Code Enforcement & Building Inspector Position-** We have extended the Ad in the Eastwick Press a couple more weeks.
- **New Code Enforcement Standards for adoption by the end of 2022-**The new codes will need to be adopted by the end of the year. Jonathan will review and get the resolution and public hearing information ready for the next meeting.

Recreation

- **2022/2023 Rink Season fast approaching-**Ayla is interested in coming back to the rink as manager again this season. Supervisor Surdam will speak with her and decide in November at the meeting. Nick is still interested in doing the ice again this year.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Worked on 2023 Town of Hoosick Budget.
- Held Assessor Interviews with Assessor Rice.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Halloween Party for kids Sunday October 30th here at the Armory beginning at 4pm followed by the Annual Parade beginning and ending at the Armory.

The work on the littering signs is on-going.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Jerry wanted to mention about the cemeteries in the Town of Hoosick particularly the one over on New Road by the Richard's. He states that this has been taken care of by the Richards' and looks beautiful now. The stones are all back up and it has been mowed. If anyone has a chance, they should go look at it.

Councilperson Hanselman- Nothing this month

Councilperson Houghton- Jackie stated that she went by the courts before the meeting and the courts look great but stated the lights do not reach the tennis courts. She would like to know if this would be costly to have a light put at that end to light up the tennis area. Supervisor Surdam stated that a pole would need to be installed and then the light on top of that. It would be costly.

New Business

- **2022 Inner Office Budget Transfers- Motion** to approve as presented.
MOTION
Houghton made the motion to approve the inner office budget transfers as presented. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.
- **Assessor in training- Motion** to appoint Tiffany McMahan as Data Manager to work with our Sole Assessor starting at \$22 per hr.
MOTION
McAuliffe made the motion to appoint Tiffany McMahan as Data Manager to work with our Sole Assessor starting at \$22 per hr. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.
- **Annual NYSOCS Fiscal Stress Report-** The review of our Towns Annual Financial Report has been completed shows there is "No Designation" (no issues).
- **NYSOCS AIM Payment-** We have received \$51,304
- **DEC Invites Public Comment** - Proposed deletion of site on State Rte. 67, Hoosick from the Registry of State Superfund Sites.
- **Town of Hoosick LWCF Municipal Site Inspection Notice-** Notice was received by the Town that an inspection of the Town Park will be conducted at some point.
- **Town Office Cleaning Person-** Our new person has given a 2-week notice. We will hold off on hiring a new person for now.

Old Business

- **Zoning Law re-writes update- Workshop date Tuesday October 18th 6pm.** We have asked members of the Zoning and Planning Board to attend. The Workshop is also open to the public.
- **\$925,000 Recreation SAM Grant-** Everything is complete on our end. **Recent Update-** we have heard from the DASNY in response to Supervisor Surdam's email and we have been told we are still waiting for final approval.

- **Town of Hoosick Road Asset Management Plan Scope of Work Draft-** We received an email from the CDTC that the RFP was issued 9/2/22 with proposals due by October 5th. A meeting was scheduled with CDTC Executive Director Sandy Misiewicz, AICP on Tuesday morning to discuss this and other programs the CDTC could assist us with.
- **New Requirement for New York State Sexual Harassment Policy-** Attorney Schopf updated our Sexual Harassment Policy. This will be distributed to all employees.
- **Illegal Dumping Signs-** Sign purchase approved last month; project is in progress.
- **Hoosick Class Action-** We have received a number of complaints, but this was a private Class Action Lawsuit brought by multiple Town Residents. The Town was not involved in the Class Action Suit except for assisting the Law Firms involved with providing space for public meetings, passing on Law Firm contact information as requested by anyone searching through us and we did allow the Law Firm involved to use some of our Armory space for multiple opportunities for everyone with questions to come in for assistance. Any lingering complaints or questions should be directed the Faraci Lange Attorneys (585) 325- 5150 or (585) 399-6035.

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- None required.**

Adjournment

Houghton made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:49 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #8 2022 Vouchers 432-489

General A	\$	15,429.22
General B	\$	5,154.88
Highway DA	\$	850.93
Highway DB	\$	35,938.34
Capital Fund H	\$	-----
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>1,040.59</u>
Total:	\$	58,413.96

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk