

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday June 13, 2022 7:00 pm**

Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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.

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Correspondence/Announcements

- **Hoosick Township Historical Society-** June 2022 News Letter is out. Annual Meeting is scheduled for July 22nd at 6pm. There are 3 openings on the Board. There is an active Jr. Program. Dragonflies & Flowers 45' X 61" Quilt Handcrafted by Diane Ahrberg Raffle to benefit the Genealogy Preservation Project. <https://hoosickfallshistory.wordpress.com>
- **Hoosick Falls Fire Department 175th Anniversary Saturday, July 3rd.**
- **Thank you** card received from **Rensselaer County Soil & Water.**
- **Multi-Community PFAS Health Study** is still looking for participants from this area. If you are interested, please call 833-732-7697 or <https://www.albany.edu/sph/pfas> if you would like additional information.
- **Local Class Action Updates-** please check <https://Hoosickfallspfoasettlement.com> for new updates.
- **Key Bank Community give back day** was June 7th; they painted the Castle Playground. Thank you!!

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk's report for the month of May is as follows: \$25,670.50 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$24,432.84.
- **Facilities Use Request-**
 - Hoosick Falls Youth Football would like to use the fields at the Reynolds/Gilchrest Rink July 31st through November 30, 2022. They asked that the field be mowed and that there be a garbage can available.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve (pending the insurance submission) the request for the Hoosick Falls Youth Football to use the fields at the Reynolds/Gilchrest Rink July 31st through November 30, 2022, from 5-8. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

- Chelsea and Andrew Stevens are requesting the use of the basketball courts for Hometown Ballers: Basketball camp. The camp runs from August 15th – August 19th 8:30-3:15 Monday-Friday.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve Chelsea and Andrew Stevens to use the basketball courts for Hometown Ballers: Basketball camp. The camp runs from August 15th – August 19th 8:30-3:15 Monday-Friday. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- Chelsea and Andrew Stevens are requesting the use of the softball field for Diamond Diggers: Softball Camp. The camp runs from July 11th – July 15th 8:30-3:15 Monday-Friday.

MOTION

- Sheffer made the motion to approve Chelsea and Andrew Stevens to use the softball field for Diamond Diggers: Softball Camp. The camp runs from July 11th – July 15th 8:30-3:15 Monday-Friday. Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.

- Chelsea and Andrew Stevens are requesting the use of the little league fields (1 field) for Sandlot Sluggers: Baseball Camp. The camp runs from July 18th-July 22nd 8:30-3:15 Monday-Friday.

MOTION

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Surdam stated that the town is not in charge of the little league fields but would like to offer the athletic field use if the little league field cannot be used.

- McAuliffe made the motion to approve Chelsea and Andrew Stevens to use the athletic field for Sandlot Sluggers: Baseball Camp. The camp runs from July 18th-July 22nd 8:30-3:15 Monday-Friday. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

Assessor's Report

- **Report**-Tony was not available for the meeting.
- Revaluation Project is underway. GAR has sent out information to the homeowners.
- **Exemption Law Revision- Motion** to adopt Proposed **Local Law # 2 of 2022** amending LL #2 of 2007 pertaining to veteran's exemptions.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to adopt Proposed **Local Law # 2 of 2022** amending LL #2 of 2007 pertaining to veteran's exemptions. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report**- June 6-8 attended school/training. New drivers have completed their classroom training and will be doing the behind the wheel training. The highway department has been working on potholes and ditching. The excavator broke down and we are waiting on parts for

fixing this. Pool cover is off, and guys have been working on cleanup in the pool area. Charlie has the pumps up and running will need to replace some seals. One of the pumps will need to be replaced and has been ordered. Pool cover will need to be replaced for this year.

- **CHIPS Payment-** After careful review we did discover an accounting error. All eligible funding has been claimed and received. This will be fixed.
- **CDL “In The Cab” Driver Training-** Classroom training has been completed and behind the wheel will begin.
- **Summer Highway Staff- Motion to approve hourly wage @ \$16.00-** After a brief discussion, the board decided to approve the \$16.00 hourly wage. The board wanted to make sure that this amount was a fair wage.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the hourly wage of \$16.00. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried except Jackie Houghton who recused herself from the decision.

- **National Grid Demand Metered Service Notice-** Paul is aware of the meter service notice. He is making sure that all unused electric is shut off when it is not necessary to have on. Bill stated that they have someone who will come out from National Grid to go over what can conserve on electric and give ideas to commercial users to stay under the threshold amount. This will be arranged.
- **Juneteenth-**this was discussed at the meeting and since it is not part of the collective bargaining agreement, this will not be granted this year. This will be discussed in the upcoming negotiations for the contract.

Town Historian

- **Report-**Rick discussed the railroad bridge that crosses State Route 67 headed into North Bennington. This caught on fire back in October of 1885. Four (4) men lost their lives from injuries from this fire. Bill Baldwin has made sure that they have been recognized for this.
- **Gooding Farm 22420 State Route 22 in Eagle Bridge is being considered by the NYS Board for Historic Preservation for nomination to the National and State Registers of Historic Places.**

Code Enforcement

- **Report-** No report for this meeting.

Recreation

- **Ashley St Onge Summer Camp** – CPR, First Aid and AED training has been completed with all the counselors. Just need to do the reimbursement form for Jane Conte. The permit information has been sent to the county. Amanda has been in touch with Ashley for an undated safety plan. Ashley also stated that she will need the refrigerator that was in the office so that she is able to store medicine that requires refrigeration. This is in her plan. She also needs another set of keys. There is a window that needs to be fixed. (This will take about 2 weeks) Ashley plans on getting ready for camp on June 20th which will also be orientation.
- **Sydney Stowell Pool-** Orientation for the pool was held on Saturday, June 11th. Swimming lesson signups were held on June 4th and June 11th at the Armory. There were 113 signups.

The pool will be opening on June 27th. Anyone who did not get a chance to sign up for swimming lessons can bring the application to the pool. Lifeguard class will be held this weekend (6/18). There are 9 lifeguards currently signed up for the class. The max for the class is 10. CPR, First Aid, and AED training will be held on Friday.

- **Pool Operators- Motion to approve Mark Surdam & Tom Marciotta as Volunteer Certified Pool Operators for 2022**

MOTION

- Sheffer made the motion to approve Mark Surdam & Tom Marciotta as Volunteer Certified Pool Operators for 2022. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Leo McGuire- Motion to appoint Leo McGuire as Assistant Pool Operator at an hourly rate of \$18.00 for 2022**

MOTION

- Sheffer made the motion to appoint Leo McGuire as Assistant Pool Operator at an hourly rate of \$18.00 for 2022. Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Motion to Approve additional Pool Staff for 2022**

**Lifeguards- Sydney Kasulinous, Ramsey Webber, Tucker Webber, Josh Colegrove.
Admissions- Daniel Lane**

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to approve additional Pool Staff for 2022. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Part Time Summer Staff Proposed Wage Schedule- New NYS Minimum Wage has increased from \$12.50 to \$13.20 per hour.**

<u>Position</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Managers	\$19.00	\$19.70 First Aid, CPR, AED required
Assist. Managers	\$14.50	\$15.20 First Aid, CPR, AED required
Lifeguard	\$13.00	\$13.70 First Aid, CPR, AED required
Lifeguard with WSI	\$13.50	\$14.20 First Aid, CPR, AED required
Camp Counselors	\$13.00	\$13.50 First Aid, CPR, AED required
Support	\$12.50	\$13.20

Motion to approve the 2022 proposed recreation wage schedule

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the 2022 proposed recreation wage schedule for the part time summer staff. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- No report - will have for July meeting.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric just wanted to say thank you to all that came to the group meeting for the comprehensive plan. All the groups had good attendance. LaBerge did a great job getting the conversation going in each group. LaBerge will take the information gathered and put it all together in a

rough draft. There will be a meeting in the fall to go over the rough draft. On June 1st the insurance information was all set and payment has been made.

Councilperson McAuliffe-None

Councilperson Hanselman- Feels as though the town should do something for Leo McGuire for all the years that he has dedicated to the youth of our community, the many years he has taught swimming lessons at the pool, and the maintenance of the pool.

Councilperson Houghton- None

New Business

- **2022 Inner Budget Transfers- Motion** to approve as presented.

MOTION

Hanselman made the motion to approve the 2022 inner budget transfers as presented.

Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Teamsters Contract Negotiations**- Negotiations will start this summer for the highway department. Supervisor Surdam and Deputy Supervisor Sheffer will do the negotiations.
- **Basketball Court Lighting upgrade**- The lighting is part of the SAM grant that Supervisor Surdam has sent in. It was also mentioned about the black mold again on the courts. Asked that this be washed with bleach to try and keep it under control. Paul will have the summer help brush and wash this.
- **Capital Region Electronics Recycling Day- Proposing July 23rd at the Town's Recreation Parking Lot on Barton Ave.-** The board discussed the date and location for electronic take back. States that this is a great idea.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve the date for electronic recycling on July 23rd at the

Town Recreation Parking lot on Barton Ave. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam will call and confirm the date.

- **Penflex Town of Hoosick/North Hoosick Fire Protection District Service Award Program**- The Town has Authorized the \$700 payment to 8 qualifying North Hoosick Fire personal.
- **Edmunds 2022 Budget Recommendations**- The proposed amounts for the upcoming budget year for computers that need to be replaced along with server service has been sent to all the board members for the 2023 budget.
- **Request to place Camper on property @ 6 Manton St.-** The board has discussed the situation and there will be no action on this request.
- **Comp Alliance Training**- Supervisor Surdam is trying to get two group sessions for all to attend like it had been done in the past. Feels that more people attend this as a group than on their own. He is trying to get one during the day and the evening one as well.
- **Open Meeting Law Amendments**- The board discussed this with Attorney Schopf. Attorney Schopf states that it is not necessary to have a law. It is just stating that if we wanted to allow

board members to attend the meetings because of an illness or injury. This is not necessary. The board will not take any action.

- **IRS Mileage Increase for the remainder of 2022 from 58.5 to 62.5. Motion.** The IRS has increased the mileage rate starting July 1, 2022, to the end of the year.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the increase in milage. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

Old Business

- **Zoning Law Update-** No update on this until the comprehensive plan is completed.
- **Sign Law-** It was brought up that the signs that are in the town are way beyond out of code of our law. This is something that needs to be addressed. Attorney Schopf is working on this.
- **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. **Funding has been approved. Supervisor Surdam has begun the process for the Town of Hoosick Roads Asset Management Plan Project.**

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

McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Houghton seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #6 2022 Vouchers 272-328

General A	\$	78,086.38
General B	\$	6,390.86
Highway DA	\$	1,848.69
Highway DB	\$	43,715.45
Capital Fund H	\$	6,444.75
Fire Protection	\$	-----

Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>873.58</u>
Total:	\$	137,359.71

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk