

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday February 14, 2022 7:00 pm**

Called to Order

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.**

Correspondence/Announcements

- HACA Letter ref use of the Reynolds/Gilchrist Skating Rink.
- Rensselaer County Summer Guide 2022.
- Cambridge Valley Rescue Squad, Inc. 2021 Statistical Data Report.
- Rensselaer County “Socks For Soldiers” sock drive to support our Troops serving Abroad.
- 31st St Patrick’s Day Parade is Saturday March 12th.

Town Clerk’s Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk’s report for the month of January is as follows: \$ 1405.00 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$1,155.42
- **Facilities Use Request-**
 - Annual Ice Skating Event with the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club scheduled for February 19th from 1-4.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the request for the Annual Ice Skating Event with the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club scheduled for February 19th from 1-4. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Summer Camp Dates-** The board has decided the dates for camp will be as follows: June 27-July 1, No camp hours for July 4th week. July 11-July 15, July 18-July 22, July 25-July 29, August 1-August 5, August 8-August 12, August 15-August 19.
- **COVID-19 Rapid Test Pick-Up-** Kits are available at the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

- **New copy machine is up and running.**

Assessor's Report

- **Report-**March 1st is the deadline for exemptions. Gar will start the update in July to keep the town at 100%.
- **Post Reassessment Implementation Plan as approved by the Town Board at the January 2022 meeting. Assessor Rice, Supervisor Surdam and David Barnett GAR Associates, LLC have scheduled an initial call for Thursday this week to review and discuss the plans outline.**
- **2022 Tentative Telecommunications Ceilings Letter-** the value on this went up to 113,000

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report- Application for CHIPS has been filed.**
- **St. Croix Road-** There was branches that had covered the roadway on St. Croix and were hitting the trucks. The crew removed the trees out of the way.
- **Computer System Update-** a new system is needed for the highway department. New system quote from Edmunds is \$2,129. Motion needed to approve.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve the computer system for the highway department. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Deputy Highway Superintendent Position- Motion** to increase Deputy Highway Superintendent hourly wage from \$21.26 per hour to \$23.26 per hour and amend the Union Contract accordingly. It was agreed that the change be made.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the increase in hourly wage from \$21.26 per hour to \$23.26 per hour and amend the Union Contract accordingly. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

- **AED @ Highway Garage- Motion** to approve the purchase of an AED Unit to be placed in the Town Highway Garage.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve the purchase of an AED unit to be placed in the Town Highway Garage. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **NYSDOT Municipality Partnership Dark Signal Initiative.** NYS DOT is looking for the Town to purchase a generator to keep the signal going in the case of a power outage on route 7 at the Big Moose Deli intersection. We would have to take care of the generator and maintain it ourselves. The board tabled this to think about it and read more into what it is the State is asking.
- **Fuel Oil and Winter Sand Bids-** Two bids were received. One was from Doug's Oil for fuel oil and diesel. The other one was from Peckham for winter sand. Both were awarded the bids.

Town Historian

- Phil states that he has fallen a couple of time this winter season and attended the meeting via zoom. He talked about the Battle of Walloomsac in the White Creek area. There is a building/

house that is located in the North Hoosick area that was built in the 1800's and is now owed by Joe and Becky Wolfrum. He states that there is a study going on to prove that this building was there prior to The Battle of Bennington. The Wolfrum's have given permission to look into this. Pictures this month are of businesses that do no longer exist in the Town. Phil has put in his resignation as the town historian and will help find a replacement. The museum has a terrific website for those interested in doing history. The Maple Grove cemetery has been digitalized (New and Old) and is not available on the website.

Code Enforcement

- Lloyd handed in a report of activities for the month to Mark. He is now certified as a code enforcement officer. There have been issues with solar projects and National Grid giving homeowners a hard time about connecting. National Grid reports that the substation projects are not up to date and this situation has not changed since six years ago. Sheffer states that he will reach out to the county and state on the solar farms and see if any other information can be obtained.

Recreation

- **Weir/Reynolds Skating Rink-** Report from Manager Ayla Senecal if on file. The rink has been busy until the warmer weather hit.
- **Summer Camp Director- Motion** to appoint **Ashley St. Onge** as the 2022 Town of Hoosick Summer Camp Director.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to appoint Ashley St. Onge as the 2022 Town of Hoosick Summer Camp Director. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Pool Manager- Motion** to appoint **Sydney Stowell** as the 2022 Town of Hoosick Pool Manager.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to appoint Sydney Stowell as the 2022 Town of Hoosick Pool Manager. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Virtually attended CDTC Planning Committee Meeting.
- Virtually attended AOT webinar on the ARPA Funding.
- Virtually attended ARPA Final Rule webinar.
- Eric, Jerry and I completed the TOH Court Review.
- Spent a number of hours preparing and submitting updated information for the \$925,000 TOH Recreation Grant. Tom Marciotta continues to be great help gathering information.
- Eric & I attended a Virtual meeting with our PFOA attorneys.
- Bill Hanselman & I met with Paul & Charlie in ref to the Highway Dept.

- I met at the rink with our Rink Managers Ayla & Isaac to address some concerns that had been brought to the Boards attention.
- I worked on meeting prep and the Agenda.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Trying to get the Comprehensive Plan going. Eric will be working on the annual insurance review.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Ice on the roof of the Armory was very dangerous. Trains have been coming through with no problems.

Councilperson Hanselman- None

Councilperson Houghton- Still waiting on the Hathaway quote for lighting at the basketball courts

New Business

- **2022 Inner Budget Transfer- Motion to approve inner budget transfers as per request.**
MOTION
Sheffer made the motion to approve inner budget transfers as requested. Houghton seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Planning Board Meeting-** Meeting has been moved to 2/28 due to Presidents Day.
- **Court Audit-** Has been completed as required.
- **Zoning Board Resignation-** Andy Beaty has submitted a letter of resignation.- Eric Ziem will be replacing Andy.
MOTION
Sheffer made the motion to appoint Eric Ziem as the replacement of Andy Beaty on the Zoning Board. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) -** Lloyd Moses has successfully completed all of the NYS Training requirements and is now certified. Congratulations & Thank you to Lloyd for the time and effort that went into obtaining the certification.
- **Community Participation Work Group (CPWG) -** Past Group Co-Chairs Brian Bushner & Loreen Hackett have stepped away; we thank them for the time and energy they invested in the group. The new Co-Chairs are Michael Hickey & Patrick Daily. If interested in joining the CPWG Board please contact Nancy Pattarini <npattarini@paigegroup.com or Carrie McMurray <carrie@paigegroup.com.
- **Eagle Bridge Post Office Complaint-** discussion was made about the complaint of mail out of the Eagle Bridge Post Office. All of the post offices are shorthanded.

- **Rensselaer County Hazardous Waste Disposal Day- If interested we have an opportunity to set up a local collection day.** The board discussed this and would like to set something up with the village to move forward with this.
- **Comp Alliance Safety Source Video Library is available for all Town of Hoosick employees.** Some of the video training available are chain saw training, lock out/tag out, and the yearly training required by all employees.

Old Business

- **On-Line General Town Code-** Modifications will need to merge with old ones. Volumes were ordered. There were only two that were received. We wanted 10 more. The cost will be \$140 per book. Adoption for General Code proposed resolution. Public hearing to be held on March 14th @ 6:45pm.

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to approve the public hearing for adoption for General Code. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Zoning Law Update-** This has been tabled until next month.
- **Town of Hoosick Comprehensive Plan-** This will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- **ARPA Funding- Workshop was held Wednesday, January 26th** – Supervisor Surdam was looking for approval to distribute the money discussed in the workshop. There are a few things that Bill wanted to discuss and asked that they meet again. He was unavailable for the meeting. New workshop set for March 1st at 6:00pm. Approval for the Senior Center was made for \$2,000

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the \$2,000 for the Senior Center quote. Houghton 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.
- **GASBY-** Trying to pull together information on this to get it moving.

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- To seek legal advice in reference to the ongoing odor issue at Naturae, LLC.**

MOTION

Entered into executive session at 8:40pm. Sheffer made the motion to enter into executive session. Houghton seconded

Exit of executive session 8:55 pm

MOTION

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

Adjournment

McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:55 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #2 2022 Vouchers 39-109

General A	\$	138,825.73
General B	\$	8,340.84
Highway DA	\$	-----
Highway DB	\$	52,707.56
Capital Fund H	\$	100,000.00
Fire Protection	\$	868,174.04
Library	\$	95,000.00
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>5,926.20</u>
Total:	\$	1,268,974.37

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk