

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday January 9, 2023 7:00 pm**

Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

- **Barb Sussman, Ari Gradus, Diana Gradus, and Charles Perkins** all appeared with their concerns about the condition of Fog Hill Road. They stated that Paul has fixed the road when ever asked but it is not back to conditions that are ruining the cars.

Correspondence/Announcements

- We received a letter from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk's report for the month of December is as follows: \$2072.50 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$504.64.
- **Facilities Use Request-** Rensselaer Soil and Water would like to use the rink again this year for tree and shrub sale.

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to approve the Facility use for Rensselaer County Soil and Water. Sheffer seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Assessor's Report

- **Report-** Tony states that he thinks it would be a good idea to pause the revaluation for one year. The contract extension will cost \$12,000. (2023 \$6,000 and 2024 \$6,000)

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to pause the reval. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- Pittstown is doing a reval right now.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report-** The mild weather on December 23 caused a culvert to collapse. This was fixed and replaced with a new one.
- The contract for fuel oil and diesel has expired and Paul feels that we should piggyback with the county on the OGS pricing for fuel and diesel. Based on the way pricing is going this would be a better idea for now. An account has been set up with Main Care who right now has the lowest bidding price.

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to go with the OGS pricing for fuel oil and diesel. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- Hewitt Road has a petition going on.
- **Calcium Chloride storage tank-** Paul has a rental agreement for the storage tank. Leasing the tank will not cost anything as long as 8,000 gallons of product is bought from the company. Eric will check with the insurance company to see if this will have to be added to the insurance for protection.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the rental of the storage tank for calcium chloride. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Cottrell Road Bridge Replacement-** The application has been submitted. The projected replacement cost is \$1,980,000. The required 20% local match is estimated to be \$99,000.

Town Historian

- **Report-** Rick was not available for the meeting.

Code Enforcement

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

Recreation

- **Ice Conditions** – There has been no ice. The weather has not cooperated with the making of ice. There have only been 3 days open so far for the year.
- **Other Updates** – 77 signups for lessons.
- **Additional Staff Appointments-**Toni Hanselman would like to teach the learn to skate program.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve Toni Hanselman as a teacher for the learn to skate program. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Pool Manager- Motion to appoint Sydney Stowell 2023 Pool Manager**

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve Sydney Stowell as pool manager for 2023. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **2023 Learn to Swim Program-**

Hanselman made a motion to approve the quote tentatively upon follow up with pricing and information requested. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Due to health issues and a recent surgery, I have not attended any recent meetings.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric will have a conversation with LaBerge. Dates are still needed for a follow-up meeting. The board decided on January 31st at 6pm. This will be an open meeting to the public and all that was involved with the comprehensive plan. This will go in the paper for the advertisement. No dumping signs are being made but Eric feels that these should not be put out until Springtime.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Jerry questioned some unsightly properties and what the rules are for having dumpsters in the front yards for extended periods of time. He had a resident ask him regarding this. The smell is back in Walloomsac. Jerry wanted to know if this was something that we are still working on from the old complaint or if this would have to be a new complaint. Attorney Schopf stated that the old complaint is closed, and this would have to be the start of a new one.

Councilperson Hanselman- The winter heating article was in the paper regarding the information that was provided. Hopefully there are residents that will take advantage of the help. There is a drainage issue at the rink on one side of the building. Bill thinks that a commercial gutter system would work be the best solution to this problem. Bill will obtain quotes for the system.

Councilperson Houghton- Nothing for the month.

New Business

- **2022 Inner Budget Transfers- Motion** to approve as presented.
MOTION
Sheffer made the motion to approve the 2022 inner budget transfers as presented. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.
- **Domestic Partnerships-** Attorney Schopf stated that a local law along with a public hearing would need to be presented. Troy has a good example and appears to cover everything needed. We would just mock this one to approve. This is tabled for now.

Old Business

- **Zoning Law re-writes update- Workshop was held Wednesday 12/14 at 6pm.**
- **\$925,000 Recreation SAM Grant-** Everything is complete on our end. Recent Update- we have heard from DASNY in response to Supervisor Surdam's email and we have been told we are still waiting for final approval. **No Updates to report.**

- **Town of Hoosick Road Asset Management Plan Scope of Work Draft- No update**

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

Hanselman made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04pm pending the signing of vouchers, McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #1 2023 Vouchers 1-58

General A	\$	124,352.06
General B	\$	23,316.14
Highway DA	\$	-----
Highway DB	\$	30,428.79
Capital Fund H	\$	-----
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	492.25
Total:	\$	178,589.24

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk