

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday May 13, 2024 7:00 pm**

Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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.

- **David Elliott-**David stated that he has had a Solar Project in to the ZBA since 2023 and feels that Town Laws and State Laws are not being followed when it comes to the solar projects. He feels that there is no recourse from the board if something goes wrong and would like to know what is going to be done about it.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Hoosick Township Historical Society** May 2024 Newsletter is available @ www.hoosickhistory.com featuring articles by Carol Gaillard about “The Old Men’s Association”, an interview with a Main St. Business Neighbor Maggie Kinney and much more.
- **Historical Society Upcoming Events**
 - Hoosick History & Heritage Fair Saturday, May 18th 10am-3pm.
 - Memorial Day Program: Weaponry in the Battle of Bennington Monday, May 27th 11am-1pm.
 - June 23rd Hoosick Falls Native Brennan McGuire visits from Nashville from 3 to 5pm.
 - July 21 100th Birthday for Meryle Pokines.
 - July 27 Steel Pier- Dixieland Jazz
- **Letter from North Hoosick FD Chief Bornt-** Referencing 3rd Annual Community Day Event on Saturday, June 29th, 2024.
- **Letter from Rensselaer County DA Mary Pat Donnelly-** Referencing Animal cruelty cases in Rensselaer County.
- **Letter from Rensselaer County Bureau of Finance-** Referencing list of local properties involved in the next Real Estate Auction.

Town Clerk’s Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk’s report for the month of April is as follows: \$21,156.61 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$19,112.71.
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- **Facility Use- Hoosick Falls Community Band Concerts** using the Wier/Reynolds Facility on nights of inclement weather.

MOTION

Hanselman made the motion to approve the Hoosick Falls Community Band to use the skating rink on nights of inclement weather. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried except Surdam who was absent.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report-** Paul reports that the state has looked at the Cottrell bridge again and everything remains as status quo. 15 ton on the bridge is allowed with one lane on the bridge. Paul plans on doing Chip sealing June 10th on Bayer, Fairbanks, Baby Lane, Shingle Hollow, Windy Hill, Tory Hill, and Fox Hollow.
- **Cottrell Road Bridge Update-** The project has been recommended for funding by the Capital Region Transportation Council, waiting to hear back from the 2023 Bridge NY Program.
- **Town of Hoosick Road Asset Management Plan-** Final report has been posted to the website.
- **Culvert Project- Farmers Inn Rd. Update-** Supervisor Surdam has signed an agreement with Foit-Albert Associates for design work to replace the culvert at a cost of \$2,400. We will be working with Wayne Bonesteel.
- **Eddy Rd. (near Markers Rd.)-**Wayne continues to work on a permit for this.
- **Streetlights- No change, no update at this time.**
- **VT AOT Emergency Contact & 511 Information Form-** This is in reference to the 3 railroad bridges on the Vermont Rail Systems line that are scheduled for rehab work that has just begun and will continue through October 2024.
- **Rabies Clinic-** Recently held at the Highway Dept. and there was a great turnout. Over 100 dogs have been vaccinated.

Assessor's Report

- **Report-**Tiffany has the tentative rolls for inspection by anyone who would like to review them. There was an incorrect date that was posted for May which is the 22nd. It states that it is a Monday, and it is a Wednesday. Someone will be here for the time frame on both the Monday date and the Wednesday date for the roll book. Grievance day is approaching. As of right now there are 15 applications in for review. If there are any more applications that are filed or brought in on the day of grievance, another day may need to be added.
- **GAR/Town of Hoosick Property Revaluation Project Update- Additional information is available on the Town website www.townofhoosick.org.**

Town Historian

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

Code Enforcement

- **Report-** Jared supplied his report to the board via email and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Recreation

- **Recreation- Pool & Summer Camp** -Update from Ashley, Noreen, and Ayla.

Pool Employee Appointments-

Returning:

Dominic Nuccio (Lifeguard)
Jessica Haynes (Lifeguard) worked at the rink
Lucy Haynes (Lifeguard)
Matthew Angell (Lifeguard)
Aiden Flemming (Lifeguard)

New:

Brady Mann (Lifeguard)
Blake Grogan (Lifeguard)
Garrett Emerson (Lifeguard) worked at the rink
Dylan Callahan (Lifeguard)
Jordan Hill (Assistant/ Lifeguard) worked at the rink
Jaid Kaminski (Admissions)
Lizzy Derosa (Admissions)
Mackenna Roberson (Admissions) worked at the rink
Grace Houghton (Lifeguard)

- **Update on lifeguard training-** Amy and Allison have graduation in June. It has been hard to try and pinpoint a date for training. Shelly Hatch is willing to do the training and has worked with the group in the past. Ashley wanted to know if the board would like her to reach out to Shelly to see what dates are available for her to train the employees. The board decided that this would probably be the best idea since it is hard to get a date set and the pool is going to be opening at the end of June, which is fast approaching.
- **Update on paperwork for camp permit-**Ashley states that the camp paperwork is done and she is waiting on the CPR/AED training which will be held on May 22 and May 29th. If the pool cannot get an Aquatics Director, the camp kids will not be able to go to the pool for the duration of camp. Ashley states that she is aware of this and has alternative fun things to do with water so that the kids can stay cool. The Aquatics director needs to be a certified lifeguard for at least 2 years and has to be over the age of 21.
- **Jane Conte Reimbursement-**Ashley wanted to make sure that Jane will be reimbursed for expenses incurred for doing the CPR/AED training. This approval was voted on and approved at the special meeting for the Pool and Camp.
- **Motion to make 2024 Pool Employee Appointments**
MOTION
Hanselman made a motion to approve the 2024 Pool Employees and 2024 Camp Employees as given. All ayes carried except Surdam who was absent, and Houghton recused herself due to her daughter being one of the employees listed.
- **Pool Pricing-** this was discussed at our special meeting and pricing for the pool will remain the same as last year.
- **Summer Food Program-**Ashley stated that this is going to be hard to do as there are a lot of requirements that go with having the summer food program. It is her understanding that the food program has to be open to the public and she feels that having the public come in while camp is going on is dangerous for the safety of the children attending camp.

- **Town Employee’s Summer Camp & Pool Membership Benefit-** It was mentioned that these were a benefit to employees in the past, but Holli wanted clarification if this was going to continue. The board stated that they had not heard of this and that they would address this as needed.

Supervisor Surdam’s Report

- Highway Superintendent Paul Hoag and I met to review the final 2023 Road Asset Management Plan.
- I had a phone meeting with Jim Daus from the Rensselaer Plateau Alliance Land Conservation.
- Summer Camp meeting with Ashley, Noreen, and Ayla.
- Proposed Solar Law Review and Workshop.
- I virtually attended an ARPA report submittal class and then I did complete and submit the required ARPA report online.
- Virtually attended the Rensselaer County Hazard Mitigation Plan Project Meeting with Highway Superintendent Paul Hoag and Code Enforcement Officer Jerad Smith.
- Meeting prep and agenda.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric states that we need to finish the comprehensive plan. Military Banners have been sent to be printed. The American Legion was hoping to have these hung up by Memorial Day, but it does not appear that will be happening. The end count was 166 banners. The Solar committee will be meeting on May 14th. Overlay maps will be incorporated. What kind of maps to incorporate will be decided on.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Jerry states that with the banners, poles have been an issue. National Grid has been changing the poles out.

Councilperson Hanselman- Bill states roof project has been put on hold to see if Rensselaer County will provide ARPA funds to the town for the replacement of the roof.

Councilperson Houghton- Jackie states that she has forwarded to everyone the Falls Fencing quote for the nets and fencing. She just needs the okay to move forward with the project.

MOTION

Hanselman made a motion to approve the quote as written. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried except Surdam who was absent.

New Business

- **2024 Inter Budget Transfers-**No transfers needed for the month.
- **Zoning Board Appointment-** Reappointment of James Hoag on the Zoning Board for a 5 year term retroactive to May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2029. The board decided to table the reappointment for now.

MOTION

Hanselman made a motion to table the reappointment of James Hoag on the Zoning Board for a 5 year term retroactive to May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2029. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried except Surdam who was absent.

- **Commercial Windmills Moratorium - Motion to approve Local Law No. 4 of 2024,** A local law establishing a temporary Land Use Moratorium prohibiting Commercial Windmill installations within the Town of Hoosick.

MOTION

Hanselman approved **Local Law No. 4 of 2024**, A local law establishing a temporary Land Use Moratorium prohibiting Commercial Windmill installations within the Town of Hoosick. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried except Surdam who was absent.

- **LaBerge Contract Addendum- Motion** authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the Contract Addendum No. 2019055-02 for Professional Services related to Building Department Assistance for the Town of Hoosick.

MOTION

Houghton approved the authorization of Supervisor Surdam to sign the Contract Addendum No. 2019055-02 for Professional Services related to Building Department Assistance for the Town of Hoosick. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried except Surdam who was absent.

- **Notice of Conservation Easement to Town of Hoosick-** Jim Daus of the Rensselaer County Plateau has put in a request to expand the watershed so that this land does not have any new development.
- **Notice of Environmental Easement Oak-Mitsui property in the Village-**this was just information provided to the Town. DEC channels this property and the property is located inside the village.
- **New NYS Grant Program Swim NY-** Supervisor Surdam has reached out to Matt Cathone of CHA Engineering and asked him to update the Pool Plans we originally developed for the SAM Grant we were awarded. We are waiting to hear back from CHA but would like to consider working with CHA to apply for the pool updates through the new Grant Program.
- **Murphy Building-**Suggestions are welcome regarding this building.
- **Rob Allen- Village's New York Forward Grant Meetings-**Rob is looking to use the courtroom for meetings with the public on the NY Forward Grant. June 3rd is the first meeting from 3-5.
- **NYMIR Insurance Renewal-**On average there has been a 2-3% increase each year. This year it is a 6% increase and will not include the Cyber coverage as in the past. The amount of the insurance this year is \$45,320. If we want the cyber coverage, we will have to have a separate policy for this. Eric will ask about this policy and the amount.

MOTION

Sheffer made a motion to approve the insurance for the 2024 year. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried except Surdam who was absent.

Old Business

- **Zoning Law re-writes update-** This will proceed when the new law has been passed for Solar.
- **Shared Communication Position-** No update at this time. Still waiting on the Village for decision.
- **Comprehensive Plan- Proposed completed plan is available for review.** The proposed completed plan is available for review. The new Solar Law Review Committee will be reviewing as part of the Solar Law Review Project.
- **Shovel Ready Projects-**There have been a couple of suggestions for this.
- **Pool/Playground Camera System Upgrade Project-** New camera system is coming.
- **Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Plan-** Mark, Paul and Jerad are working with the County on this updated plan.

Executive Session- Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss two personnel issues and for consulting with our Town Attorney referencing possible litigation.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57PM

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and for consulting with our Town Attorney referencing possible litigation. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried except for Surdam who was absent.

EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:18 PM

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to exit the executive session. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried except for Surdam who was absent. No decisions were made in the executive session.

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 meetings have been held.** Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

Adjournment

McAuliffe made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:18 p.m. pending the signing of vouchers, Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried except for Surdam who was absent.

Bills Paid Abstract #5 2024 Vouchers 219-271

General A	\$	46,111.85
General B	\$	16,401.07
Highway DA	\$	557.63
Highway DB	\$	35,605.28
Capital Fund H	\$	11,490.94
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>3,468.92</u>
Total:	\$	113,635.69

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk