

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday November 9, 2015 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Mark Surdam, Bruce Patire, Dave Sutton, Jeff Wysocki, Jenn Hyde

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

Kevin Allard: discussed letter from FOIL.

Carl Ruggle, Young Road - issues with flooding on his property, DEC is looking into it.

Dennis Casey: Had concerns about the Solar Farm going in across from True Value. Hoping the Zoning Board will review what they approved and make sure everything was done correctly.

Jeff Delurey, (speaking as resident), Concerns about the Solar Farm across from his business – Worried that no one has looked into what happens when its useful life is over and all those panels are left. Felt the companies should be bonded. Board offered if he would like to serve on the Solar Committee.

- ***Motion to Appoint Jeff Delurey to the Solar Farm Committee.***
Hyde made the motion to approve, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

Correspondence/Announcements

Town Clerk's Report

Sue Stradinger gave the Clerk's Report: Total: \$9201.50 - Remitted to the Supervisor \$972.25

Assessor's Report

Tony Rice has started sending out exemption forms for the new tax year.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

Shiland reported - Money spent from CHIPS fund \$70,000. of \$128,000. Can roll over to 2016 with no penalty or reduction of 2016 new amount.

Town Historian

Phil Leonard discussed his new display called, "Urban Renewal".

Recreation Director Report

- For 2016 Skating Lessons: resident \$50.00. non-resident: \$60.00.
- Adult Open Hockey: \$5.00
- Any Use of Rink: Everyone would now pay \$60.00 an hour, children pay for skates
- Hours of Skating: Monday Free, Saturday – Fees apply
- All other pricing for the rink stays the same.
 - ***Motion to Approve All Changes to the Skating Rink***
Sutton made the motion to approve, Patire seconded, all ayes carried.
- The Town of Hoosick is taking over the Skating Lessons at the Rink. The new name is, "Town of Hoosick Learn To Skate Program".
 - ***Motion to Establish new Skate Program***
Hyde made the motion to approve, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Attended the Hoosick Hootenanny to benefit The Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation held in the rink. The food was excellent, what I heard of the music was great; it did get a little cool when the sun went down but it was easy to see that a lot of hard work went into this event.
- We held a Public Hearing on the West Hoosick Fire Dept. Budget.
- We held a Public Hearing on the proposed 2016 Budget Tax Cap Override.
- I attended a one day, NYS Retirement training class with our Payroll Clerk Janet Deluca.
- I met with Chris Krahling, Project Manager for Agricultural Stewardship Association in ref to Philpott Farm Conservation Easement Project that should be completed very soon.
- I met with our Recreation Director Kaila Matatt to discuss the New Town of Hoosick Learn to Skate Program.
- Held Interviews for Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Position.
- Emily & I met with Denise Palyo, Employee Benefits Supervisor of Capital Financial Group, Inc. to discuss upcoming Health Insurance changes that need to be made.

- I met with David Hall's Government Class from Grace Christian School at the Armory on Election Day. It was a great group of young adults, with some great questions. I enjoyed the time with them and I hope the trip to the Armory was a good one for them.
- I attended a local Emergency Services Meeting at the Hoosick Falls Fire House. We had a very informative conversation with two representatives of the American Red Cross.
- I attended part of a Friends of Bennington meeting held at Hoosick Falls Central School. Friends of Bennington is a group that is coming together to promote the Battlefield. I expect to have additional information in the near future. Due to another meeting I was not able to stay for the entire meeting.
- We held a Public Hearing on the proposed 2016 Town Budget.
- Emily & I continued to work on Union negotiations

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Philpott project moving forward. Solar Committee will be meeting Nov. 18th at 7:00 pm
- **Councilperson Patire:** Waiting for new price quotes for Workers Comp. coverage.
- **Councilperson Sutton:** HACA annual fund drive coming up. They raised over \$30,000. Last year for various needs throughout the community.

Councilperson Hyde: none

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Boundary Line Adjustment Needed-** Discovered as a part of CFG funding that Town fences are not on or near some property lines and there are encroachments on other property lines. **Discussion & Motion** hire Albrecht & Willson Land Surveyors, PLLC to preform boundary line adjustments as per estimate of \$2700.+/- and Town Attorney will write deed.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve, Patire seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Castle Playground Project- Parkitects Proposal**
There is \$76,324.+/- in Park Project account. The estimate for the project is \$81,000. Surdam will work on getting figures closer to what we have.
- **Philpott Farm Conservation Easement Project-** As we come to the end of this project it was discovered that even though the Town Board at the time had passed a resolution allowing the Agricultural Stewardship Association, Inc. to serve as Project Manager the Memorandum of Agreement was never signed.
 - **Motion to authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign MOA in order to complete project.**
Sutton made the motion to approve, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Gnostic Church-** Discussion to pursue Home Rule request to have \$11,480 in back taxes forgiven. The Town Board decided not take action on this request. They said this is not a precedence they want to start.
- **Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2015-** Tax Cap Override- the NYS mandated Tax cap for the 2016 Budget year is 0.73% NOT 2%. With the beginning of long term pool financing payback, the purchase of a new truck and a used truck for the Highway Dept. planning for future equipment needs and a proposed revaluation project staying below the NYS Mandated 0.74% Tax Cap will not be practical this year. *Public Hearing was held October 22nd.*
- **Resolution #93, 2015 Adopt Local Law #1, 2015 Tax Cap Override**
 - Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve to adopt Local Law #1, 2015, Hyde seconded. Roll call vote:
Surdam: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2015-** Town of Hoosick Emergency Management Law- To replace Local Law No. 6 of 1999.
 - Motion to Adopt Local Law #2, 2015 Emergency Management Law**
Wysocki made the motion to adopt LL#2, 2015, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.
- **2016 Budget-**
 - Motion to adopt Preliminary as the 2016 Final Budget.**
Patire made the motion to adopt the 2016 Town Budget, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Well Water Testing-** We have been working with NYS Dept. of Health on testing private wells for PFOA's in the area near the Village water supply. Based on the initial test to detect PFOA's that have been completed the NYS Health Dept. is willing to do additional voluntary private well testing in the same area

and expanding south on Rt. 22. A list is being put together; business and homeowners will be contacted and asked if they would like to participate.

New Business

- **Resolution #94, 2015 To Move Funds Between Budgeted Accounts.**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve res. #94, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Workers Compensation Insurance-** Our provider MEMIC has decided to longer provide this insurance to us effective Jan. 1st 2016. We have a number of options available to us that we are gathering information on now. We will have a recommendation at the Dec. meeting.
- **Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Position- Recommend Fran Rogers.**
 - **Motion to hire Fran Rogers as Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector in training for \$17 to work with Ed King effective December 1st 2015 for one month with appointment in January 2016.**
Sutton made the motion to approve the hire of Fran Rogers, Patire seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Resolution #95, 2015 Establish Standard Work Day- for the purpose of reporting to the New York State Retirement System we have additional positions to add to the list we approved last month.**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve resolution #95, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patre: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Resolution #96, 2015 Health Care Provider Change to MVP effective Dec. 1, 2015**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve resolution #96, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **2016 Training-** Newly Elected Officials Jan 13-15 @ Desmond in Albany, AOT Training School & Annual Meeting Feb 14-17 NY Marriott.
- **Opening for Zoning Board Member- Joe MacDonald** has been a valued member sense the inception of our Zoning Board. Joe's term expires April 30th, 2016 and due to work obligations has asked us to find a replacement for him. If interested in this position please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board member.
- **Scheduled Meetings**
Zoning Board meets the First Monday of the month, **Planning Board** meets the forth Monday of the month, both in the Court Room of the Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

Executive Session – To discuss Union Contract and Grievance that has been filed and other litigation.

- **Motion to Enter into Executive Session**
Sutton made the motion to enter into Executive Session, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

Executive Session Adjournment at 9:14 p.m.

- **Motion to Adjourn Exec. Session**
Sutton made the motion to close the Executive Session, Hyde seconded all ayes carried.

Adjournment 9:15 Pm

Sutton made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting pending signing of vouchers, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid - Abstract #11 Vouchers: 517-561

General A	\$44,222.61
General B	\$3,401.68
Highway DA	\$285,540.16
Highway DB	\$73,005.46
Cap. Proj. H	\$56,815.04
Trust & Agency TA	\$7,774.31
Total:	\$470,859.26

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger
Hoosick Town Clerk