

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday February 8, 2016 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, Jeff Wysocki, Jenn Hyde. Absent: Dave Sutton

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

- Pam Benkowski: Woods Brook issue-still facing problems. Delivering water to people who can't drive or get out.
- Kevin Allard: PFOA's water issue, fund balance figure
- Lisa Revet: videotaping meetings, solar farms
- Cindy and Mike Brewster; solar farms

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Parade** - 25th Annual Parade will kick off at 1pm Saturday March 12th.
- **Monthly Village Board Meeting-** Will be held in the Armory tomorrow night 2/9 at 6pm.
- **Rensselaer County Dept. of Health Rabies Vaccines Letter**
- **Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)** - Available to Not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) arts/cultural groups and municipalities managing an arts/cultural facility. Additional Info @ www.townofhoosick.org
- **Letter from Supervisor Fleming, Town of Nassau**
- **Letter from Danielle Dwyer of NYS Parks Regional Grants Administrator in ref to PFOA in pool and removal plan.**
- **Email from Majority Leader Brownell & NYS DOT-** In ref to a request to consider a No Turn on Red Sign for the Northbound Approach of South St. to Rte. 7. Request was denied.

Town Clerk's Report

Clerk's report for January had a total of: \$1,208.75 - remitted to the Supervisor: \$624.07

Assessor's Report

Senior Exemptions are slow coming in. Ag exemptions are about half in. March 1st is the deadline.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- Cutting & Trimming Trees around Pool - getting pricing
- Bid request for Fuel Oil, Diesel & Sand - Advertisement to bid with return date of March 14th.

Town Historian

Phil Leonard discussed his display "PFOA-Teflon Factories in Hoosick Falls from 1955".

Recreation Director Report

- **Skating Rink-** Warm weather has caused us to lose the ice. Extended forecast is borderline- Discussion on reopening the rink. - The Board decided to do a 75% refund for skating lessons.
 - **Motion to reimburse Lessons**
Hyde made the motion to reimburse 75% of skating lessons, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Kiwanis Rink Use of Rink (originally for skating but since there is no ice, they would still like to use the rink - COI received.**
 - **Motion to Approve Facility Use**
Wysocki made the motion to approve Kiwanis use of the rink on Feb. 13th, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Lifeguards-** Applications are being accepted for the 2016 season. Applications are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Web Site.
- **Rink Information-** www.hoosickrecreation.com

Supervisor Sudan's Report

- I was invited to meet with EPA Region 2 Administrator Judith Enck, Mayor Borge and a few others prior to the meeting at HFCS to discuss the PFOA issue.
- Attended the Healthy Hoosick Water sponsored public information session held at HFCS. This was a very informative meeting for everyone.
- Attended Hoosick Rising steering committee meeting. We are not ready to give up....
- Met with Bill Shiland & Kaila Matatt to discuss pool operations for the 2017 year.
- Attended Hoosick Rising meeting at Parsons Corner. Approximately 30 people were there including the entire Town Board to take a tour of the new building and to discuss the future of Hoosick and the surrounding area.
- After months of prodding by Mayor Borge through the Governor's Office, he, I and School Superintendent Facin were invited to attend a meeting in Albany with Governor Cuomo and others to discuss the PFOA contamination. It was a very good meeting with some give and take. We covered a lot of information in a short amount of time, most of which has been reported. I believe the actions that were taken that day will help to expedite the processes that will need to be put into place to help our community deal with and ultimately move past this contamination issue.
- Held a community Solar Workshop session.
- Tony Rice, Bill Shiland and I met with Albrecht & Wilson Land Surveyors, to review boundary line changes in area around the community pool.
- I met with NYS DOH officials as they set up in the Armory's Perry Room to begin Information Sessions.
- Attended the Solar Committee Meeting.
- Mayor Borge and I met with County Executive Kathy Jimino and County Legislative Chairman Stan Brownell to discuss the PFOA contamination issue.
- I was invited, and attended a meeting at the Village water treatment plant with Congressman Chris Gibson, Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, County Legislative Chairman Stan Brownell, Deputy County Executive Chris Meyer, Mayor Borge, Ed Canning from St. Gobain and others to see the progress being made so far and to continue to discuss the PFOA contamination issue.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Wysocki

- Solar Committee Report meeting on Feb. 3rd was more of question and answer session. Have received a lot of information. Still looking at different zoning laws in other towns.
- Reviewed the Town Court Audit – sent to State
- Philpott farm Project- funds will finally be coming through.
- Congratulated HFCS Bowlers winning sectionals and girls and boys basketball teams winning.

Councilperson Sutton - absent

Councilperson Hyde

- Has attended all of the community meetings and also the meetings of the PFOA's

Councilperson Sheffer

- Attended Newly elected officials training in Albany

Old and Ongoing Business

- **Boundary Line Adjustment Update- Castle Playground Project-** The field work has been completed. Tony Rice, Bill Shiland & I met with the surveyors to review where property lines should be. As a part of that meeting we questioned if the easement granted to Laporte's by the Town a few years ago may be all that the state would require for that section of the boundary line issue. We will contact the state for clarification.
- **Castle Playground Project-** Kiwanis, working with our highway dept. has removed large sections of the old wooden structures and the old swing set. The order for the new equipment has been placed. We expect delivery of the new equipment in very early spring.
- **Pool Project Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) –** The BAN payment was made in January as discussed last month. We have a new BAN on the remaining balance of \$420,000 with Pioneer Savings who was the low bidder @ 1.30% per annum, is payable at maturity, and matures on January 25th 2017.
- **Pool Project Phase Two-** We have received a Professional Services Outline from LaBerge to continue to work with us on updating the Pump House & Bath House at the Weir Reynolds Community Swimming Pool. The Project Budget from LaBerge is \$48,000-\$66,000. As a reminder the CFG through NYS Parks and Recreation is for \$123,625. The match from the Town of Hoosick is the same for a total of \$247,250.
 - **Motion- to approve the Professional Services Outline from LaBerge Engineering for Parks Grant CFA# 149046 (Pool Improvements).**
Hyde made the motion to approve, Sheffer 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. The results are in from the samples taken in November. NYSDOH has taken many more samples in the past few weeks and they continue to update a map that they have developed showing the areas of concern. To see the map go to the Village Web Site @ www.villageofhoosickfalls.com, on the right side of the page is a link to the Hoosick Falls Water Website; from here you can find the map, public test results, the latest news and information pertaining to this situation. The NYSDOH Well Testing Plan is to start near St. Gobain and work out from there. With approx. 1,900 wells in the Town of Hoosick it will take some time. Al Demarco from NYSDOH is coordinating the well testing. He can be reached at 518-402-7860.
- **Water Contamination Issue- General Discussion**
 - Until further notice NYSDOH & NYSDEC will be in the Armory every Tuesday, Thursday from 2pm to 8pm and Saturday from 10am to 2pm to answer questions and provide information.
 - Hotline- 1-800-801-8092
 - Environmental Attorney to represent the Town?
The Supervisor will start getting some Environmental Attorneys names to start an interview process, especially attorneys who are familiar with these types of issues. Also on same issue - Board discussed how they will be paying for this.
 - Village has done a direct mailing to all Village residents, should we do the same for town residents?
Board discussed looking into communications for the town residents since not everyone has the internet.
 - Well Water Testing Request Forms & Bio monitoring Forms are available on information table at Armory, from NYSDOH, Town & Village web sites.
 - In-Home Water Filtration Options for Household Drinking Water- Information is available on table at the Armory, from NYSDOH, Town & Village web sites along with other information on the PFOA contamination issue.
 - Contact NYSDEC or EPA if you know where there were dump sites.

- **Solar Tax Public Hearing-** To discuss Local Law Options to either opt out of Real property Tax Law 487 or not or go with our version of the law with the carve out (previously referred to as Local Law #4 of 2015) and the expectation that the carve out may be challenged at some point.
 - **1) Monday Feb. 22, 2016 6:00 PM: Public Hearing for Local Law #1, 2016 Real Property Taxation for Certain Solar or Wind Energy Systems or Farm Waste Energy System with a special meeting to follow**
- **Solar Moratorium Public Hearing- Discussion** A public hearing on this issues was held in August of 2015 with the idea being rejected. With the level of interest that has been generated recently.
 - **Comments made by the following regarding Solar Farms**
Stacey Parker: turned in a 2-part proposal regarding solar farms., Lisa Revet, Mike and Cindy Brewster
 - **2.) Monday Feb. 22, 2016 7:00 PM: Public Hearing for Local Law 2, 2016 Placing a Temporary Moratorium on Large Scale Ground Mounted Solar Arrays. With special meeting to follow.**
 - **Motion to Approve All Public Hearings for - LL#1 and LL#2**
Hyde made the motion to approve both public hearings, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Wysocki: abstain, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

New Business

- **Resolution # 43, 2016 Budget Transfer to move funds between budgeted accounts.**
Motion to Approve
Wysocki made the motion to approve resolution #43, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Professional Service Agreement with Tabner, Ryan & Keniry, LLP-** Although we have not received written confirmation Mr. Ryan informed Supervisor Surdam on January 21st 2016 that due to the perceived potential conflict on the solar issue as it pertains to his representation of the HFCS & the Town he has decided not to represent the Town. He did offer to stay on until we find a replacement and will continue to work on the two cases that are in litigation. The agreement was never signed.
- **Resolution #44, 2016 Appointment of Jonathan Schopf of Schopf Law as the new Town Attorney**
Motion to Approve
Hyde made the motion to approve resolution #44, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Zoning Board Request-** Request from Chairman Hoag to authorize payment for some extra time for Karen Jennings for FOIL requests
 - **Motion to Approve**
Wysocki made the motion to approve additional time for Karen Jennings, for FOIL requests at the same pay rate she received before, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Combination Zoning /Planning & Town Board Workshop-** Will be held in the Armory on Wed March 23rd at 6pm. There are openings on the Zoning Board & the Planning Board. If interested in volunteering to be on a board please contact Supervisor Surdam or any Town Board member.
- **Resolution #45, 2016 Four J's 1 Mechanic St. Assessment Settlement**
Motion to Approve
Wysocki made the motion to approve resolution #45, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

- **Resolution #46, 2016 Four J's 21412 NY Rt. 22 Assessment Settlement**
Motion to Approve
Sheffer made the motion to approve resolution #46, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Town of Hoosick Housing Authority Appointment** : Joyce Brewer has offered to fill the open position.
Motion To Approve Joyce Brewer
Hyde made the motion to appoint Joyce Brewer to the Housing Authority Board to fill remainder of Michael McCune's term which will expire September 30th 2016, Wysocki seconded. All Ayes Carried.
- **Association of Towns Annual Meeting and Training-** Supervisor Surdam, Deputy Supervisor Wysocki & Councilperson Sutton will be attending this year.
- **Scheduled Meetings**
Zoning Board meets the First Monday of the month, **Planning Board** meets the fourth 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

Motion to Enter into Executive Session to discuss Cipperly Rd and the Blanchfield litigation
Sheffer made the motion, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Motion to exit Executive Session 9:15 pm
Wysocki made the motion, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Adjournment

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

Bills Paid Abstract #2 Vouchers: 20-71

General A	\$128,075.48
General B	\$7,933.09
Highway DA	\$45,275.71
Highway DB	\$743.32
Cap. Proj. H	\$1,263.45
Spec. Fire	\$745,122.78
Library	\$45,000.00
Trust & Agency	\$6,780.74
Total:	\$980,194.57

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Stradinger
Hoosick Town Clerk