

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, June 9, 2014**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** Supervisor Surdam, Bruce Patire, Dave Sutton, Jeff Wysocki

**Discussions or Corrections to Previous Meeting(s) Minutes**

- Town Board Members have received via e-mail from the Town Clerk the recorded Minutes from the previous meeting or meetings. Corrections may have already been recommended. Approved Minutes will be available from the Town Clerk or our website, [www.TownOfHoosick.org](http://www.TownOfHoosick.org) .

**Welcome/Public Comments/Announcements**

- Gail Smith, Celebrate Recovery Program – Urged the Board to not pass Resolution in support of the East Greenbush Casino because encourages gambling addictions
- Joyce Brewer, on behalf of Girl Scouts – Urged the Board to not pass Resolution in support of the East Greenbush Casino because proposed location abuts Girl Scout Camp
- Keith Cipperly – Read a list of questions, which he gave to Supervisor, to be answered at a later time.
- Frank Downing – Wanted to know if the Town’s Law on Signs has been changed. If it hasn’t then the quilt signs that HAYC3 has up around town are illegal.
- Kevin Allard – Wanted to know about the land acquisition for the White Creek Bridge; Wanted to know whose responsibility, the Towns or Village’s, is it going to be to repair the water lines and any road damage caused by water line repairs under the Water Agreement; Wanted to know when did the Police Agreement happen to expend money for police service and why does the Town need to contact Police Chief 14 days prior to needing services and who makes the call.
- Elks Flag Day Program- June 14, 6:30pm @ American Legion. Hoosick Falls Community Band will be playing, Dessert Auction. Flyer with additional information available on our web site, [www.townofhoosick.org](http://www.townofhoosick.org).
- Letter from Melissa Miller, Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.
- Letter from NYSDOT
- **“Hoosick Rising”** Hoosick Strategy Meeting this Wed. June 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm in the Armory. It’s time to step up, share your ideas for our community, share your talents and expertise. Flyer with additional information is available on the Town and Village websites, Mayor Borge and Supervisor Surdam. Everyone in our community is not only invited to attend, we are asking and encouraging you to attend.

**Town Clerk’s Report**

- May Report – Total: \$2,653.00 – remitted to the Supervisor \$1,1743.45
- FOIL Report – 11 FOIL’s received, 9 completed to date, 2 pending, 9.75 hrs worked to date

**Assessor’s Report**

- Grievance Day was May 27
- Preparing final roll for 7/1 deadline

**Superintendent of Highway’s Report**

- State access road off Cottrell Rd. for Battle Reenactment- letter received as requested, work has been completed.
- Grinding of White Creek Bridge Road to begin June 10

**Town Historian**

- Charles Filkins filled in for Phil Leonard. New display of photos on World War I

**Recreation Report**

- Summer Camp Appointments and Salaries: Director, Kaila Matatt; Assistant Director/Camp Counselor, Stephany Bradley; Health Director, Bill Gaillard; Assistant Health Director/Counselor, Rebecca LaPorte; Arts & Crafts Coordinator/Counselor, Chelsea Pine; Counselors, Samantha Brewer, John Lancore, Rachael Green, Dana O’Malley and Tyler Rondeau

Councilperson Patire stated that he'd like to see overtime capped this year as last year it was out of control. Supervisor Surdam said that overtime should not be a problem this year as the Camp Director's salary is based on 45 hrs per week. Last year one person was running both Camp Program and Pool which was reason for overtime being so high.

Salaries: Camp Director - \$17 per hr; Assistant Director/Camp Counselor - \$10 per hr; Counselor's - \$8 per hr; Counselor's with First Aid and CPR Certification - \$8.50 and Counselor's with First Aid and CPR Certification plus additional duties \$8.75. Overtime not to exceed 50 hrs per week.

**Motion to Approve Summer Camp Appointments and Salaries**

Patire made a motion to accept Summer Camp appointments and salaries. Sutton seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye and Surdam, aye. Motion approved.

- Permission from Town Board to set up Summer Camp Day Trip to Grafton State Park. Estimate transportation cost to be approximately \$225 per week – Councilperson Sutton asked if the transportation would be school bus from HFCS. Supervisor Surdam said that yes it would. Deputy Town Clerk asked would this be weekly and on a particular day. Supervisor Surdam said that yes it would be weekly and even though the day could be flexible they are going to try for Wednesday's.

Patire made a motion to give permission to set up Summer Camp Day Trip to Grafton State Park. Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye, Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.

**Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- By invitation from Mayor Borge I met with Rob Camoin & Christa Franzi of Camoin Associates to begin "Hoosick Rising" Marketing Strategy.
- Met with Justin Hogan of J. Strategies. Firm representing "The Casino at East Greenbush".
- Interviews for Summer Camp Director
- Interviews for Summer Camp Staff
- Drafted & Mailed Letters explaining the situation with the Weir Reynolds Community Pool to the Towns of Petersburg, Berlin, Pittstown, Schaghticoke, Cambridge, and the Villages of Valley Falls & Cambridge. Letters were also sent to HFCS, St. Mary's Academy, Woodford Vt. School District and the Bennington School. I also asked for a letter of support for our Grant Application to continue work on the Bath House & Pump House.
- Pizza, Brainstorming session with proposed Summer Camp Staff to start work on programing & overall coordinating.
- Highway Superintendent Shiland & I met with Verizon Wireless rep ref. the Town cell phone plan.
- Received letter of Resignation from Planning Board from Stephen Griffing.
- On May 31st I attended the Cheney Library Open House to celebrate the opening of their new Children's Room. They spent the winter renovating a room in the basement and it is a light and airy space for the young children.
- Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2013 has been posted on [townofhoosick.org](http://townofhoosick.org) for homes that receive Village Water. Paper copy also available by request from Town Clerk.
- Penflex Meeting @ North Hoosick Fire Dept. ref. Service Reward Program June 17<sup>th</sup> 7pm.
- I have been invited to be a WBTN radio show guest from 1-2 on June 10<sup>th</sup> with Robert Ebert to discuss the Town of Hoosick.
- Last Thursday, June 5th I visited with and discussed a number of issues with Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin who was holding Mobil Office Hours for our residents here in the Armory.

**Town Council Reports**

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Penflex meeting will be June 17; Spoke with Chris Craion from ASA. He is looking for a letter of support from the Town on the State changing the rules for Farmland Protection before the property to receive the grant is known and what the project will be. Letter would be needed by July 14.

**Motion to Approve Supervisor Surdam or Deputy Supervisor Wysocki to Write Letter of Support to the ASA**

Patire made a motion to allow Supervisor Surdam or Deputy Supervisor Wysocki to write a letter of support for the ASA. Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.

Wysocki told the Board that Building Wild will be doing a camp on his property.

- **Councilperson Patire:** Chain link fence is done. A nice job was done. Town's insurance has been renewed and upgraded. Better coverage with a \$415 savings to the Town.  
Spoke with Mr. Bledgood from NYMIR about facility upgrades. He said that he cannot make the Town do any upgrades but does recommend that we do what is required so that we are in compliance with safety codes. He said that the Town of Hoosick is #1 on the list to rectify things when not up to safety codes. Mr Bledgood said that in the clerk's office, a camera is not necessary right away as long as a protective wall with a door is installed to go along with the emergency button. If wall is built now, the Town could wait until next year to install camera which would be a savings to the Town in funding this year. Patire suggested that a motion be made to start work in the Clerk's office.  
Supervisor Surdam stated that we received only one quote to do the wall work in the Clerk's office from Palladine Builders. The quote was for \$3,400.  
**Motion to Accept Bid for Work in Clerk's Office**  
*Patire made a motion for Palladine Builders to start work in Clerk's office. Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye, Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*  
Patire said that the electric in the pool house is a concern. A ground fault needs to be put in. Patire stated that he has not heard from HAYC3 as to the papetrail he requested when money was given to them from the Town. He spoke with Aleish and she was not aware of this request and would present it to their Board to see how they want to handle.  
Patire thanked Gail Smith and Joyce Brewer for their comments on the East Greenbush Casino. Was not aware that the location of casino was adjacent to the Girl Scout Camp.  
Patire answered Mr. Allard's question on who would repair the road if damaged because of the water line project. He said that the Town would be responsible for making the repairs.  
Patire answered Mr. Downing's question regarding HAYC3's erecting the quilt paintings around town. He said he did not know if they fell under being a sign or not but considered them to be art more than a sign.  
Patire requested that a special meeting be set to review and vote on bids received for the pool rehabilitation.  
Supervisor Surdam set a date for the special meeting. It will be Monday, June 23 at the Town Offices at 7 pm
- **Councilperson Sutton:** Castle playground – the Town did a great job mulching. Sealing to be done soon. Once the sealing is completed the playground will open.  
Lake to Locks Kiosk – Supervisor Surdam said that Sutton and Superintendent of Highways volunteered to do this project. It will be done this week. It was not completed last week but the service was well attended.

#### **Old or Ongoing Business**

- **Resolution #64 – Town/Village Water Agreement**  
**Motion to Approve Resolution #64**  
*Sutton made a motion to enter into an Agreement for sewerage treatment services between the Town of Hoosick and The Village of Hoosick Falls. Patire seconded.*  
Discussion: Sutton stated that there has never been any issues in the Green Heights area. When road is dug up it gets repaired Village does routine repairs to water lines and if there is any issue with road damage because of repair to water lines it can be worked out easily. Attorney asked if there is a water district in the Village or Town.  
*Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*
- **Resolution #65 – Police Agreement**  
**Motion to Approve Resolution #65**  
Patire made a motion to enter into a Police Agreement with the Village of Hoosick Falls. Sutton seconded.

Discussion: Supervisor Surdam and Councilperson Patire was looking for more specific language to the agreement that calls for Town Board to vote when Police would be used. Patire suggested language that said court nights and when there is a special event the Board would vote as to not cause an unnecessary expenditure to the Town. Attorney amended Agreement to reflect the specific language changes that had been requested.

*Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*

- **Resolution #66 – General Agreement**

- ***Motion to Approve Resolution #66***

- *Sutton made a motion to enter into an Agreement with the Village of Hoosick Falls to share equipment, material and man-power in order to conserve, save and utilize their resources and provide continuing services to the residents of the Village and the Town from time to time.*

- *Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*

- **Resolution #67 – Consolidated Funding Grant Application for Weir-Reynolds Community Pool Improvement Program**

- ***Motion to Approve Resolution #67***

- *Patire made a motion for Consolidated Funding Grant Application for Weir-Reynolds Community Pool Improvement Program. Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*

- **Resolution #68 – Reaffirming 2004 Comprehensive Plan Update and the 2006 Economic Development Strategic Plan**

- ***Motion to Approve Resolution #68***

- *Patire made a motion for the reaffirming 2004 Comprehensive Plan Update and the 2006 Economic Development Strategic Plan. Sutton seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*

- **Resolution #69 – SEQRA Determination for Pool Improvement Program**

- ***Motion to Approve Resolution #69***

- *Sutton made a motion to accept the SEQRA Determination for Pool Improvement Program.*

- *Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*

#### **New Business**

- **Resolution #70 – Stating Support for Locating a Casino in the Town of East Greenbush**

- ***Motion to Approve Resolution #70***

- *Sutton made a motion to state Support for Location a Casino in the Town of East Greenbush*

- Discussion: Sutton does not disagree with what was stated before but he sees more than gambling. He sees the business side such as concerts, restaurants, boxing matches etc. Wysocki agrees. Patire said it is hard to say that East Greenbush can or cannot have a Casino but the fact that a Girl Scout Camp is adjacent to proposed Casino location bothers him. Surdam has been back and forth on the matter. Rensselaer County to get 5.7% of revenues that will help each town. Attorney said he does not know why the Town of Hoosick needs to say yes to an East Greenbush Casino. Sutton would like to see a breakdown on how much revenue is coming from gambling, restaurants, events, etc. Suggests that Resolution be tabled.

- ***Motion to withdraw initial motion***

- *Sutton made a motion to withdraw his initial motion to support. Wysocki seconded withdrawing his initial seconded to support. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye; Wysocki, aye, Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*

- ***Motion to Table Resolution #70***

- *Sutton made a motion to table Resolution #70. Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Patire, aye; Sutton, aye, Wysocki, aye; Surdam, aye. Motion approved.*

Mayor Borge thanked the Board for moving forward on the Agreements

**Adjournment**

Patire made a motion to adjourn. Wysocki seconded. All ayes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract #6 255-300**

General A	\$41,217.76
General B	\$5,114.77
Highway DA	\$11,133.07
Highway DB	\$15,099.57
Cap.Projects H	\$25,464.77
Spec.Water SW	\$135.00
Trust & Agency TA	\$993.64
Total	\$99,158.58

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Blinstrub  
Hoosick Deputy Town Clerk**