

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday May 11, 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

Sonya Burge-has offered to volunteer her time to teach water aerobics and aquatic yoga. She teaches at the Senior Center and also in Bennington. Our Pool Director, Kaila Matatt and Sonya have worked out a schedule at the pool. Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00M to 7:00 PM. This program is open to everyone – no age requirement. The Town Board said there will be no fee for this program.

Bill Johnston: Gave an overview of Bouncelinx, a broadband company providing high speed internet to rural residents of the Town.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **\$300 St. Stanislaw Society Donation-** to be used towards Pool Slide. Thank you Very Much!!
- **4th Ward Playground Project-** Peg Bakaitis has worked diligently for a number of years on the 4th Ward Playground. She would like to expand some of the equipment and needs some help. Please designate your Bottles & Cans at Nickel Back to 4th Ward Playground or send a donation to 192 Ball St.
- **Memorial Day Parade-** May 25th
- **Town of Hoosick Youth Baseball & Softball-** Selling Tickets to the June 26th Valley Cats/Staten Island Yankees Game at the Joe to Help Support and Grow Youth Ball in the Town of Hoosick. Flyer with info in available @ www.townofhoosick.org .
- **Hoosick Falls Country Club-** Chef Jeff Babson & the HFCC announce that on Wed 4/15 @ 4:30 the Restaurant will be open and serving dinner from the completely renovated and updated kitchen. It looks great, a job well done!!! Membership Applications are available at the club, on our web site or www.hoosickgolf.org .
- **Received a letter from Skyler Cruz Wolsey-** from Ballston Spa with suggestions for improving some of our intersections in Town with a combination of signs and Solar Traffic Lights. I sent a letter thanking him and asking him to maybe send a letter to NYSDOT.
- **Received a letter from NYS Ag & Markets-** Still working on Farmland Protection Grant for Purchase Development Rights on the Philpott Farm.
- **Thank You Note-** From the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.
- **Town of Hoosick Lions Club-** Members Judy & Everett Quackenbush has contacted Councilperson Sutton & Supervisor Surdam in reference to a Brick Fundraiser for the Pool.
- **Jan Kimball-** There was some confusion that needs to be cleared up. Jan Kimball has done an excellent job as our Town of Hoosick Court Clerk working with the Town Board, Justice Restino, Justice Whalen and Justice McClellan. Justice McClellan has already acknowledged what an asset Jan has been in the transition. Jan in the past has expressed interest in becoming a justice in the Town of Hoosick and the discussion was had with her after Judge Whalen passed away. Jan knew that Justice McClellan was interested and that he would make an excellent Town Judge. Jan is still interested in one day becoming a Town Judge but felt the timing was not good considering the circumstances.
- **Bouncelinx-** Welcome John Carnett from Bouncelinx as we follow up from the Special Meeting held last week in reference to Town Wide high speed internet service. Bouncelinx is a private business. They are requesting the Town give them a 3 year tax abatement on its fixed wireless distribution system with the first 100 customers getting free installation. The Town Board supports Bouncelinx and feels it's very important to get wireless service to everyone in the community, but they need to look further into the tax abatement request. The Town Board will hold a Public Informational Session on May 20th Wednesday between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm. A notice will be put in the newspaper and on the Town website.
 - **Motion to Draft Letter of Support**
Patire made the motion to have the Town Attorney to draft a letter of support for pre-existing vertical mounts and not re-assess landowners, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Clerk's Report for April** Grand Total: \$3,668.00 Remitted to the Supervisor: \$1,619.96

- **Facility Use Requests – Pool**
 - 1) HFCS 2nd Grade June 17th/rain date June 22 9:30 am – 2pm. COI received.
 - 2) Petersburg Youth Commission: Swimming Lessons Session 2, COI received.
 - 3) Cambridge Central: 3rd 7 4th grade June 18th, 5th & 6th grade June 19th. Both days 9:30 am -1:30, COI received.
 - 4) Valley Falls-Pittstown Youth Commission: Swimming Lessons Session 1, No COI received.
 - 5) Schaghticoke Youth Commission: Swimming Lessons Session 2, COI received.
 - **Motion to Approve All Facility Requests for the Pool**
Patire made the motion to approve all requests pending receiving one COI from Valley Falls-Pittstown Youth Commission, Wysocki seconded all ayes carried.

- **Reported receiving 5 FOIL requests** from Kevin Allard at last month's meeting.
 - 1) Copy of any motion, resolution, policy or procedure adopted by the Board that provides a public comment period of 3 minutes during a Board Meeting.
 - 2) Copy of any and all Insurance Policies that cover any and all vehicles used by Town of Hoosick.
 - 3) Copy of the lease agreement with the Town and HAYC3
 - 4) Copy of all bills submitted by the Town Attorney from Oct. 1, 2014 –Dec. 31, 2014.
 - 5) Copy of all bills submitted by Laberge Engineering from Jan. 1, 2015 to April 1, 2015

- **Presentation of Historical Plate**
Evangeline Weller Brenenstuhl donated to the Historical Society a commemorative 125th anniversary plate of the Village, the plate was given to Phil Leonard.

Town Historian

Phil Leonard, discussed the plate he received and the display board is off historic commemorative plates.

Assessor's Report

Written report presented: Finished preparing the 2015 Tentative Roll which has been available in the Assessor's office since May 1st. All notices for any change of assessment and exemption removals have been mailed out.

Highway Superintendent's Report

New trailer has arrived.

Recreation Report

Kaila Matatt reported Bill Gailard will be doing CPR certification for lifeguards and counselors. Swimming Lesson sign-ups start at the pool June 8th Mon-Fri 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Working on Summer Camp programing.

- **Summer Staff Day Camp & Lifeguard Appointments**

Lifeguards	Camp Counselors
Thomas Peabody	John Lancour
Luis Weierbach	Rachel Green
Victoria Hackett (needs to take class)	Chelsea Pine
Krista Matatt	Elise North-Kirkman
	Ayla Senecal
	Tyler Lindsey
	Stephany Bradley, Assistant Camp Director

 - **Motion to Approve Appointments**
Wysocki made the motion to approve all of the lifeguard and Camp Counselor Appointments as stated above, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- *Attended a meeting with Village Officials & NYS Department of State-Financial Restructuring Board as a part of the Village taking a closer look at their Financial Status and to see if there may be some valuable information for the Town.*
- Attended a local Emergency Services Table Top Drill Discussion.
- Prepared for and help a Special Town Board Meeting.
- Spent time preparing Summer Day Camp & Pool Permit Docs for Rensselaer County Youth & Health.

- Worked with Kaila interviewing and putting together our Summer Staff.
- Attended Voice of the Vet events

Town Council Reports

Jeff Wysocki: working on the Ag Stewardship program with the Philpotts. Federal money has not been received.

Bruce Patire: Reviewed all of the Town's insurance policies again and rate went down \$64.00. Workers Comp not going up.

Personal Tribute to Tom Vasello who passed away recently. He was one of the most dedicated people in working with the Little League for many years. A Moment of silence in honor of Tom Vassello

Dave Sutton: talked with Ken Lorenze about the possibility of building cement wall at the athletic field for LaCross practice. Working with Judy Quackenbush in regards to the engraved brick fund raiser for the pool.

Jenn Hyde: reported the Village clean-up day was a huge success about 300 people

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Castle Playground-** Parkitects completed the Playground Maintenance Audit & Safety Inspection. We are waiting for the report. Kiwanis will use the report to create a rehab plan and schedule.
- **Pool Rehab Project-** The crack sealing injection process has been completed and we have been told there is a 7 day curing process so Watson Co. will not be at the pool working the week of 5/11. The majority of construction work has been completed. When Watson Co. returns next week they will begin applying the Gunitite to the pool surface.
- **Pool Pumps & Pipes-** Issues have come up with the pool pumps (need replacing) and some broken water line pipes. Pumps are on order; pipes are in the process of being repaired. This is not a part of the Pool Rehab Project but will be a part of the Grant Funding Upgrade Project that we hope to do in the fall, so we are doing just what is needed to get us through this summer.
- **Computer Server-** Is here, Bob Nesbit will be setting it up.
- **Consolidated Funding Grant-** For the project to update the Pool Mechanical Room (pump house) and the bath house. LaBerge has put together all of the information required and sent it to NYS Parks & Recreation. We are waiting on approval to enter into the Funding Contract.
- **Updating Purchase Policy & Investment Policy-** We continue to look at these policies that were last updated in 1999.
- **Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Position-** This is a part time position requires approx. 3-4 hours per day, 3-4 days a week, some call in time, mandatory training required, with a budgeted annual salary of \$14,752. Second application received, will be conducting interviews.
- **Basketball Summer Camp-** High School Teacher & Coach Chris Fleming is going to run program through the school.
- **Union Agreement-** with our highway workers expires at the end of the year. We will need to hire Attorney to represent the Town. We will also need a committee to work on this.
- **NEW LED Lights on the Church St Bridge-** The LED lights we authorized purchase of last month have been installed by the Hoosick Falls DPW. Thank you to Neil Stowell & the Village Crew for doing this for us.

New Business

- **Resolution #62, 2015 The Town of Hoosick has received \$300 donation from S. Stanislaw Society for the Pool Slide and a Budget Modification is needed.**
Motion to Approve
Sutton made the motion to approve Re. #62, 2015, Wysocki seconded, roll call vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Union Attorney-** Discussion to go with our Town Attorney Firm of **Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP** (Bill Ryan does Teamsters Negotiations regularly) @ \$180 per hr. or to go with **Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP** (Elayne G. Gold, Esq. is who we worked with previously) @ \$220 per hr. for Elayne & Partners & \$190 for Associates.
Discussion: Sutton was in favor of Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, they represented the school in the Teachers Contract and did a great job. Patire and Wysocki both said Our Town Attorney does an excellent job but felt there should be a different attorney for the Union in the event an issue arises with Our Town Attorney and it becomes a conflict. Hyde said Patire had a valid point but was still in favor of Tabner, Ryan and Keniry.

- **Resolution #63 Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to enter into an agreement with Tabner, Ryan and Keniry, LLP to represent the Town of Hoosick in Labor Negotiations with Teamsters Local 294.**

Motion to Approve

Sutton made the motion to approve res. #63, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: no, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion approved 4-1.

- **Town Phones-** Discussion on issues with VOIP phone system and poor service from Nextiva.
- **Town of Hoosick Housing Authority-** Received verbal resignation effective immediately from Mark Folgert from the Board.

- ***Resolution #64 Budget Modifications for the Playground***

Motion to Approve

Patire made the motion to approve Res. #64, 2015, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Sutton: aye, Patire: aye, Wysocki: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.

Adjournment

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

Bills Paid Abstract # 5 Vouchers: 186-232

General A	\$21,580.59
General B	\$1,764.92
Highway DA	\$5,675.76
Highway DB	\$27,815.93
<u>Trust & Agency</u>	<u>\$7,046.42</u>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$63,883.62</i>

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Stradinger
Hoosick Town Clerk