

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday July 11, 2016 7:00 pm**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

- Rye Mausert: asked if the trees were going to be removed from the road on the right of way (requested last month).
Surdam: said the Town is not getting involved, it would cost too much money and if we start now, we would be constantly removing trees. It is a very big expense.
- Debra Alter: Discussed the up and coming Block Party Aug. 3rd in the Village
- Kevin Allard: was glad to see an audit was being done.
- Keith Cipperly: His discussion was about HAYC3 budget and money the Town gives them.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Information Sessions on PFOA Exposure-** Doctors from Mount Sinai Hospital will be hosting information sessions in Petersburg Friday July 29th from 6pm-9pm at Veterans Memorial Community Center 71 Main St. and in Hoosick Falls on Saturday, July 30th 11am-2pm in the Armory 80 Church St.
- **Rensselaer County Youth Grant-** We have received an email that again this year we will be receiving \$2188 from the Rensselaer County Dept. for Youth for our Town of Hoosick Youth Development Program that is run by HAYC3.
- **Solar Letter & Pamphlet-** We received a letter & pamphlet from NYS Attorney General Eric Schniederman outlining tips and considerations for homeowners interested in entering into solar contract. The information has been added to our web site.
- **Audit Letter-** the Town of Hoosick has been selected by the State Comptroller's Office for an audit that will focus on the Town's financial operations. The audit does not have a scheduled start date but is expected to begin in the next few weeks.
- **Letter Dept of Public Service:** Very possible the 518 area code could be out of assignable telephone numbers by the first quarter of 2019. For complete details go to the townofhoosick.org website.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Report June:** Total \$11,641.00 and remitted to the Supervisor: \$10,566.60
- **Facilities Use Request**
Cambridge Youth Commission use of Pool on Wed. July 27th and Wed. Aug. 10th. COI has been received.

Motion to Approve

Wysocki made the motion to approve, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

- **2017 Budget Calendar-** Sue has provided the Board with a proposed 2017 Budget Calendar for review that we will discuss at the August Board meeting.

Assessor's Report

- Tony Rice reported the final roll is in and available for viewing in his office or online. Will be attending required classes soon.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- Cutting & Trimming Trees around Pool – has been completed. Patching and grading roads.

Town Historian

- Phil Leonard discussed his new display “Walloomsac River –falls and factories

Recreation Report

- **Community Pool-** is open for the season. Swimming Lessons are under way, the pool looks great!!
 - **Pool Price List-** under “Qualifications for Family Membership” we have waived the requirement that grandparents live in the same house for this season.
 - **Additional Life Guard Appointment- Damon Dubois**
Motion to Approve Appointment
Wysocki made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
 - **Pool Slide Fundraiser-Hoosick Falls Kiwanis** will be working on this project. We have contacted and heard back Rensselaer County on requirements for a slide. Approved plans for any changes to the pool are required. We have contacted LaBerge to find out what will be involved.
- **Summer Day Camp-** Six one week sessions began today, Monday July 11th. Applications are available on line www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.
 - **Summer Camp Field Trips** - - Summer Camp Director Rachel Green has requested board approval for two field trips;
 1. To Tiashoke Farm in Buskirk the week of July 18th.
 2. To the Peter W. Foote Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Rink in North Adams, MA the week of August 8th.***Motion to approve request***
Sheffer made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, Wysocki abstained since he works at the bus garage, all ayes carried.
- **Castle Playground Project-** A huge Thank You to Aelish, HAYC3, Bill Shiland and the Rensselaer County Sheriff work program with the coordination and painting some of the older structure with colors that will blend with the new colorful equipment, it looks great!!!

Supervisor Surdam’s Report

- As the new Certified Pool Operator (CPO) I have making many trips to the pool at all hours and I have been learning a lot. A continued thank you to Tom Marciotta who has been a great help and advisor to me. Tom runs all over the state working with CPO’s on pool controls and chemical balances. We are blessed that he lives in Hoosick and is willing to help us out even after driving all over the state.
- I also want to thank Leo McGuire, Janet Deluca, Sue Stradinger and Bill Shiland for their efforts. It’s great to see Leo back at the pool. He is keeping our pool looking clean, helping with testing the water during the day and has been keeping the water circulation and filtration system working perfectly. Janet has stepped up and is doing everything we have asked her to do and more, Sue keeps an eye on everything and helps keep us all organized and Bill is our constant go to guy when we need something.
- I attended the MRB Water & Sewer Expansion Project kick off meeting.
- Senator Marchione organized a meeting at the Capital that was held the evening of 6/30 with NYS Director of Operations Jim Malatras, reps from DOH & DEC, Town of Hoosick, Village of Hoosick Falls and the Town of Petersburg to discuss the PFOA contamination issue. The one meeting turned into two. New Petersburg Town Supervisor Alan Webster, Petersburg Board member Denise Church and I started with a meeting in Senator Marchione office to review the issues we wanted to discuss at

the meeting in the Capital. The Mayor was away for a long weekend and was not able to join us but he did join us via conference call for the meeting with Jim Malatras.

The meeting in the Capital lasted just about 2 hours and here are some of the take a ways I had from the meeting that will pertain to the Town of Hoosick;

We were able to confirm that the state will pay the \$46,000 for the water & sewer expansion engineering study. We discussed some of the different types of funding that are available for these types of water projects and Kathy did make it a point to mention that our small towns cannot afford what it is going to take to upgrade and extend water for our contaminated areas.

I asked about the Health Cancer Study and was told the information has been put together and is being review by Mount Sinai Hospital as an impartial review of the information. Dr. Graber from NYS Health did tell us they are having exchanges about the study and that the information should be available very soon.

We discussed the confidentially agreement for private wells that needs to be signed so we can get the needed information to MRB Engineering for the Feasibility Study.

I asked about hiring an Environmental Engineer to work with and for the Town of Hoosick during the Testing and evaluation process that are a part of the consent order. We feel the Town should have an expert working for us but it is not a budgeted item and I expressed my concern that it may not be covered by the consent order. This was not seen this as an unreasonable request and the feeling was it would or could be an expense covered under the consent order but there is some overlap because DEC is working for us as well. Ken Lynch who is the Executive Deputy Commissioner with DEC was the rep at the meeting for DEC. We left it that we will set up a meeting with DEC to discuss further.

- Attended public meeting at the HFCS where Senator Gillibrand was visiting to listen to some of our local residents personal stories how the PFOA contamination issue has affected them.
- Mayor Borge & I met with Caitlin Randall & Peter Crabtree who are working on an article for Wilson Quarterly Magazine. They also met with a number of other local residents and business owners.

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki** – Solar Committee July 13th at Town Hall
- **Councilperson Sutton** - absent
- **Councilperson Hyde:** Attended the public meeting at HFCS with Congresswoman Gillibrand regarding PFOAs.
- **Councilperson Sheffer:** none

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Revaluation Project- RFP has been advertised** with bids required to be back on or before 4:30pm on September 1st, 2016. Bids will opened and read at the September Town Board Meeting.
- **Resolution #58, 2016 Woods Brook Grant Application with the Village of Hoosick Falls**
Motion To Approve
Wysocki made the motion to approve resolution #58, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hyde: aye, Wysocki: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Revised May 1, 2016 Drug & Alcohol Policy for the Town of Hoosick Highway Dept.**
Motion to Approve
Wysocki made the motion to approve the revised Drug and Alcohol Policy, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

- **Broadband- *We all need to continue to work to raise awareness that this community wants Broadband Service throughout our entire town.. This is going to take a community effort, please help any way you can.*** Tom Valone and the Local Hoosick Development Corp. have been working continually on this issue. In a recent conference call with NYS Empire State Development they learned that Time Warner has agreed to serve an additional 145,000 customers within New York State who previously had no service as a condition of the agreement to merge with Charter Communications. *If Time Warner sends you a mailer asking you to subscribe even though you do not get Time Warner send them a reply that you want it. We need to show that there is an interest in this area.* We know Bouncelynx & Hudson Valley Wireless continue to work towards providing some areas of the town.
- **NYS Parks & Recreation Grant-Pool Project Phase Two- LaBerge Engineering-** On June 15th we met with Phil Koziol from LaBerge Group at the pool to discuss the MWBE issue and to do a walk and talk on the project. We should be hearing more from LaBerge in the next couple of weeks.
Albrecht & Wilson has completed the maps and descriptions for the boundary line adjustments around the pool area. On July 20th It will be reviewed by the Village Planning Board for approval then to Rensselaer County.
- **Water & Sewer Expansion Feasibility Study-** On June 27th there was a kick off meeting at the Village Board Room. On Thursday evening June 30th in a meeting at the Capital we were able to confirm what was being reported that NYS will front the \$46,000 cost for this study.
- **Private Well Water Testing-** NYS Dept. of Health continues the testing of private wells for PFOA's in the Town of Hoosick. If your well has not been tested please call 1-800-801-8092 to schedule appointment. The DOH continues to update the map that they have developed showing the areas of concern. The latest version of the map is hanging in the meeting/court room in the Armory or 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.
- **POET Systems-** Any home owner who has a system installed needs to pay attention all information on the flyer that is handed out. No one should be drinking or cooking with the water even after the POET system has been installed and flushed until the water has been tested and DEC or DOH has contacted you directly with the okay.
- **PFOA Water Contamination Issue-**
 - **July Update-** Honeywell has notified us that beginning this week they will be starting to set up to begin the contamination investigation. You will be seeing activity at the John St. & River Road Properties that they still own. They will be sending letters to property owners requesting permission for access and eventually will be going door to door to the properties they will need to access to comply with the consent order. Copies of the letters with additional information can be found on the Town & Village web site.
 - NYS Health Dept. will continue to staff the Armory on Tuesdays, Thursdays 2pm to 8pm & Saturdays 10am to 2pm meet with anyone who would like to discuss their personal PFOA blood test results. Additional Information on the PFOA Blood testing Program and the Biomonitoring Results can be found @ www.townofhoosick.org or www.villageofhoosickfalls.com
 - The Village Water System continues to test at Non-Detect for PFOA after filtration.
 - **NOTE-** you can still have your well tested, you can still request a POET system for your well, and you can still take part in the PFOA Blood Testing Program. See info below.
 - Hotline- 1-800-801-8092
 - Water is still available for free @ Tops
 - Well Water Testing Request Forms & Bio monitoring Forms are available on information table @ Armory, from NYSDOH, Town & Village web sites or call the Hotline @ 1-800-801-8092.
 - In-Home Water Filtration Options for Household Drinking Water- Information is available on table @ Armory, from NYSDOH, Town & Village web sites along with other information on the PFOA contamination issue.

- ***Please Contact NYSDEC or EPA if you know or suspect where there may be dump sites in the Town of Hoosick.***
- **EPA Announcement-** On May 19th the EPA released an updated lifetime drinking water health advisory of 70 ppt for PFOA/PFOS. Detailed information can be found at the EPA web site or at the Town & Village Web site.

New Business

- **Budget Transfer-** *to move funds between budgeted accounts.* No transfers needed this month.
- **Resolution #59, 2016 North Hoosick Fire Protection District- to Amend the Service Award Program Point System.**
Motion to Approve
Sheffer made the motion to approve resolution #59, Wysocki seconded. Roll Call Vote: Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Sheffer: aye, Surdam: aye. *Motion Approved.*
- **Request to name a local Bridge after Lieutenant Colonel Charles D. Door- Discussion**
Surdam and the Board all agreed they cannot single out one Veteran, it would not be fair to all the other Veterans who have served their country as well.
His name is not on the Veteran's Wall in the Village. It cost \$100 to put additional names on the wall. There are people willing to cover this cost and have it done.
No Action Taken.
- **Ice Rink-** Hoosac School has made an informal offer to pay a fairly large sum of money each year to the Town if we could bring the rink up to standards that would support their Hockey Program. The standards that were briefly discussed were being able to provide ice (refrigeration), 4 locker rooms and regulation hockey boards. Hoosac School has developed a very successful hockey program for both boys and girls and would like to have access to our rink as home ice. The feasibility of this will have to be determined.
- **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

Adjournment 7:51 PM

Motion to Adjourn

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

Bills Paid: Abstract #7 Vouchers: 318-363

General A	\$8,202.53
General B	\$6,257.89
Highway DA	\$3,184.49
Highway DB	\$15,755.70
Cap. Proj. H	\$650.00
Trust & Agency TA	\$7,984.62
Total:	\$42,035.23

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger, Town Clerk