

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday July 10, 2017 7:00 PM**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Mark Surdam, Eric Sheffer, 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.

Marla Nowak, Tory Hill Rd: Road damage from the Storm of July 1st. Culvert is 30-40 ft deep and 180 ft long. There is no access and has safety and emergency concerns

Surdam: Has a call in to State Director of DOT, will call him again tomorrow to get this situation moving.

Keith Cipperly: Wanted to know if Surdam has State of Emergency NIMS training up-to-date.

Surdam: has all training up-to-date.

Vallis Goodermote, Owner of Lumberjack Coffee on Rte 7: Currently has more signs than the town law allows. She is requesting the Board look at the sign law and make updates to it. She is also asking that she can keep her signs until the Board makes the changes.

Surdam: The Town cannot promise to put anything on hold. We have to abide by the law that is in place. The Board will discuss the law with the Attorney.

Butch VonHaggin, Eagle Rd: Complained about his road and damage from the July 1th storm. He said he had to fix it himself.

Mark Surdam: Thanked Mayor Allen for all of his hard work he did during the July 1th Flash Flood Storm.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **State of Emergency-** A State of Emergency was declared at 9:07pm on Saturday July 1st for the Town of Hoosick due to local flooding. The State of Emergency is good for 30 days. There have been no Emergency orders issued yet, we continue to monitor and evaluate the areas that have been affected the most.
- **DEC Tweet after Flooding-** Any impacted home owners w/ POET systems can contact DEC at 888-459-8667 with any questions. This Tweet was also posted on the Town web site.
- **Bennington Battlefield Speakers & Events-** July has many events scheduled such as Two Walking Tours one is this Friday. There is a Movie Screening at the Caretakers House this Saturday, a book discussion, guided hikes and a Loyalist Presentation at the Louis Miller Museum. If interested additional information is available www.benningtonbattlefield.org.
- **Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad-** Is seeking donations for their 60th anniversary event scheduled for September 16th which will include musical entertainment, open house with a health fair and a pyrotechnic display.
- **USDA Rural Development Loans-** With all of the recent record rainfall, do you or someone you know own a home in need of repairs? Considering a new heating system because of high fuel costs? Looking to replace your old windows with energy efficient windows? Is your home in need of any residential energy efficiency improvements? USDA Rural Development may be able to help. Please contact them at [518\) 692-9940 ext. 4](tel:5186929940) for more information.
- **USDA Rural Development is looking for Local Contractors-** Typical contractor services may include: residential property clean-outs/trash removal, snow removal, lawn mowing, lock changing, winterizing and securing the property. If interested please fill out the questionnaire that is posted on

- the Town Web Site or contact Todd Loy at todd.loy@ny.usda.gov or [\(518\) 692-9940 ext. 4](tel:5186929940) for additional information.
- **National Science Foundation (NSF) Awards Bennington College \$300,000 Grant to Expand Study of PFOA-** Bennington College Faculty Members David Bond, Janet Foley, and Tim Schroeder have been awarded this grant to deepen and expand the College's response to PFOA Contamination in New York and Vermont. The complete press release can be seen on the Town of Hoosick Web Site.
- **Rock the Block-** 2nd Annual Rock the Block is scheduled for Wednesday August 2nd. Monolith Solar will again be sponsoring the Chicken BBQ. Watch for additional information.
- **Browns Border Busting Brewhaha-** Thursday July 20th 5:30-7:30 hosted by Bennington Area Chamber & Hoosick Rising.
- **National Grid Rate Increase Request-** We received a letter dated June 30th from NYS Dept. of Public Service with information about this request and a list of public hearings. The entire letter is available on the Town web site.
- **Letter from Congressman Faso to EPA**
- **Congratulations Sean Avery Yeung on obtaining the Rank of Eagle Scout.**

Town Clerk's Report-

- **Clerk's Report for June:** Total: \$16,847.00 - Remitted to Supervisor: \$15,800.03
- **Facility Use Request-** Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad for the 60th Anniversary request the use of the Town Fields and Rink on September 16th, 2017 from 8am to 10pm. COI received.
 - **Motion to approve**
Sheffer made the motion to approve the Facility Use Request, Wysocki seconded, all eyes carried.
- **2018 Budget Calendar-**
 - **Budget Workshop** – Oct. 5th 6:00 pm.
 - **WHFD Public Hearing:** Oct. 26th 6:00 pm
 - **October Town Board Meeting-** Rescheduled to Wed. Oct. 11th 7:00 PM due to holiday.
 - **Preliminary Budget Public Hearing:** Nov. 9th 6:00 PM
 - **Motion to Approve**
Hyde made the motion to approve all meeting dates, Sutton seconded, all eyes carried.
- **Clerk's Report-Camp and Pool Memberships:** 1st week of Summer Camp we have 51 sign ups. There has not been an increase like this in years. 2nd week we are currently at 46 and continue taking in applications. This year we have our first Counselor who was in the Counselor in Training Program for the past 3 years. This year we have 3 signed up in this program, the ages are 13-15. Pool Memberships increased this year over last year.

Assessor's Report

- **Revaluation Project Flyer-** As a result of some questions that were discussed at last month's Town Board meeting we had asked GAR Associates if they could come up with an information sheet. The Flyer has gone out in the mail and we have received positive feedback on the flyer information. The flyer can be viewed at www.townofhoosick.org.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Cottrell Road Bridge-** The Engineer will apply for funding sometime between Sept. and Dec. There should be 95% covered expenses.
- **Roads- Storm Damage-** Slow process of getting the repairs done. Waiting for 2 culverts to come in that will be for Wilson Hill Rd. and Bovie Hill Rd. There will be a couple more weeks of repair work to do. Tory Hill Rd we need to do something even if it's a temporary fix until we hear back from the State DOT.
- **Surdam:** Thank you to Superintendent Shiland and his staff for getting all of the town roads open as quickly as they did.

Code Enforcement

- **9 Brady Lane-** Owner is requesting a 30 day extension to finish cleaning up the property. Surdam said the Owners have already had a 90 day extension. Progress is being made, but very slow and a lot more needs to be done. The Town Board will give the Owner's 30 days. In the meantime we will Advertise to Bid for Clean-up of the Property, with a return bid date of the August 14th meeting. Bids to be turned in by 3:00 pm that day. The Legal Notice will go out in next week's Eastwick Press.

Motion to Approve

Sheffer made the motion to give the Owner's a 30 day extension to have the property completely cleaned up and approve the Advertisement to Bid for Clean Up in the event the Owner's do not clean it up with a return date of Aug. 14th. Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

Town Historian

Town Historian, Phil Leonard discussed his newest Pamphlet of "John Dorr-The Leader of Hoosick Falls in its Earliest Days".

Recreation Report

- **2017 Summer Camp- Began today**
- **Pool Update-** A huge Thank You to all of our staff, the Pool is open and it looks great!!! Swimming Lessons are in full swing. We have experienced an issue with 3 pool pumps due to the flooding. Two pumps are not running the 3rd is a little loud. We are working on replacing and repairing as needed. The pumps we have are no longer available.
- **Castle Playground-** Bill Shiland and the Highway staff completed the removal of all of the old fencing and towers that were planned to be removed. Please support our local Kiwanis as they are working diligently to continue upgrading this area.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Summer Camp Director Rachel Green held a Summer Camp Staff Kick off meeting which I did attend.
- Continue to work with Doug Pilot from Hoosick Computer Repair ref needed equipment for recording all of our Town Meetings and to update the Video Security at the pool and playground.
- The Town Board and I along with many others attended the Community PFOA related update meeting hosted by the Hoosick Falls Central School.
- I called an emergency meeting to vote on moving forward with the Community Dev. Block Grant to begin implementing the Woods Brook Flood Study in a joint application with The Village of Hoosick Falls. This was an item that I forgot to include at our regular June meeting and due to the application deadline and the need for a public hearing had to have the emergency meeting.
- I met with Mayor Allen & Briggs in ref to future Consolidated Funding Grant Applications (CFGA) for local economic development.
- Our Environmental Attorney Dean Sommer, his partner Kevin, Town Attorney Jonathan Schopf and I met for lunch to prepare for the discussion that we need to have in executive session during tonight's Town Board meeting.
- I am usually at the pool at least twice a day to test the water, check operations in the mechanical room and add chemicals as needed. Thank you to Tom Marciotta who keeps an eye on me, lets me call him whenever and will stop in a few times a week as his schedule permits to test the water and see how things are going.
- The Construction Pre Bid walk through was recently held at the pool and I did go meet quickly with Phil Koziol from LaBerge Group who was there to meet the contractors.

- I Declared a State of Emergency through Rensselaer County 911 at 9:07pm on July 1st from Northville NY based on the information I was receiving from Jeff Wysocki, Mayor Allen and others regarding the flooding that was happening. I was back in Town by 11pm and did go directly to the Incident Command Center that was set up at the Hoosick Falls Fire Dept.
- We have all been working on many flood related issues, attending meetings, touring the roads with Highway Superintendent Shiland, meeting with and or talking to a number of homes owners who have been impacted by the flooding. Highway Superintendent Shiland and his crew did an excellent job getting most roads open in a short amount of time. There is still much work to be done to bring all of the roads back to pre-flooding condition which will take an extended period of time.
- I played in a Golf Fundraiser for the TOH Youth Football & Cheerleading Program.

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki:** Attended the County Shared Services meeting at the County with the Sheriff's Dept.
- **Councilperson Sutton:** Friday, Saturday, Sunday is the Youth Wrestling Tournament at Our Town Rink. Teams are coming from all over the country to participate. This has always been a huge success.
- **Councilperson Hyde:** Working with Catholic Charities to raise revenue to help residents with flood damaged homes from the July 1st flash flood storm that damaged so many homes. Also to have counselors help out in the process that goes along with it.
- **Councilperson Sheffer:** Thanked the Highway crew for their work in clean up during the storm and aftermath.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Community Pool & Playground Security System-** The equipment has been ordered.
- **Meeting Room Recording Equipment-** We started with recording the July ZBA meeting with a recording device that we have the opportunity to try first. We are recording tonight's meeting with the same recording device. We will evaluate these recordings to determine if this system will work for us. Thank you Doug Pilot of Hoosick Computer Repair for letting us try out the recorder.
- **Broadband-** We are seeing some encouraging signs that Broadband is coming. ***We all need to continue to work to raise awareness that this community wants High Speed Broadband Service throughout our entire town. We have been told it is important to keep the calls coming to Charter especially if you own a business. This is going to take a community effort, please keep making the calls to Charter Communication that the Town of Hoosick wants & needs Broadband Service.***
Bouncelyn has informed the LDC that it is providing services to Pine Valley Road and South St. homes. It is researching additional towers near South Street and the Countesses in East Hoosick.
- **Senator Marchione DASNY Grant-** Through the continuous efforts and support of Senator Marchione and her staff to the Town of Hoosick we have been notified that we are in line to receive a DASNY grant of \$975,000 to add a refrigeration system to the Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink & Multi-Purpose Building. **Update-** We are still waiting to obtain a project estimate from National Grid for three phase power to the rink.
- **NYS Parks & Recreation Grant-Pool Project Phase Two, Bath House & Filter House-**
 - Construction Bids are due July 20th.
 - Construction Start date is September 1st.
- **Revaluation Project-** Project questions should be directed to GAR Associates by calling 1-866-910-1776. Project information will be posted on both the Town and Village web sites.

- **NYS DOH Availability at the Armory;** Tuesdays 6pm-8pm, Saturdays –10am-noon.
- **Bottled Water from Tops-** As part of the consent order, the polluters were required to provide bottled water to the residents on the village water system until the full capacity GAC is operating independently. At the state's direction, Honeywell and Saint Gobain will continue to provide bottled water at Tops for the next six weeks, while two additional rounds of confirmatory sampling are conducted. **Beyond this six week window**, the companies will also deliver bottled water to any residents with point of entry treatment (POET) systems that have not yet been cleared for use.
- **PFOA related contact information;** If community members have any questions, Department of Health staff can be reached between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm at these numbers:

For specific questions about potential health effects: Email: btsa@health.ny.gov, phone: [518-402-7800](tel:518-402-7800)

For specific questions about the public water supply: Email: bpwsp@health.ny.gov, phone: [518-402-7650](tel:518-402-7650)

For specific questions about private wells: Email: beei@health.ny.gov, phone: [518-402-7860](tel:518-402-7860)

For specific questions about blood testing: Email: beoe@health.ny.gov, phone: [518-402-7950](tel:518-402-7950)

In addition, The New York State Water Quality Hotline, [800-801-8092](tel:800-801-8092), is available, Monday-Friday 9am-8pm and Saturday 9am-3pm.

New Business

- **Budget Transfer Request- Motion** to Transfer \$500.00 from Account 9060.8 Medical Insurance to Account 1410.4 Town Clerk CE.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve the budget transfer, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **County Wide Shared Services-** Jeff attended the most recent meeting in ref to this
- **NYS DOT Shared Services Agreement (SSA)-** Authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the agreement as presented by NYS DOT as a 2 year agreement.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Town/Village Shared Service Agreement**
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sheffer made the motion to approve the agreement, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Town/Village Police Agreement**
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve the agreement, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Surplus Computers:** The Building Inspector and Assessor's office have just gotten new computers. There are 3 we can give to the Village as there is a new position there.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to give the surplus computers to the Village, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Executive Session-

To discuss with our Attorney's the Town's ongoing approach to the PFOA Contamination Issue, HAYC3 Lease,

o ***Motion to Enter Executive Session at 8:30 PM***

Sutton made the motion, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.

o ***Motion to Exit Executive Session at 9:25 PM***

Sutton made the motion, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Scheduled Meetings

Zoning Board meets the First Monday of the month; **Planning Board** meets the third Monday of the month, both in the Court Room of the HAYC3 Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

Adjournment - motion

Sutton made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:25 Pm pending signing of vouchers, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #7 Vouchers: 297-342

General A	\$43,756.88
General B	\$8,436.53
Highway DA	\$19,142.34
Highway DB	\$8,280.66
T & A	\$5,489.76
Total	\$85,106.17

***Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger
Hoosick Town Clerk***