

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday November 13, 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.

- Keith Cipperly: questions on FOIL requests submitted last month.
- Kevin Allard: Questions on legal fees for Attorney if they are in the budget.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Friends of Bennington-** The next meeting of the Friends of the Bennington Battlefield is scheduled for Thursday, November 16 at 3:30 at the Louis Miller Museum, 166 Main Street, Hoosick Falls. For additional info email www.friends.bennington.battlefield@gmail.com
- **Thanksgiving eve Celebration to benefit TOH Youth Center-** HF Country Club November 22 6pm-11pm. Additional Information @ <https://hoosickcommunitycenter.com> .
- **North Hoosick Fire Dept.-** A Benefit Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner with a Chinese Auction is scheduled for December 1st to assist the Patrick Flynn Family. For additional information please go to the NHFD Facebook Page or contact Chief Alan Bornt 518-378-4538.
- **HAYC3 Armory Walking-** A reminder with the cold weather here that the HAYC3 Armory is open for walking.

Town Clerk's Report

- Total for October Clerk Fees: \$9,733.50 - Remitted to the Supervisor: \$2,685.29

Assessor's Report

- Working on exemptions for 2018. Mailing out the Senior Star Applications

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- FEMA report finished: \$27,000. Should receive 75% of that figure.
- Cottrell Road Bridge: Still waiting - Creighton Manning Engineering Firm will help with paperwork.

Town Historian

Phil Leonard discussed his new flyer: with two people from our town. Annie S. Hawks, who wrote the famous hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour". She also wrote over 400 hymns. Dr. Karl B. McEachron, General Electric Scientist, who wrote "Playing with Lightning".

Recreation Report

- **Reynolds/Gilchrest Skating Rink-** We are now accepting applications for Rink Guards and Instructors. Applications are available on the Town Web Site or from the Town Clerk.
- **Proposed 2017-2018 Public Skate Hours & Admission Prices- Discussion/Motion** to approve.
 - **Proposed Rink Hours-**
 - Monday & Tuesday 4-7 Open Skating
 - Wednesday 3:30-5:30 Open Skating
6-9 Skating Lessons
 - Thursday & Friday 4-6 Open Skating
6:30-8:30 Open Skating
 - Saturday 9-Noon Skating Lessons
1-4 Open Skating
6-9 Open Skating
 - **Proposed Rink Pricing-**
 - Student/Child/Seniors- \$3, Adult- \$4, Skate Rental- \$2, Skate Sharpening \$5.
 - Any Use of Rink: Everyone \$60.00 an hour, skate rentals not included.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Wysocki made the motion to approve the 2018 Skating Rink Hours and Admission fees, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Supervisor Surdam's Report-

- I met with Ben Siden from LaBerge in ref to the Restore NY Grant Program that we will be working with and supporting Civicure as they move through the process.
- Attended the Budget Workshop for the Tentative 2018 Town Budget.
- I attended the Installation Service for Pastor David Hall at the Hoosick Falls Baptist Church.
- I met with representatives from the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) and Joyce Brewer to discuss CEO acquiring the Graphitek Building in Walloomsac and the impacts it could have on our community.
- Beginning in October I have been invited to be a part of a monthly conference call with the Village Mayor, representatives from NYS DEC, DOH and FEMA to be updated on progress, issues and opportunities as we continue to work through the PFOA Contamination issue.
- I met with Tom Marciotta who lives in Hoosick and has been involved with Ice Rinks in NY State for many years. During this meeting while discussing specific upgrade needs that would be required to bring our rink up to the standards that would be required for a competitive hockey program it became clear that we should look for professional assistance to conduct a feasibility study. I did contact Ben Ruggles who is the President of the North East Ice Skating Managers Association (NESIMA) and explained who we are and what we are looking for. Mr. Ruggles did refer us to Rink Management Services Corp. (RMSC) and Dr. Don Baldwin, PHD who is a Senior Development Specialist, RMSC a General Manager and a Certified Ice Rink Manager. Eric Sheffer & I spoke on the phone with Dr. Baldwin and RMSC CEO Tom Hillgrove; we have received an outline of what would be included in a feasibility study along with a cost estimate. We were able to include this cost which could be up to \$10,500 in the 2018 Town of Hoosick Budget and if supported by the Board at the Nov meeting we will ask RMSC to begin the project. They estimate the project will take 4-6 weeks to complete.
- I attended the annual meeting with Jeanne Forkeutis from Morgan Stanley, Ed Bornt & Eric Amidon from the North Hoosick Fire Dept. to discuss the investment program that supports the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) the Town Sponsors for the NH Fire Dept.
- I met with Bob Medvetz to discuss ongoing issue with Knapp Way.
- I attended the District 5 County Legislature Debate sponsored by the HFCS Student Group HF Chapter of the Junior State of America.
- I attended with the Board the Public Hearing for the West Hoosick Fire Dept. 2018 Budget.

- We held our Public Hearing on the 2018 Town of Hoosick Budget.

Town Council Reports

- **Deputy Supervisor Wysocki**: Attended his last public hearing at the WHFD. Wysocki was elected as our County Legislator.
- **Councilperson Sutton**: Concerns about the Immaculate Conception Church. With so much damage done by the flooding, there is a possibility the building would have to come down.
- **Councilperson Hyde**: none
- **Councilperson Sheffer**: Attended American Legion Veteran's Day Ceremony. The route 7 and 22 sign will be coming down over the winter for restoration. Found out that the State put it up and paid for it, then turned it over to the Town.

Old or Ongoing Business

- **Bath House Project- Construction to begin in the spring.**
- **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.***
- **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. **Update-** As of 8/22 GAR has collected the initial information on approx. 70% of the Town Parcels.
- **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*

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

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

For specific questions about blood testing: Email: beoe@health.ny.gov, phone: 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 Transfers**
 - ***Motion to Approve budget transfers as proposed.***
Wysocki made the motion to approve, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **2018 Town of Hoosick Budget-**
 - ***Motion to adopt the 2018 Budget.***
Sutton made the motion to approve and adopt the 2018 budget, Sheffer seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: aye, Sutton: aye, Wysocki: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Motion Approved.
- **Community Letter- Announcement**
 - Surdam spoke about the survey letter going to the residents Town Outside only. Urging everyone to please fill it out and mail it back to us in the postage paid envelope that is provided. The questions pertain to water districts or POET systems with

private resident wells. St.Gobain and Honeywell are paying for this to be done and they requested the Town should put these questions out to the public for their input. Surdam thanked, Sue Stradinger, Tony Rice, Ginny Blinstrub and Dick Kuebler for working on this project.

- **Youth Center Request-**
for payroll assistance for programming through the end of the year. They are asking for \$4,000 if possible.
The entire Board is in favor of giving them \$2,000. now, then after the first of the year will re-evaluate for any additional funds.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Sutton made the motion to approve the \$2,000. For the Youth Center, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Assessment Review Board Appointment-** Arlene Wysocki after many years has decided not to be re-appointed; her term expired at the end of September. We thank Arlene for her years of serving on the board. We are looking for a replacement; if anyone is interested in obtaining more information please contact Supervisor Surdam or Assessor Rice.
- **Hoosick Housing Authority Board- Appointment**
Motion to Re-Appoint Anne Keegan to a 5 year term on the Hoosick Housing retroactive to October 1, 2017.
Sutton made the motion to reappoint Anne Keegan, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Planning & Zoning Boards- Discussion** As of Jan 1st 2018 we are in need of 2 Zoning Board Members and 3 Planning Board Members.
- **Local Law No 1 of 2018 Prohibiting the Operation of Dumps and Dumping-**
Public Hearing Scheduled for December 11, 2017 at 6:30 pm.
Motion to Approve
Sheffer made the motion to approve the public hearing, Wysocki seconded, all ayes carried.
- **The Homestead Tax Option-**
The County has requested we rescind the Homestead/Non-Homestead on the tax bills. All it does is separate the acreage and dwelling with one acre. Minutes have been searched from 1978 to 1982 and nothing was found. Stradinger will research through 1985 to see if anything is there.
- **Paid Family Leave-**
Motion to opt out
Sutton made the motion to opt out of the Paid Family Leave, Hyde seconded, all ayes carried.
- **Safe Harbor NY Program-** We've been invited to view a performance at HVCC on 11/15 and learn more about the Rensselaer County Safe Harbor Initiative as well as how human trafficking is present in the community.
- **Skating Rink Project-** to have Rink Management Services Corporation provide Feasibility Study as outlined with a cost not to exceed \$10,200.
Motion to approve
Sutton made the motion to approve, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.
- **CiviCure:** They are holding off on applying for the Restore NY Grant for 2017 and will be applying in 2018.

- **ACH Charge:** Supervisor Surdam reported the unauthorized ACH withdrawals from the Town's Checking Account that we first informed the public of at our September 2017 Town Board Meeting has been investigated by the NYS Police. Supervisor Surdam was given a verbal report last week from a State Police Investigator that they have determined the unauthorized withdrawals was accidental and not criminal in nature and that no charges will be filed in the case and the case is closed.

Executive Session

- **To discuss Notice of Claim that was filed, HAYC3 Lease.**
Motion to Enter Executive Session
Sutton made the motion, Hyde 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.

Exit of Executive Session

Motion to Exit

Sutton made the motion to exit executive session at 8:32 pm., Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Adjournment 8:32 PM

Sheffer made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting pending the signing of Vouchers, Sutton seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Stradinger, Town Clerk