

**Town of Hoosick  
Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday October 10, 2018 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:** William Hanselman, Jenn Hyde, Jerry McAuliffe, Eric Sheffer and Supervisor Mark Surdam

**Previous Meeting(s) Minutes-** have been reviewed by the board and are available from the Town Clerk or [www.townofhoosick.org](http://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

- Mayor Allen asked that the board reconsider the grant for the skating rink refrigeration project. Mayor Allen states that he has a committee forming to go over ideas to make the project work and be a more productive asset to the town.
- Kevin Allard is disappointed that the Mayor of the Village and the Town Supervisor could not communicate and had to read this in the local newspaper that the grant money that the Town applied for in doing the refrigeration project is being redone with Senator Marchione to allow the Town to use this in the pool area and other areas of recreation instead.
- Ed Holland from Animal Safe Rehabilitation gave the board an update on where the shelter is now after well needed repairs have been made to fix the shelter after a tree had fallen through part of it. The shelter has been temporarily fixed in that area and Ed states that the shelter has expanded in the number of dogs that they can now hold for all towns. Ed states that they have to be inspected by the state and be up to code for Ag & Markets in order for them to shelter the animals in the facility.

**Correspondence/Announcements**

- HAYC3 Wellness Fair on October 20<sup>th</sup>. HAYC3 is currently looking for healthcare providers and vendors who would be interested in participating. Please visit website at [www.HAYC3.org/wellness-fair](http://www.HAYC3.org/wellness-fair) or call 518-686-9050.
- Supervisor Surdam received a Petition to make all necessary repairs to Scott St. and to demolish the vacant property of the Estate of William Bogardus. Mr. Shiland did begin work on Scott Street and is aware of it. Logging in the area right now is making the road worse and does not want to do anything to the road until he is sure the logging is complete. Ditching and Paving are still needed but will not fix until the trucks have completed logging in that area.

- We received a letter from Verizon informing the Town that Verizon is Partnering with New York State under its broadband grant program to provide high speed internet to some areas of our town beginning this fall. Hopefully access for all residents is possible and not just some.
- United States Canine Scent Sports and Berkshire Sniffers are holding a competitive event Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> in the Reynolds/Gilchrist Rink. Additional info and links are on the Town web site.
- West Hoosick Baptist Church welcomes Pastor JD Milton and his wife Katie to the area. There will be an open house at the church on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

### **Town Clerk's Report**

- Report for the month of September total: \$18,910.50 remitted to Supervisor: \$2,319.47
- **Facilities Use Request:**  
None for the month
- **New Email Address-** [hoosicktownclerk@gmail.com](mailto:hoosicktownclerk@gmail.com)
- **New Hours-** the Town Clerks Office is now open on Saturdays!!! See new hours listed below.

Monday 8-4  
 Tuesdays 8-12- **This is a change**  
 Wednesday 8-4  
 Thursday 8-4  
 Friday 8-4  
**Saturdays 8-12- New Saturday Hours!!!**

### **Assessor's Report**

- First batch of exemptions will be going out hopefully before November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- There was an issue with a house being purchased at auction for \$10,000 and the value of the house is set at \$139,000. It is too late to do anything about the value this year and Tony wanted to warn everyone about doing purchases before you see the actual house.

### **Superintendent of Highway's Report**

- **Cottrell Road Bridge Update-**the state has put a yellow flag on the bridge as there is an under footing that has washed away a bit but this will not change the weight limit on the bridge. Still waiting on a response from Bridge NY on the application submitted over a year ago.
- **Fox Hollow Update-**still need to replace two culverts. There are still plants and shrubs that have not been moved in order to do the one area.
- Jerry asked if the truck that Mr. Shiland is driving is lettered with Town of Hoosick. Mr. Shiland stated that it is not. Jerry asked that this be done so that there are no questions on where the truck is spotted. Jerry states that he has received a couple of phone calls regarding the whereabouts of the Town truck. Mr. Shiland feels that this is a waste of tax payer monies but will get quotes for the board to review.

### **Veteran Rep**

- George Driscoll-Not Present

### **Town Historian**

- **Phil Leonard-** Phil stated that General Putnam will be at the museum this Saturday at 1pm. Phil also spoke about the Eberle brothers, Bob and Ray. Phil states that they were singers of the Big Band Era. He states that they came from a musical background. Bob ended up singing with Jimmy Dorsey and Ray sang with Glenn Miller's orchestra. More information can be found at the museum.
- **Bennington Battlefield Upcoming Events-** <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/12/hunting.aspx#events>

### **Recreation Report**

- Will be discussing the upcoming rink information at the November meeting.

### **Supervisor Surdam's Report**

- I met with No. Hoosick Fire Chief Alan Bornt and the Fire Dept. Insurance rep William Dedrick from Amsure to discuss NYS Volunteer Firefighter Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits Act.
- Attended a NYMIR Admin webinar.
- I attended a Rensselaer County Town Supervisor's meeting at Schodack Town Hall with County Executive Steve McClaughlin.
- Bill Shiland and I met with Jay Lewandowski from NYMIR for annual Risk Review. We should be seeing the Risk Review Report soon.
- I have been working on the 2019 Town Budget with our new Bookkeeper Rae Philpot and would like to thank our previous Bookkeeper Emily Sanders for meeting with us to help through the transition.
- We had a Budget Workshop to discuss the 2019 Budget.
- I sat in on the monthly conference call with Mayor Allen, DEC, DOH, EPA ref. water contamination issue.

### **Town Council Reports**

**Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-**Attended a rededication of the sign at Old Maple Grove Cemetery. Eric also attended the Hoosick Rising meeting at the Country Club. There will be more details to follow on the outcome of this meeting. The tractor show was a success this year which Eric also attended. Eric had some tractors of his own present at the show. Eric presented to the board a picture of the sign that he feels will be best solution for the location on Route 7. He has been working on this for a long time and feels that this needs to be done before the cold weather is upon us again. A sample of the sign from Sign Studios was shared and it was agreed to move forward with the sign.

**Councilperson Hyde-**Jenn attended the recent waterfront revitalization meeting. There were great ideas to invest in the waterfront.

**Councilperson McAuliffe-** The flags are at half mass for the Fallen Firefighters and will remain at half mass in honor of all of the victims from the limo crash in Schoharie until all services have been concluded. Jerry had some residents ask him about the slow moving trains going through the village. He states it is because of the washout where the flood had come through just over a year ago and the track seem to be still unstable through there. Mark will take a walk and look at it.

**Councilperson Hanselman-**Bill is working on a quote for the necessary repairs to the concrete work for the pool. He also attended the Tractor show in the park.

### **Old Business**

- **Hoosick Rising Request Letter-** Jean Andrick and Joe Shaw spoke to the board about the Hoosick Rising. Jean states that they have been working on by-laws and have recently passed these at their last meeting. Hoosick Rising is still in need of officers and members to get involved with projects that the organization is looking to do. They would like to move forward with a not for profit 501C3 but are in need of funds to do so and to get the organization on their feet. Suggestions were made to call the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce to see if they could be of any help as well.
  - ***Motion to Approve***  
Surdam made the motion to provide Hoosick Rising with \$3,500 to get the organization on their feet and to move forward with their 501C3, seconded by Sheffer. All ayes carried.
- **Phase 2 of the Pool Rehab Project is the Bathhouse-**
  1. We will be meeting in executive session to discuss with our attorney and engineer options pertaining to sewer drain issues.
  2. Dean Pectal from Benjamin Moore & Co. has been working to address the issue we had with the paint. The floor has been re-painted. The paint still has not worked out. Floor at pool was washed and repainted. The repainted floor is peeling again.
- **Sign Law Draft - Workshop**
- **SAM Grant- Senator Marchione** has approved the change from rink refrigeration to Pool & Recreation updates. Application has been submitted. Mark would like to get this locked in prior to the end of the year.
- **Woods Brook Grant- No update** on the \$900,000 CDBG Public Infrastructure Grant for Woods Brook Project to Barton & Loguidice (B&L). Project Planning will begin soon. This was mentioned at the Village board meeting. Will continue to keep everyone updated.
- **New Pole LED Lights** at the pool, playground area and athletic field are all in and working properly.

- **2019 upcoming budget dates-**
  1. Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm. Will meet for budget workshop
  2. **Thursday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>** 6:00pm West Hoosick Fire Dept. Public Hearing followed by No. Hoosick Fire Dept. Public Hearing at 6:30pm.
  3. **Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>** 6pm Public Hearing on the 2019 Preliminary Budget.
  4. **Adopt 2019 Budget** at the next Town Board Meeting.
  
- **Mandatory Volunteer Firefighter Supplemental Cancer Coverage-** There has been discussion on this and Mark has confirmed that the coverage does count towards the tax cap.
  
- **2018 PFOA follow up Blood Testing is now available NYS DOH-** Blood draw is available to everyone in the community previously tested or not. Step one of the process is to contact NYSDOH online at [www.health.ny.gov/hoosick](http://www.health.ny.gov/hoosick) OR you can call 1-800-801-8092 Monday- Friday, 8:30-4:30. You will need to provide the names, birthdates, and contact information of your household who want to participate. You will then be mailed test orders that you will need to take to either Twin Rivers Medical on Danforth St. or Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington to have blood drawn. The test does not require fasting. There is no cost to you for this blood test. **UPDATE- The opportunity for Blood testing has now been extended to December 31 2018.**
  
- **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: [btasa@health.ny.gov](mailto:btasa@health.ny.gov), phone: 518-402-7800*

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

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

*For specific questions about blood testing: Email: [beoe@health.ny.gov](mailto: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- Town of Hoosick Proposed 2018 Budget Transfers  
10/10/2018**

<b>General Fund A</b>			
<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Debit</b>	<b>Credit</b>
1110.4	Justices CE	100.00	
1660.4	Central Storeroom		100.00
1310.2	Bookkeeper E/Q	425.00	
7180.1	Central Storeroom		425.00
7310.1	Youth Program PS	302.54	
7180.1	Recreation PS		302.54
	Total General Fund A	827.54	827.54

- **Motion to Approve**  
Sheffer made the motion to approve this month's budget transfers, seconded by Hyde. All ayes carried.
- **November Town Board Meeting Change-** Veterans day is November 11<sup>th</sup> but observed on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Motion**  
Hyde made the motion to move the November Town Board meeting to Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Sheffer Seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group-** Following up from the information that was provided at our September meeting we have until Oct 12<sup>th</sup> to provide any feedback to [hocomments@dec.org](mailto:hocomments@dec.org) .
- **Zoning Law Update to include new Solar Law- Resolution #57 Local Law # 3 of 2018.**
  - **Motion to Approve**  
Sheffer made the motion to approve Resolution #57 2018, Hyde Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: Aye, Hyde: Aye, McAuliffe: Aye, Hanselman: Aye Surdam: Aye. Motion Approved.
- **Noise Control Law- Resolution #56 Local Law # 4 of 2018.**
  - **Motion to Approve**  
Sheffer made the motion to approve Resolution #56 2018, Hyde Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: Aye, Hyde: Aye, McAuliffe: Aye, Hanselman: Aye Surdam: Aye. Motion Approved.
- **Penflex Service Reward Program 2018- 2019 Service Fee Agreement- Motion** authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the 2018-2019 Penflex Service Reward Program Service Fee Agreement for \$2300.00.
  - **Motion to Authorize**  
Hyde made the motion to authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign the 2018-2019 Penflex Service Reward Program Service Fee Agreement for \$2300.00, seconded by Sheffer. All ayes carried.

- **Bennington College Field Work Term (FWT) Program-** Undergraduate students are required to complete a 7-week Field Work Term internship throughout all four years of their undergraduate education, enabling them to develop a deep and developed sense of the world of work. The 2019 FWT will take place from January 2 through February 15. During that time, students must complete a total of 210 hours (an average of 30 hours/week) through one or more internships. **Supervisor Surdam is proposing** that the Town of Hoosick can utilize the FWT program to assist in analyzing the long term cost of purchasing and maintenance of new trucks and equipment vs. cost of leasing with 10, 15 and 20 year projections. We also are in the process of obtaining software from Cornell University that we would like to use and we will need someone to collect and input road data for the purpose of establishing a long term road maintenance budget plan. The proposed cost to the Town is \$3150.
  - ***Motion to Approve***  
Hanselman made the motion to approve Bennington College Field Work Program to analyze the long term cost of purchasing and maintenance of new trucks and equipment vs. cost of leasing and to obtain the software from Cornell University to collect road data for the purpose of establishing a long term road budget plan, seconded by McAuliffe. All ayes carried.
- **New Playground Camera's lead to arrest-** Thank you to Bill Shiland for observing the most recent damage to a picnic table and providing the video to Hoosick Falls Police Dept. who made the arrest of two Juveniles the same day.
- **Playground/Pool Maintenance Plan-** A plan needs to be put in place for the upkeep and maintenance at and around the pool area for next year.
- **Rock Cut garbage & tree clearing-** Mark states that the parking lot near the rock cut was given to the town. However still unclear who is responsible for the roads leading to the beach area near the river. Jonathan will review and let us know.
- **Executive Session- Motion to enter into executive session to discuss pool bathhouse new sewer line issues with Attorney.**
  - Hyde made the motion to enter into executive session at 9:08pm to discuss pool bathhouse new sewer line issues with Attorney, seconded by Sheffer. All ayes carried. A decision will be made.
  - ***Motion to exit Executive Session***  
Hyde made the motion to exit executive session at 9:32pm, seconded by McAuliffe. All ayes carried. It was decided that the Town would authorize the town attorney to make a formal demand to Bonaquisti Brothers to correct the defective work in the sewer lines as outlined in Town's engineer's 9/24/18 letter.

**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](http://www.townofhoosick.org) or from the Town Clerk.

**Adjournment**

Hyde made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:34pm pending the signing of vouchers, Hanselman seconded, all ayes carried.

**Bills Paid Abstract #10 Vouchers 474-523**

General A	\$ 18,542.21
General B	\$ 3,721.02
Highway DA	\$ 4,576.84
Highway DB	\$ 57,892.32
Capital Fund H	\$ 6,713.16
Trust & Agency	\$ 5,942.48
Total:	\$ 97,388.03

Respectfully submitted,  
Holli Cross, Town Clerk