

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday April 8, 2019 7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: William Hanselman , Jerry McAuliffe, Supervisor Mark Surdam, and Eric Sheffer **Absent:** 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.

- Carrie McMurray and Allison Damiano-DeTraglia addressed the board with information regarding the Community Participation Work Group. They told the board what the Paige Group's role is to the group and that they have worked with other municipalities. Carrie explained that they will act like liaisons between the community group and other agencies involved. Carrie also explained what the purpose of the group is for, the role that the group plays in information sharing, the formation of the group and last the next step after the group has been formed. If anyone is interested, they need to send a letter of interest to Hoosick Community Participation Work Group, C/O The Paige Group, 258 Genesee St. Suite 204, Utica, NY 13502. Letters will be accepted through May 17, 2019.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **Hoosick Rising-** Their website is now live @ www.hoosickrising.org . They are asking for area businesses and organizations to send a photo, contact info (website, phone, email) hours of operation and you are also welcome to send a short description or background story also.
 - **Spring Sing-** Gala and Auction to Benefit Hoosick Falls Armory will be May 4th beginning at 6pm. Musical Performances by Ric DiDonato, Krissy Fauler, Shari Hand, Joe Shaw, and David Sutton Accompanied by Richard Cherry. Live Auction to be called by Ron Seifert. RSVP by April 20th. Additional information available at www.HAYC3.org .
 - **Speaksooner Education Program-** There will be a full SpeakSooner community education program "When the Doctor Becomes the Patient" on Saturday, April 13th, 2019, 6pm at the Hoosick Falls Central School (Free to the public). Web Site www.speaksooner.org .
 - **Village Wide Clean Up Day- April 13th**
 - **Advanced First Aid CPR And AED** is being offered by the Rensselaer County Health Dept. April 16th 9am to 5pm, May 14th & 15th 6pm-10pm, June 11th 9am-5pm, June 18th & 19th 6pm-10pm \$90 per person. The training will be held at 1600 7th Ave in Troy 2nd floor conference room. Please call 518-270-2676 for additional information.
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- **Ag & Markets letter Municipal Shelter Inspection Report**
- **Ag & Markets Letter ref Agricultural Stewardship Association (ASA) award.**
- **State DOT-Notification** was given regarding the Route 67 Bridge. Starting Monday, April 8th and weather permitting, the bridge is going to be repaired with alternating lanes.

Town Clerk's Report

Facilities Use Request:

- **Valley Falls-Pittstown Youth Commission for Swim Lessons July 8th – August 2nd**
MOTION TO APPROVE
Hyde made the motion to approve Valley Falls-Pittstown Youth Commission for Swim Lessons July 8th-August 2nd, Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Hoosick Falls Central School Lacrosse Teams for use of the Ice Rink March 20th – April 15th.**
MOTION TO APPROVE
Sheffer made the motion to approve Hoosick Falls Central School Lacrosse Teams for use of the Ice Rink March 20th – April 15th, Hyde seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Hoosick Falls Central School 8th grade end of year swim June 17, 2019**
MOTION TO APPROVE
- Sheffer made the motion to approve Hoosick Falls Central School 8th grade end of year swim June 17, 2019, McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Hoosick Falls Central School 5th and 6th grade end of year swim June 26, 2019**
MOTION TO APPROVE
- Hyde made the motion to approve Hoosick Falls Central School 5th and 6th grade end of year swim June 26, 2019, Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Hoosick Falls Central School 2nd grade end of year swim June 24, 2019**
MOTION TO APPROVE
- Sheffer made the motion to approve Hoosick Falls Central School 2nd grade end of year swim June 24, 2019, Hyde seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Schaghticoke Youth Commission for Swim Lessons July 8th – July 11th and July 15th –July 18th**
MOTION TO APPROVE
- Hanselman made the motion to approve Schaghticoke Youth Commission for Swim Lessons July 8th – July 11th and July 15th –July 18th, McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.
- **Cambridge Central School District this was tentatively approved upon completion of the application. Without the completed application The Board cannot move forward.**

- Report for the month of March total: \$3,840.50remitted to Supervisor: \$2,989.96

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **284 agreement** this is still work in progress. Waiting on Peckham's.
- Sanders will be coming off the truck's as of April 9th
- Grading the roads and waiting for the black top plants to open to do patching.

Town Historian

Phil talked about the museum. He states that Joyce has rearranged some of the rooms and the museum looks great. The wall of bridges shows 15 area bridges of what they looked like in the past and what they currently look like.

- **Friends of the Bennington Battlefield**- Winter 2019 Newsletter is available through our Town web site, www.townofhoosick.org . Attached to the newsletter is the new 2019 membership form. The group is now legally incorporated and has the IRS 501(c) (3) designation.
- **Bennington Battlefield Upcoming Events**- <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-sites/12/hunting.aspx#events>

Recreation

- **Pool Manager & Summer Camp Director needed**- The Town of Hoosick is still looking for both positions to fill. Applications are still being accepted for both positions. Applications are available at www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerks Office.
- St. Mary's is asking for Family Season Pool Pass and or 1 Week Summer Camp for 1 child Donation for Sprig Auction to be held Saturday, April 13th. The board discussed and it was the decision of the board that this would not be possible.
- **Summer Camp Age limit question**-There was a question regarding the age of camp. The application states that you have to be 5 and entering Kindergarten. The board made the decision to change to entering kindergarten and no age associated.
- **Facilities Use Request Form**- Updates are complete
- **Rensselaer County Health Dept. Summer Camp**- The camp packet has been received from the county.
- **Proposed 2019 Summer Staff Pay Scale**- NYS Minimum wage is now \$11.10 up from \$10.40 last year.

Brackets show last year's hourly pay for the same position.

\$11.10 (\$10.40) hr. Camp Counselor

\$11.30 (\$10.40) hr. Camp Counselor with CPR & First Aid

\$11.65 (\$10.95 same last 2 years) hr. Life Guards with CPR & First Aid.

\$12.65 (\$11.95 same last 2 years) hr. Life Guards with WSI Certification.

\$13.65 (\$12.95 same last 2 years) hr. Assistant Managers- One for Summer Camp & One for Pool.

\$13.65 (\$12.95 same last 2 years) hr. Swimming Program Coordinator.

\$18.30 (\$17.95 same last 2 years) hr. Managers (2).

\$17.95 (\$17.95 same last 2 years) hr. Pool Support Staff (2).

A special meeting has been set up for April 18th at 6pm, to discuss Summer Camp and Pool Wages.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Attending the BAS Accounting Software Demo with Rae.
- Walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Conference call with Eric, Dean Sommer & Atty Schopf.

- Helped arrange and did Attend a meeting in Albany with Eric, Dean Sommer, Jonathan Schopf, Representatives from Congressman Schumer & Gillibrand's & Assemblyman Delgado's Offices to discuss the Town's position in dealing with PFOA/PFOS contamination issue.
- Attended ongoing Rensselaer County Hazard Mitigation Update Meeting in Troy.
- Attended a Grant Funding Civil Rights Compliance Webinar.
- Attended a NYS Executive Budget Orientation in ref to Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) authority moving toward green power. Speakers were Dan Welsh from Westchester Power, Kim Harraman from the NY Power Authority and Geneva Town Supervisor Mark Venturi who spoke about the Geneva Community Power program.
- Attended the 2nd FEMA sponsored Local Levee Partnership Team (LLPT) Meeting at Village Hall.
- Met twice with Carrie & Nancy from Paige Marketing Communication Group, Inc to prepare for the launch of the Community Participation Work Group (CPWG).
- Monthly conference call with Mayor Allen, NYS DEC, DOH & EPA

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric states that the job description for the summer intern for helping gather the data for the roads has been received. Hoosick Rising met with DOT regarding the information center for visitors. They are thinking the appropriate spot for this would be the pull off near the rock cut since there is a parking lot there already. Eric states that he has met with Matt Cronin and The Town policy needs to be updated. NYMIR states that the automatic system needs to meet state minimum requirements and that the fire detection in the town garage needs to be a monitoring system. There is one estimate so far for this.

Councilperson Hyde-Nothing

Councilperson McAuliffe- Jerry stated that he has been working with Bruce Patire and Pan AM railroad regarding the issue with the railroad near the ball fields. The railroad has been keeping their eyes on it and has fixed it temporarily for now. The Railways told McAuliffe that they would inspect the area twice a week. They are hoping to do some construction with the area this summer. Jerry also mentioned that he had Joanne Patterson come to assess his house like Mark had done. He did not realize that the hard wired smoke detectors were supposed to be tested with smoke. She gave him some other good ideas as well and states that others should take advantage of this.

Councilperson Hanselman-Bill wanted to thank Jerry for putting all the time and effort into making sure that the railroad area near the ball fields was fixed and for his follow up on the same.

Old Business

- **SAM Grant-** There will be a special meeting on April 18th 6pm to go over project and put together specs for the grant.
- **Woods Brook Grant-**The Village of Hoosick Falls is the lead agency on this project. Supervisor Surdam asked if we should offer support to the Village on this as the Village has a lot going on right now. The board was in agreeance to do this.
- **Rte. 22 Rock Cut Parking Area-** Attorney Schopf states that Hoosac School is the owner of the land that is near the river. This parcel is exempt. Eric will discuss the cleanup of this area with DEC and discuss it with the insurance provider as well.
- **Hoosick Area Community Participation Work Group-** Presentation was given at the beginning of the meeting on this. Letters of intent should be mailed by May 17th.
- **Unsafe House Concerns-** The letters were mailed to the owners regarding the hearing outcome. They have 60-90 days to demo the homes.
- **Mass Gathering review of the Law-** The board was provided a draft of the new proposed Mass Gathering Law. There will be a workshop on this on May 7th at 6 pm to discuss these proposed changes. Stateline Riders who was in attendance with their attorney Ken McGuire, would like to know what these changes are and if the race would be able to continue. The answer could not be provided at this meeting and Stateline Rider's attorney, Ken McGuire along with the town attorney, Jonathan Schopf, will be in contact with one another. Stateline Riders still has to provide the town with the educational certificate that shows they are an educational event.
- **Changing Towns street lights to LED-** Next step is consulting with NY Power Authority through Rensselaer County and there in nothing new on this as of the meeting.
- **Solar Exemption Pilot Program-** Public Hearing was held on the proposed Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Law on Tuesday March 19th 2019.
- **Local Law #2 of 2019 A Local Law Requiring Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Pilot) Agreement for Solar Energy Systems Located or Installed within the Town of Hoosick. Resolution #46 for Local Law #2 2019** to adopt Resolution # 46 of 2019 Authorizing the filing of Local Law #2 2019 and to prepare and submit a true copy of the proposed Local Law #2 with the County.
 - **Motion to Approve**
Hanselman made the motion to adopt Resolution # 46 of 2019 Authorizing to prepare and submit a true copy of the proposed Local Law #2 of 2019, McAuliffe Seconded. Roll Call Vote: Sheffer: Aye, Hyde: Aye, McAuliffe: Aye, Hanselman: Aye Surdam: Aye. Motion Approved.
- **Board Openings-** Planning Board (2), Housing Authority Board (1 maybe 2), Zoning Board (1). We will place an ad in the paper advertising these are available.
- **Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update-** Supervisor Surdam has submitted the initial required worksheets for this project. The goal is to reach out to the entire community any way we can in an effort to identify potential community threats and hazards and then work together to establish community planned mitigation and or preparedness for the hazards that are identified. This will be a yearlong project where community support and involvement will be the key to having a successful action plan. More information to follow soon.
- **Local Levee Partnership Team (LLPT)-** Coordinated by The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II and NYSDEC Supervisor Surdam has been asked to serve on the LLPT with Mayor Allen and Niel Stowell, members from Rensselaer County EMS, NYS Dept of

Homeland Security, US Army Corps of Engineers and other Hazard Planners. The ultimate goal of this project is to certify our local levee which from all indications is much easier said than done. It does appear that this will be a fairly long and expensive Village Project that they must undertake. **Update-**At the most recent meeting we were told NYS did come through with as built plans and other much needed information that will result in this project review not being as intensive as first thought.

- **Updating Employee Handbook and Policy/Procedure Manual**-there is no new information at the time of the meeting.
- **Hudson River Greenway Grant**- The board agreed last month to hire Laberge to submit the Grant application for updating the Town Comprehensive Plan (last completed in 2004). The total project cost is estimated at \$35,000 if awarded the HRGG of \$10,000 the town would have to consider \$25,000. The board will hold off for now and gather more information on this.
- **Civil Rights Compliance Review**- Supervisor Surdam attended the webinar this past week and expects to be speaking again with Robert Williams from NYS DOT who has assured us for a community our size this process is not very difficult. We hope to have this completed within the next week or two.
- **Accounting Software Onsite Demo** - BAS came out and did a demo of the accounting software that they offer. This will be tabled until the new budget time has arrive.
- **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 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. **April Update- The opportunity for Blood testing is still available however the opportunity for the results to be included in the 2nd collection date release has ended.**
- **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**, is available, Monday-Friday 9am-8pm and Saturday 9am-3pm.

New Business

- **Budget Modification:**

- **Resolution #47, 2019 Budget Modification – To accept \$20,000 dollars in funding assistance from Saint Gobain & Honeywell to Provide Technical Support**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Sheffer made the motion to approve Res. #47, 2019, Hyde seconded. Roll Call Vote:
Sheffer: aye, McAuliffe: aye, Hyde: aye, Surdam: aye. Hanselman: aye *Motion Approved.*

- **Resolution #48, 2019 Budget Modification – For Funds Received from the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program Grant.**
 - ***Motion to Approve***
Hyde made the motion to approve Res. #48, 2019, McAuliffe seconded. Roll Call Vote:
Sheffer: aye, Hyde: aye, McAuliffe: aye, Surdam: aye. Hanselman: aye *Motion Approved.*

- **Teamsters Local 294 Contract- Discussion & appointment of negotiating team to represent the Town for a new contract.** Supervisor Surdam and Deputy Supervisor Sheffer will be the Town Representatives in discussion and negotiating a new contract with Teamsters Local 294.
MOTION TO APPROVE
McAuliffe made the motion to approve Supervisor Surdam and Deputy Supervisor Sheffer as the Town Representatives for negotiating a new contract with the Teamsters Local 294, Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Cornell University Cooperative Extension** is hosting a multi-site webcast meeting on Monday April 22, 2019 from 6:30-8:30pm. The meeting, **Animal Regulation Issues for Local Governments**, will provide information and guidance for town and village board members regarding issues with small lot land owners who want to have farm animals for either personal or business use.

- **Tennis Courts Complaint-** Bill Shiland states that the nets just need to be adjusted so that they are not sagging in the middle. Bill also stated that the poles are bent. No need to replace at this time. Supervisor Surdam made the suggestion if there is a little bit of money left over from the Sam Grant maybe they can try and fix some of the tennis court.

- **EBMX Motor Cross Track Concerns-** The board has been made aware of the possibility of the motor cross track that is located in Eagle Bridge opening again. There is a go fund me page that has been created for funding of this.

- **On-Line Town Code-** Town attorney Jonathan Schopf will look into this and provide more information at the next meeting.

- **Troy & Banks-** National Grid Refund of \$6800.59. The agreement has been reviewed by Jonathan Schopf. The Town Board has agreed to move forward with the refund.
MOTION TO APPROVE
Hanselman made the motion to approve the agreement with Troy and Banks for a National Grid Refund in the amount of \$6800.59 McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Hoosick Street Lights-** To report street lights that are out call Town Hall and leave a message with road and pole number. Mark will call our contact with National Grid to report the Street lights that need to be fixed.

- **Rensselaer County Farm Land Protection Update- Discussion** Town of Hoosick has similar plan that was adopted in 2012.

- **NYS Office of Emergency Management Tier 3 Training-** April 23rd 127 Bloomingrove Drive 1pm-5pm intended for local public officials, first responder leadership and other partners with a role in local disaster response and emergency management. Registration Deadline is April 9th.
- **Kirk Moline from C.T. Male Associates Request-** Supervisor Surdam received a Property Owner Consent Form to be signed and returned to allow access to Town Property located within the street Right- of -ways. Motion authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign the Consent form for C.T. Male Associates.

MOTION TO APPROVE

- Hyde made the motion to authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign the Consent form for C.T. Male Associates, Seconded by Sheffer. All ayes carried.
- **A special thank you to Tom Margiotta for reviewing the CHA Plans, rebuilding pool chemical pumps and taking to pool auto-vac for needed maintenance.**

- **Executive Session-None Required**

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

Hyde made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:09 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Hanselman seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #4 2019 Vouchers 124-168

General A	\$	56,984.73
General B	\$	7,575.09
Highway DA	\$	---
Highway DB	\$	41,342.56
Trust & Agency	\$	11,887.06
Total:	\$	120,161.28

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk