

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday August 9, 2021 7:00 pm**

Our Town Board meeting is open to the public. The meeting can be seen live via the internet at Zoom.com or the Hoosick New York Facebook Page, note there is a Facebook link through the Town of Hoosick Web- Site www.townofhoosick.org.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jerry McAuliffe, Eric Sheffer, Supervisor Mark Surdam, Jackie Houghton, and William Hanselman

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.

- **We answered public questions throughout the meeting as they come in.**
- **Dean Whitman-**Dean stated that he is a real estate agent from Cambridge and would like to know what we are doing or what we are going to do about the pending laws on the legalization of marijuana as far as dispensaries. Supervisor Surdam stated that we are still waiting on clarification of this and have it on our agenda to discuss further in the meeting. Dean explained that in Holyoke Massachusetts, they went from being a ghost town to a very booming productive town. He said that this could change the whole town.

Correspondence/Announcements

- County Legislature's Patire & Wysocki Letter reference to Route 67
 - Rensselaer County's Hoosick Falls Senior Center is having a 50th Anniversary celebration on Monday August 16th at the St. Stanislaw Pavilion, 12 Mechanic St. in Hoosick Falls beginning at 10:30 with Bingo, picnic lunch at noon.
 - August 16th Friends of Bennington 7pm gathering at the top of "Hessian Hill" @ Battlefield for the annual ceremony commemorating the great victory at the Battle of Bennington in 1777. Note- This commemoration has taken place every year since August 1778.
 - 911 Memorial Service sponsored by the North Hoosick Fire Dept. is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th beginning with a 1:45 opening ceremony in the park then a parade to the Weir/Reynolds Rink with a stop for a brief ceremony at the Hoosick Falls Fire House.
 - Farmland Protection Grant Award in the amount of \$710,000 to Berle Farm Project- Email received from David Behm who is the Manager of the Farmland Protection Program NYS Dept. of Ag & Markets.
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- Honeywell Fact Sheet: Baker v. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics et al. United States District Court Settlement July 2021(2 page fact sheet received).

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report**-The Clerk's report for the month of July is as follows: \$ 5,947.50 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$5,579.61
- **Facilities Use Request**-
 - Request to use the Wier/Reynolds Facility on September 11, 2021, for North Hoosick Fire Department 911 20th Anniversary Ceremony and Chicken Barbeque.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the request to use the Wier/Reynolds Facility September 11, 2021, for North Hoosick Fire Department 911 20th Anniversary Ceremony and Chicken Barbeque. McAuliffe seconded. All ayes carried.

Assessor's Report

- Building permits are up. Sales have been busy and building to construct from the county has been coming in. No other business.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Cottrell Road Bridge**- There will be nothing on this until the fall.
- **Markers Road water damage**- The road will need to be moved over. Where the bank has given way, no more material has been added and it has not dropped anymore. The best solution to this would be to acquire the land to make a permanent fix for the road and to leave the bank alone. The landowners have been approached and they do have a couple of requests if the agreement should be done. Attorney Schopf will put together an agreement between the town and the Markers.
- **Paving**- will be doing paving Thursday and will be doing the Village street paving on Friday. Fox Hollow paving has been pushed off until Labor Day.
- **Full Staff**-hired someone last week and now the highway has a full crew. Will be working on getting CDL for the new hire.

Town Historian

- **Joyce Brewer regarding Genealogy Preservation Project**- The museum had old books that the pages were falling out of. The book was sent away to Whole File for preservation and came back in wonderful condition. They scanned all of the pages to get the acid off of the pages and were able to get the ink to come out of the pages as well. They were placed in sleeves and then put into the binding book. This cost was \$1,755 which was raised by raffles and bake sales etc. The book will be imaged and indexed so that it will be easier to locate people that are listed inside the book. There are many more to be done but need money to do them. The museum would like to work with the Town to get the older books done here as well.

Recreation

- **Pool Report-** Amy gave the report for the pool. For the month of July an average of 13 people per day used the pool for morning swim. Open swim for the month of July, there were an average of 74 swimmers per day. This number included the campers from town camp. The second session of swim lessons ran with around 140 kids attending this session. The average daily total admissions for the month of July were 143 swimmers a day. For the month of August, the average to date for morning swim has been 11 swimmers per day. Open swim has been right around 67 swimmers per day. The third session of swimming lessons seen around 60 sign ups. The average daily total admissions for the month of August are currently 111 swimmers per day. Pre-k swimming has begun and is going well. Amy and Allison are looking to do a lifeguarding course to recertify 4 of our own lifeguards and certifying one for the first time. They will look for others that would like to certify using this class as well. This was approved by the board.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve the recertification class. Sheffer seconded. All ayes carried.

- **Swimming Pool Inspection Report-** There was one violation. One of the 6 pumps was not working at the time of inspection. There were parts that we were waiting for in order to get it operational.
- **Summer Camp Report-** Jillian states that they are now in week 6 of summer camp and will finish next week with spirit week. Last week was hero's week with visits to the camp from the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department, Hoosick Falls Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and Hoosick Falls Police Department along with others. Jillian reports that the sink is still not working in the girl's room.
- **Children's Day Camp Inspection Report-** Inspection of the camp found no violations.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Met with Rae to review AUD review.
- Attended the Land Use Workshop.
- Attended virtually the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) meeting.
- Went to Naturae, LLC with Building Inspector Moses to discuss ongoing odor complaints.
- TOH monthly meeting prep and agenda.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric stated that the island is in need of attention again. The weeds will need to be picked again and would like to have this done prior to Labor Day weekend.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Jerry stated that the letter was received from the railroad with no good results from this.

Councilperson Hanselman- Bill stated that the turf will be laid by House of Tile and not by Manchester Carpet. Bill will check with Andrew to see when this will be able to happen and get back to the board regarding the same.

Councilperson Houghton- Jackie stated that the old Maple Grove Cemetery looks like there are a lot of stones that need to be up righted. She asked if there is anything that the town can do to make sure that this happens. Jackie will check with Joyce. Jackie was told that there is a grant that can be applied for through the Cemetery Association that can help with this kind of project.

New Business

- **2021 Inner Budget Transfer- None needed**
- **Budget Modification(s)- None needed.**
- **2021 AUD Review email-** GASB 84 is needed and we do not have this. Every time that we need the GASB we are looking at anywhere from \$6,000-\$7,000 for cost and the Town really does not benefit much from having this. Supervisor Surdam will check with the vendor that has already done a few of these prior to this and see what the cost will be.
- **21967 NY RT 22 & Pine St. review-** The review was needed due to a question that came up from Delureys Sales & Service after a recent land survey. There is nothing that the town needs to do. A letter already has been sent by Attorney Schopf to the Delureys regarding the same.
- **2022 Budget Dates-** Budget workshop has been scheduled for October 4th at 6pm. Public hearing for West Hoosick Fire Department is scheduled for Thursday, October 21st at 6pm. October 13th will be our board meeting due to the holiday.
- **COVID Returns-** Consensus from the board is to do nothing right at this moment with masks and appointment. Feeling is that there has been every opportunity

Old Business

- **On-Line General Town Code-** Discussion
- **Zoning Law Update-** Project is proceeding, no additional updates at this time.
- **Town of Hoosick Comprehensive Plan- Workshop meeting Scheduled for last Tuesday was canceled we do need to reschedule. The Stakeholder information will need to be gathered before the next meeting.**
We all need to review the excel version of the Stakeholders List and update this list with any contact information we do not have. Also, please add any contacts we have missed or delete any which may not be relevant to this effort. Also please recall we will need the Town's assistance particularly with Agricultural Stakeholders, Local Developers and Real Estate Stakeholders, and Community Business Stakeholders.
- **Naturae, LLC ongoing odor issue-** Building Inspector Moses & Supervisor Surdam did meet with reps at the plant last week. Ovens are no longer in use that was causing the smell. They have self-contained units they are using now. While in the building Lloyd noticed two violations and told them to contact the Fire Department regarding the chemicals they are using. Maybe arrange a walk through. Lloyd will review all violations in two weeks. Jackie asked about the stop work order if this will now void this. Attorney Schopf will do a letter.
- **Woods Brook Project-** Project is proceeding; needed permits were received last week. Property owners still need to approve use of land for flood mitigation to proceed. Permits are out there for bid.

- **EV Charging Station-** Working with the village with a shared service agreement. Village will need to sign along with the town.
- **Legalization of Marijuana-** We have been contacted by two local businesses interested in having a cannabis cultivation facility. Discussion with the board is that more information on the law and how everything will work is needed before a decision on opting out of sales tax revenue. This will need to be completed by the end of the year.
- **ARPA Funding-** Some of the money has been received and will need to review the requests that have been received to see where the money will be dispensed. Guidelines for this will also need to be reviewed.
- **Stateline Riders Mass Gathering Application-**The application for Stateline Riders has been approved. A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting regarding this application although a public hearing is not required per the local law.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the application for a mass gathering for Stateline Riders. Hanselman seconded. All ayes carried.

- **RR Ave Train Track Safety Concern-** Update letter received from Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) dated July 30th 2021 that states there is no issues per the FRA with the track.

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

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

Scheduled Meetings-

Scheduled Meetings- Zoning Board meets the First Monday of the month; **Planning Board** meets the third Monday of the month. These meetings are held at 7pm in the Court Room of the HAYC3 Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

- **Executive Session- None required this month**

Adjournment

Houghton made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:24 pm pending the signing of vouchers, Sheffer seconded, all ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #8 2021 Vouchers 346-390

General A	\$	25,863.54
General B	\$	11,525.43
Highway DA	\$	
Highway DB	\$	14,825.52
Capital Fund H	\$	

Fire Protection	\$	225.00
Library	\$	
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>3,917.50</u>
Total:	\$	56,356.99

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk