

**Town of Hoosick
Regular Board Meeting
Monday June 12, 2023 7:00 pm**

Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jerry McAuliffe, William Hanselman Jackie Houghton, 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 .

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.

- **Cheney Library-** Kay Powers presented the board with the report from the library. Kay states the library will be having a 100-year celebration on October 21st. She updated the town with the grants that the library has received and what work has been done at the library so far. She provided information on what the library has to offer the community and what programs are available through the library along with the multiple electronic items that are available at the library to use. Kay also stated that they will be selling tickets for a raffle at the band concerts to benefit the library.

Correspondence/Announcements

- **The Historical Society & The Friends of Bennington still have many events this summer;**
 - **Weaponry in the Battle of Bennington June 18 12pm-1pm.** Join interpreter David Pitlyk at Canon Corner on the hilltop for an informal discussion of artillery, shoulder arms and edged weapons used in the battle.
 - **Battle Loop Trail Hike June 22, 4pm.**
 - **The Community Picnic and Family Fun Day July 15th at the Battlefield.**
 - **Drama presentation called Voices of the Fallen August 5th & 6th.**
 - **Please contact Joyce at friends.bennington.battlefield@gmail.com for more information.**
 - **June 2023 Hoosick Township Historical Society June 2023 Newsletter is now available. Contact staff@hoosickhistory.com if you would like to receive. Website is www.hoosickhistory.com .**
- **Rensselaer County/Village DMV Office will be closed on July 5th due to scheduling issue.**

- **We received a letter from NYS Assemblyman Scott Bendett in ref to the NYS Budget.**
- **Abandoned Cemeteries and Municipal Responsibilities-** From David Fleming Jr. of Featherstonehaugh, Wiley & Clyne, LLP we received an Issue Paper dated February 2023 as a part of the Tug Hill Commission Technical and Issue Paper Series designed to help local officials and citizens in the Tug Hill region and other rural parts of NYS.

Town Clerk's Report

- **Monthly Report-**The Clerk's report for the month of May is as follows: \$27,884.00 and remitted to the Supervisor was \$26,810.17.
- **Summer Camp Applications are now available online or from the Town Clerk.** Camp is almost full. There are limited spots available.
- **Facility Use Request- Wrestling Club Practice**

MOTION

Hanselman made the motion to approve the Wrestling Club to practice at the rink pending the insurance proof. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Facility Use Request-American Legion Flag Day**

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve the American Legion to use the rink on Flag Day for ceremonies in the event of rain for the day. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Assessor's Report

- **Report-**Tiffany states that the final equity rate is 85.2. Last year was 92. There were 3 people for grievance and the stipulations have been mailed to each of them. The new assessor's clerk started on June 5th. Classes are going quickly. Passed both sessions 101 and 102. Waiting for the next session to begin. The next set of classes will be farm appraisals.
- **Office Window Project-** Window project will begin June 13th.
- **NYS Dept. of Taxation and Finance 2023 Equalization Rate Status Report-** Tiffany states that the final equity rate is 85.2. Last year was 92.
- **Assessor Rice Letter of Resignation-** The board had a discussion regarding the letter that was submitted by Tony. They wished him the best in his retirement and thanked him for his 35 years of dedicated service to the Town.

MOTION

McAuliffe made the motion to accept Tony's letter of Resignation. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Motion to appoint Tiffany McMahon as Acting Town Assessor effective July 1st 2023.**

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve and appoint Tiffany McMahon as Acting Town Assessor effective July 1, 2023. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Superintendent of Highway's Report

- **Report-**Highway has been mowing roadsides, ditching on Lower Pine Valley, and patching the rink parking lot for the start of camp and pool. Paul received a complaint about the speed on Burgess Road and the speed is already at 40 on this road. The town would have to submit

paperwork to have a study done to reduce the speed any further. Normally there is no luck in changing the speed limits. Paul also has the no dumping signs and will install them throughout the Town where there are issues with dumping.

- **Mirabito Fuel-** Paul states that the county is now going with Mirabito for fuel as Main Care has backed out of the contract. Paul will continue to piggyback off the county for fuel.

Town Historian

- **Report-** Rick was not available.

Code Enforcement

- **Report-** Jared emailed his report from May to the board.

Recreation

- **Ashley St Onge Summer Camp Manager Report**
- **Camp Counselors:** - Drew Restino, Marley McLellan, Catherine Kennedy, Abigail Philpott, Jordan Hill, Jenna Backes, and Tori Backes. **Motion to approve:** Town of Hoosick 2023 Summer Camp Counselors to the Summer Camp Staff.

MOTION

Houghton made a motion to approve the 2023 Town of Hoosick camp counselors. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **We are setting up our CPR/First aid with Jane once counselors have been approved by the board.** CPR/First Aid will be held on June 21st for all counselors and all paperwork has been submitted to Amanda. Once CPR and First Aid has been completed, copies will be submitted to her as well.
- **Update on camp numbers-**Ashley states that the numbers that she has and the number in the clerk's office are spot on. They match and it appears that camp weeks are full at this point.
- **Update on conversation with Craig Mann/Lacrosse team-**Craig would like to do some demonstrations with the kids at camp. Ashley would like the boards okay for this to happen.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to move forward with the demonstration for the kids for camp. Sheffer seconded the motion. All ayes granted.

- **WGY Christmas Wish \$1,200 Grant-**Ashley stated that the Christmas Wish has granted the summer camp \$1,200 this year. Ashley plans on using the money for new water slip and slides, pool materials, tie dye materials, arts and crafts, chalk, coloring, and metals for the Olympic week. Ashley is also planning a pancake breakfast.
- **Sydney Stowell Pool Manager Report**
 - **Additional Lifeguards-** Tucker Webber, Ramsey Webber, Dominic Nuccio, Ava Kasulinous, Sydney Kasulinous, Megan Perry, Amy Perry, and Allison Perry- **Motion** to appoint 2023 Lifeguards to the Town of Hoosick Pool Staff.
 - There are 5 new lifeguards. Lifeguard class will be June 16, 17, and 18.

MOTION

Houghton made the motion to approve the additional lifeguards for the 2023 pool season. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Shortage of WSI's for swimming lessons**-Sydney states that there has been new development with swimming lessons, and they should be able to provide more lessons to all groups. Session 1 will be Pre-k, Level 1, and Level 2. Session 2 will be Pre-k, Session 1, 2, 3, 4. Session 3 will be Pre-k, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, 4, 5, 6. Swimming lesson signups were held on June 10th and will be on June 24th from 9-12 at the Armory. The pool is scheduled to open on June 26th. The 5th and 6th grade class from Hoosick Falls Central will be coming to the pool from 9:30-1.
- **Motion** to authorize Supervisor Surdam sign the forms and pay the fees to enroll in the Enrollment for the American Red Cross 2023 Aquatic Facility Program.

MOTION

Sheffer made the motion to approve Supervisor Surdam to sign the forms and pay the fees to enroll in the American Red Cross 2023 Aquatic Facility Program. Hanselman seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

- **Pool Mechanical**- With the assistance of the Highway Dept. and Tom Marciotta the pool is open and functioning properly. We did have an issue with the hydrostatic valves in the bottom of the pool, but we caught it early and it has been corrected. We have a slight water leak at water pump #3 but it will be corrected soon. The Highway Dept. replaced the decorative wood fence that was falling apart on the exterior chemical area wall. The water looks great!! We are just about ready for the season.

Supervisor Surdam's Report

- Helped with Island weed pulling festivities.
- Virtually attended the monthly CPWG meeting.
- Participated in the Memorial Day Parade.
- By invitation Mary and I went to learn a little more about the new Brain Fitness Foundation located on Main St. in the Village.
- Began daily checks of the community pool water.
- Attended the Annual NHFD Fire/EMS Appreciation Night.
- Meeting prep and agenda.

Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer- Eric states that he has been in touch with Nicole regarding the comprehensive plan. All should be receiving the newest version of the plan which will have to be reviewed. The board will plan to meet tentatively on July 6th if the plan has been received to review together. A public hearing will then need to be set once approved. The grant for the comprehensive

plan is still available to us with the extension. Community garden is up and going. There are 21 beds available. The fence is in place.

Councilperson McAuliffe- Nothing for the month

Councilperson Hanselman- the turf has been set and there will need to be signs in place for no food or drink on the turf. Bill Gaillard is aware of the turf being set and will set the band up differently so that he is not driving on the turf. Owen Kelly does have a vacuum available to use on the turf and will sell it for \$85. Coaches will have to be aware of others when scheduling time to use the turf. The roof will need repair soon. Bill will be meeting with some people to get quotes on the application that can be applied to the roof to help with extended life. The hole that was in the roof has been repaired.

Councilperson Houghton- Jackie states that she has received paving quotes for the basketball and tennis courts. These have been sent to each of the board members for review. Valley paving, DB paving and Jim's paving have all sent in what they feel will need to happen in order to get the courts back to the way they were. The most expensive one is \$130,000 which consists of gridding the old, relaying and paving over the courts. Then coating the courts from another company. Paul Hoag will get quotes for tree removal. Supervisor Surdam states that the trees that are taken down should be replaced with other trees further away from the courts. Jackie states that once the courts have been finished, a maintenance plan should be put in place so that this does not happen again. The stonewall and fence will also need replacement and Supervisor Surdam will get a quote from Dave Sutton on this project.

New Business

- **2023 Inner Budget Transfers-None needed.**
- **2023 Budget Modification Resolution #52 to receive WGY \$1,200 Christmas Wish Grant.**
MOTION
Sheffer made the motion to accept **Resolution #52** for the WGY \$1,200 Christmas Wish Grant Ashley had applied for Summer Camp and was granted. Houghton seconded the motion. All ayes carried.
- **2023 Budget Modification #2 Resolution #53 for GAR Town of Hoosick Revaluation Project-**
MOTION
Hanselman made the motion to approve Resolution #53 for the payment to GAR for invoices. McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.
- **Town of Hoosick Money Market Rate Increase to 1.5% by the bank.**
- **Edmunds- Enhancing Account Security-** Authentication is required for email accounts. This is something that is new with Outlook if using your email account on multiple forms of media. It prevents unsecured logins.
- **Hawthorne Solar- 20 MW Solar Farm-** Letter dated May 12th, 2023, from LaBerge Group on behalf of the Town of Hoosick Zoning Board declaring its intent to serve as Lead Agency for this proposed project.

- **Rensselaer County DCOP** for Living Resources for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities question what volunteer opportunities are available for a small group to do.
- **NYS Ag & Markets Municipal Shelter Inspection Report Completed on 05/04/23.** The inspection was completed and there were no violations.
- **Town of Huntington Voter’s Identification Resolution-** We received a letter from Councilman Eugene Cook asking for support. Attorney Schopf states that we should just let it be for now.

Old Business

- **Zoning Law re-writes update-** Need to set a date to complete the Land use law.
- **\$925,000 Recreation SAM Grant-** Everything is complete on our end. Recent Update- we have heard from DASNY in response to Supervisor Surdam’s email and we have been told we are still waiting for final approval. **Eric is working on breathing new life into this grant.**
- **Town of Hoosick Asset Management Plan Update-** Stantec has completed the data collection on our local roads.
- **POET Systems-** the Recent Amendment to the Administrative Agreement reached between NYSDOS, Saint Gobain and Honeywell in no way will have any affect or change to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the Town has with NYSDEC in ref to the POET Systems installed in local homes. The Town Board with our Town Attorneys have had continuing communications with each other and NYSDEC to confirm the MOU has not changed. POET systems are still available to the residents that do not have them and can be installed and maintained.

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. **The Planning Board meeting and the Zoning Board meeting will be held via ZOOM just as the regular monthly meeting was held.** Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

- **Executive Session- Sheffer made the motion to entered into executive session at 8:54 pm to discuss a personnel issue regarding the Hawthorn Solar Project. Houghton seconded the motion.**

Hanselman motioned to exit executive session at 9:08 pm with no decision made. McAuliffe seconded the motion.

Adjournment

Houghton made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:08 pm pending the signing of vouchers, McAuliffe seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Bills Paid Abstract #6 2023 Vouchers 314-368

General A	\$	59,334.93
General B	\$	12,014.35
Highway DA	\$	1,120.92
Highway DB	\$	39,784.46
Capital Fund H	\$	3,969.00
Fire Protection	\$	-----
Library	\$	-----
Trust & Agency	\$	<u>2,935.48</u>
Total:	\$	119,159.14

Respectfully submitted,

Holli Cross
Town Clerk