

Agenda
Town Of Hoosick Town Board Regular Meeting
Monday August 12th 2024

Our Town Board meeting is open to the public @ 80 Church St. The meeting can be observed live via the internet at Zoom.com Meeting ID 825 3173 8497 Passcode is 428188; starting time is 7pm. Public comment is not permitted via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- Previous Meeting(s) Minutes- have been reviewed by the board and are available from the Town Clerk or www.townofhoosick.org .
- **Town Board Reports-** Monthly Operating Statement, Abstract of Vouchers, List of Monthly Checks Issued, and Revenues have been issued to the Town Board, Clerk, Highway Superintendent, and Assessor.
- **Zoning & Planning Board Minutes & Reports-** Available on the Town website www.townofhoosick.org

IV. Welcome/Public Comments

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V. Correspondence/Announcements

- **Hoosick Township Historical Society August 2024 Newsletter is available. This month's articles include "The Six Week Hoosick Buffalo Hunt of 1931", an article on Rachel Wilkins Barker Cottrell, and an Interview with Lawyer Edward Gorman in the Wood Block.**
- **Historical Society Upcoming Events**
 - Music on the Lawn August 17th 5pm-6:30pm Kristoffer Andrew Ross with Michael Raffel & Nola Muscatello- Folk Music.
 - September 14th Music on the Lawn Rusticator DUO- Country/Bluegrass.
- **Bennington Battlefield Friday August 16th 7pm Commemoration of the Battle of Bennington.**
- **Village Rte. 22 Water Project- We have been receiving weekly project correspondence from Engineer Daniel Servetas. The bulk of the work along Rte. 22 has been completed with the exception of some restoration work within the NYS ROW. Traffic management will coincide with the shoulder closure.**

VI. Town Clerk's Report- Holli Cross

- **Monthly Report-**

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- **Facility Use Request:**

- Amend HF Youth Football & Cheerleading to include the Reynolds/Gilchrist Rink when the weather is bad.
- Clarify Hoosick Falls Field Hockey only has 8/19 left as part of their request.
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Local Law needed re Tax Collection- Discussion Two things for tax collection. Town Clerk Cross attended a Tax Collector meeting recently at the county and it was brought to her attention that we do not have a local law in place for two things in the tax collection.

1. That the tax collector is allowed to use inserts related to tax collection. This is associated with Tax Law 1826.
2. Tax Law 987 states that the collecting officer SHALL send out notices to all unpaid property owner starting March 1. The municipality can charge up to \$2 against the parcel for the mailing.

VII. Superintendent of Highway's Report- Paul Hoag

- **Report-**

- **Cottrell Road Bridge Update-**

- **We have received the letter from NYSDOT that the Town of Hoosick application for the replacement of the Cottrell Road Bridge over the Walloomsac River has been approved for funding through the 2023 Bridge NY Program in the amount of \$2,484,250.**
- **Next Steps, the Town needs to execute a State-Local Agreement (SLA) with NYSDOT. We are waiting to receive the agreement.**
- **We need a Design Agreement with Foit-Albert.**
Note- Resolutions will be needed for both.

- **Culvert Project- Farmers Inn Rd. Update-**

- **CHIPS Funding- \$222,214 has been received.**

- **Local Floodplain Administrators in Rensselaer County have been asked to take FEMA's national survey in ref to training- Highway Superintendent Hoag and Code Officer Smith have agreed to work on this together.**

- **VT AOT Emergency Contact & 511 Information Form-** This is in ref to the 3 railroad bridges on the Vermont Rail Systems line that are scheduled for rehab work that has just begun and will continue through October 2024.

VIII. Assessor's Office- Tiffany McMahon

- **Report-**

IX. Code Enforcement- Jared Smith

- **Report was received last week via email.**

X. Recreation-

- **Ashley- Update on summer camp-**
- **Summer Camp Inspection was completed by the Rensselaer County Dept. of Health on July 17th.**
- **Abby- Update on the Swim Lesson Program**
- **Pool Update- We received the Pool Permit from Rensselaer County Dept. of Health on July 11th.**
- **Pool Inspection was completed by Rensselaer County Dept. of Health on July 29th.**

XI. Supervisor Surdam's Report-

- **Meeting prep and agenda.**

XII. Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-

- **Cyber Insurance-**

Councilperson McAuliffe-

Councilperson Hanselman-

Councilperson Houghton-

- **Lining & Sealing Courts Project Update-**

XIII. New Business

- **2024 Inter Budget Transfers – Motion to approve as requested if needed.**
- **2025 Budget Process Review- Review & Discuss**
 - Motion to Schedule the 2025 Budget Workshop for_____.**
 - Motion to schedule the Public Hearing for the West Hoosick Fire Dept. Budget on Thursday October 17th at 6pm.**
- **Reschedule October Town Board Meeting due to Columbus Day. Motion**
- **Reschedule November Town Board Meeting due to Veterans Day. Motion**
- **Dental Insurance for Non-Union Full-Time Town Employees- Discussion**
- **Solar Updates-**
 - **Town Engineers have provided us copies of escrow letters that have been sent to the companies representing Hoosick Solar West, Hoosick Solar East, Nexamp Energy/Wilson Hill, Coyote Flaco, and the Sheep Solar Projects. Discussion**
- **Reynolds-Gilchrist Proposed Skating Rink Upgrade working with Hoosac School-** at a Special Meeting held on Monday August 5th 2024 the Town Board listened to a presentation from Hoosac School in ref to submitting a project to the NY Forward Grant Project through the Village of Hoosick Falls that would bring upgrades and refrigeration to the rink. Hoosac School will partner with, and support the Town and the Village to offer local reliable ice skating for up to 6 months a year while at the same time making the facility the official home ice for their highly competitive boys and girls hockey program. After listening to the presentation, asking questions and considering the positive economic impact this could bring to our local area the Town Board did agree to support the submission of the project. **Discussion**
- **Town of Hoosick Castle Playground Update-** What began a month or two ago in ref to removing the last remaining section of the castle playground is evolving into a possible really nice upgrade. Hoosick Rising is also submitting on our behalf a project proposal to the NY Forward Grant Project through the Village of Hoosick Falls that would bring us a new wall, new sidewalks to the playground and possibly some new playground equipment. **Discussion**
- **PAYCHEX HR Essentials- Discussion** in ref to PAYCHEX coordinating all forms, required information, and acknowledgment of required training in electronic format. **Discussion**
- **National Grid Clean Resilience Link (CRL) -** In March of this year we sent a letter of support for this project at the request of National Grid. We were informed this week via email from Robert Shevy from National Grid updating us that the Federal Dept. of Energy did not select the project, therefore did not fund the Community Benefits Plan.

- **Clerk Cross has received a couple of notifications from e-code regarding some laws;**
 1. **Cannabis Law:** We have begun editing the latest supplement to the Town's Code and need your assistance. Local Law No. 1-2021, Section 3 states that it is subject to referendum; did it pass? If so, we will codify Sections 1 through 3 as a new Ch. 88, Cannabis, Art. I, On-Site Cannabis Consumption Site Opt-Out (Sections 4 and 4.1 pertain to a moratorium and, as they are temporary, are not typically codified).

Hoosick Town Attorney Pezzulo has provided the needed paperwork for the Referendum, but we need to determine if it was ever discussed in any of our meetings after this should have gone into effect. **Discussion**

2. The second one is that there is language in our Local Law #3 of 2022 that may need to be fixed. I am not sure if this is the way the law should be read and understood or if there should actually be a date inserted where the bracketed language is. Please see attached. The language in question is highlighted in yellow with the provided copy. **Discussion**

- **Comp Alliance Training Schedule through the end of 2024 is available- Discussion**

XIV. Old Business

- **Zoning Law re-writes update-**
- **Solar Law Update- Motion for setting a Public Hearing.**
- **Comprehensive Plan- Motion for setting a Public Hearing.**
- **Pool/Playground Camera System Upgrade Project- Phase one is complete around the pool. No update at this time on the final camera.**
- **Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Plan-** Mark, Paul and Jerad are working with the County on this updated plan. **We all virtually attended the most recent meeting.**
- **Murphy Building- the Village Police Dept. is interested in the building and has submitted a proposal to the NYF Grant Program through the Village.**
- **NYS Deferred Compensation Plan- The paperwork has been submitted to NYS.**
- **Shared Communication Position with HF Central School. This will be a shared services position between HFCS and the Town.** Sarah Livingston has been hired to fill

the position. Supervisor Surdam and Deputy Supervisor Sheffer will be meeting this week with Sarah and HF School Superintendent Pat Dailey to outline the goals and objectives.

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- **Executive Session- Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss continuing personnel issue and to seek updated legal counsel in ref to pending litigation.**
- **Scheduled Meetings-**
 - **Zoning Board- Zoning Board Meetings are now the 2nd Tuesday of the month.**
 - **Planning Board** meets the third Monday of the month. These meetings are held in the Court Room of the Hoosick Armory. Meeting minutes are available online @ www.townofhoosick.org or from the Town Clerk.

Adjournment pending the signing of Vouchers