

Town of Hoosick April 2025 meeting Agenda

Our scheduled monthly Hoosick Town Board meetings are always open to the public @ 80 Church St. beginning at 7pm.

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

- **Annual Tree & Shrub Sale-** Rensselaer County Soil & Water is having its annual Tree & Shrub Sale. Pre-Order www.renscoconservationstore.com/tree-sale for April 25 and 26th pick-up at the Reynolds Gilchrist Skating Rink at 9 Barton Ave.
- **Rensselaer County Paint Recycling Event- Saturday, April 26 9-1pm** Hudson Valley Community College. Registration is required <https://circular.eco/event/Rensco2025> . Paint must be in original labeled container.
- **Hoosick Township Historical Society April 2025 Newsletter is out. Website-** www.hoosickhistory.com .

VI. Town Clerk's Report- Holli Cross

- **Monthly Report-**
- **Tax Collection-**
- **Town Emails-**
- **Facility Use Request:**
 - **North Hoosick FD 2025 Community Day Event**

VII. Superintendent of Highway's Report- Paul Hoag

- **Report-**
- **Cottrell Road Bridge Update-** Preliminary Engineering is beginning.
- **Winter Storms & Salt update-**

- **Reynolds/Gilchrist Rink-** Ice is gone, the turf is down. Thanks to Kenny and the Village Highway crew for helping us with this project. Also, huge thanks to Jeff Wysocki for letting us borrow his skid steer to safely hand the rolls of turf.
 - **Rabies Clinic June 7th 8am-noon at the Town Highway Garage.** The clinic is under the direction of Rich Elder the Rensselaer County Environmental Health Director.
- Motion to Approve-**

VIII. Assessor's Office- Tiffany McMahon

- **Report received via email**
- **Senior Citizen Exemption-** Rensselaer County has noticed an increase in the denial of Senior citizen's exemptions across Rensselaer County due to Social Security increasing the payment for the cost of living. They have made some proposals and have asked how the changes would affect our numbers. The information has been provided.

IX. Code Enforcement- Jerad Smith

- **Report received via emailed**
- **Proposed Updated Building Code Dept. Fee Schedule- Motion**

X. Recreation- Ashley St Onge

- **Pool & Summer Camp Discussion**
- **Aquatics Director- Discussion**
- **Proposed Summer Staff pay scale- Discussion**

XI. Supervisor Surdam's Report-

- My apologies for missing the March Town Board Meeting. It was an unexpected health issue but all is well.
- Virtually attended the monthly CPWG meeting.
- Town Board meeting prep and agenda.
- Virtually attended the Supervisor Round Table meeting.
- Completed the .gov process for the Town website.
- Attends the Village Stewart's Ribbon Cutting.
- Walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- Eric and I had a meeting with U.S. House of Representative Paul Tonko.
- Eric and I met with Wayne Bonesteel from Azar Design Company in ref to the Cottrell Road Bridge Project.
- We held a Special Meeting to approve paperwork for the Cottrell Road Bridge Project to keep the project moving forward as quickly as we can.
- Virtually attended a NYMIR Sponsored Cyber Security Webinar.
- Attended the new Village Well dedication at the Armory.
- Met with John Wray from Edmunds Gov Tech to again review the Finance Software for the Town. The Town Board has received the price estimate.

XII. Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Sheffer-

- **News10 Inquiry for “Your Town”**

Councilperson McAuliffe-

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Councilperson Hanselman-

- **Electric Charging Station Review-**

Councilperson Houghton-

- **Adding fence on the Pickle Ball Courts-**

XIII. New Business

- **2025 Inner Budget transfers as requested- Motion to approve**
- **New Website- Discussion**
- **Assessment Review Board-** We approved Kendal Baker last month but he is not able to complete the training or attend the meeting.
- **Shared Service Agreement** with the Village of Hoosick Falls pertaining to the Village Transfer Station- **Discussion, Motion to reimburse the Village \$29,000 based on the income and expense reports provided and to Authorize Supervisor Surdam to sign the 1 year agreement.**
- **Zoning Board Secretary Resignation-** After 25 years as the Zoning Board Secretary Karen Jennings has submitted a letter of resignation. **Motion to approve resignation.**
- **Zoning Board Secretary Appointment- Motion to approve Cassandra Marbot** the new Zoning Board Secretary-
- **Town Street Lights- Discussion**
- **2024 Penflex Service Reward Program- Motion approving the 2024 North Hoosick Fire Department Service Award Program and authorizing Supervisor Surdam to sign and submit the 2024 Sponsor Authorization Form.**
- **North Hoosick Fire Dept. along with the Hoosick Falls Fire Dept. are Planning the 4th Annual Community Event Day for Saturday June 28, 2025.** They are asking the Town to help offset some on the expense for the bands or the fireworks. **Discussion**
- **Edmunds Sales Proposal to add the Finance Software replacing our current software. Discussion**
- **Eastwick Press- has ceased operation. Motion** to change “The Eagle” newspaper from our official alternate to the Town of Hoosick Official newspaper.
- **Teamster Contract-** The Teamsters contract expires at the end of 2025. We need 2 Board Members to meet and negotiate a new contract.

- **SLFRF 2025 Reporting-** Supervisor Surdam will virtually attend a workshop on April 15th to assist in finalizing this required report.

XIV. Old Business

- **Comprehensive Plan-** We have received back from Rensselaer County Bureau of Economic Development a Notification of Zoning Review Action. The Board has determined that the proposal does not have a major impact on County Plans and that local consideration shall prevail. They go on to provide us with a number of pages of updates and corrections. **Discussion**
- **Rensselaer County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Plan-** Updates have been completed and submitted for review. We now wait to hear back. **No Updates.**
- **Local Compliance with NYS Open Meeting Law Policy & Procedures for the Town of Hoosick-** **Discussion**
- **HFCS/Town Communications Update-** Sarah Livingstone has settled into her position at the school and has been working on the schools website. They are using the Apptegy Platform and have secured a separate module that will be the Towns website with a separate URL connection. Sarah has begun to develop our website as a ghost site for a few months until we are ready to go live. Our website will continue to operate as it is. **Update- Discussed earlier in tonight's meeting.**
- **Rink & Playground Projects through the NY Forward Grant-** **No Update at this time.**
- **Village Transfer Station Changes-** **Discussion** of joining ERCSWMA in order to continue use of the Village Transfer Station beyond 2026.
- **Town of Hoosick Emergency Medical Services-** Initial Workshop was held last month to discuss community support. This is a statewide issue and we will be reaching out to the Association of Towns to assist us through the process. **Discussion of next steps**
- **NYMIR Crime Recommendations for the TOH-** **Discussion**
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- **IT Updates-**
 - Initial meeting with Edmonds to review accounting software has been completed. The proposal is included in tonight's meeting.
- **Executive Session if needed.**
- **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