

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
ELDRED TOWN HALL

PRESENT        SUPERVISOR ANDREW BOYAR  
                  COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST  
                  COUNCILMAN FREDERICK BOSCH  
                  COUNCILMAN SCOTT HALLOCK  
                  COUNCILMAN JEFF HALLOCK

ALSO PRESENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TOM EBERS  
                  TOWN CLERK DOREEN HANSON

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the August 2015 Town Clerk minutes seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Haas to approve the July 2015 Financial Report seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

Supervisor Boyar reminds every one of the 9-11 Services at Heroes Park and thanks all the volunteers.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read letter from the Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce requesting the Constables to be a Pumpkin Fest on October 10, 2015 to direct traffic and to invite the Board and all members of the community.

Received and read American Legion Ambulance monthly report.

Received and read Yulan FD monthly report.

Received and read Highland Constable monthly report.

Received and read letter from Linda Anderson with concerns of the speed limit signs and trees impacting the view in each direction on Mail Road

Superintendent Tom Ebers states the speed limit is 35 MPH and there are signs and the trees are not ours so we cannot remove them.

Supervisor Boyar states the question is either it is properly posted along the Highway at 35MPH, then it may become a question of enforcement, so the other question which will go out to the Constable is we would like to see a police presence there so people know they have to go 35 MPH.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states we put the propane out to bid and we sent out about a dozen proposals. We received three bids and the low bidder who met specs was Mirabito Energy Product and I recommend we go with that.

The owners of Loffler building engineer has inspected the building and we have not gotten the report. Hopefully we solved the problem with the moisture and tomorrow we are going to meet with Robert Olsen the installer of the A/C to make sure it is running properly.

UDC

Supervisor Boyar states we have put in for two Grants, one a study of the Monarch Butterfly and the other is When do we need a permit.

#### SCENIC BYWAY

Carol Roig states there were two things. Cora Edward and Jean Benson attended the last meeting about having a visitor center. The Scenic Byway will be looking for other funding for the Monarch Butterfly Grant.

#### BEUTIFICAITON /RENNAISSANCE

Arnold Gruel states someone cleaned out the island in Barryville. Carol Roig states they weed wacked everything.

#### CONSTABLE

COUNCILMAN Jeff Haas state we will be looking into a new car for the Constables.

Supervisor Boyar asks Councilman Gutekunst about the any meetings with insurance.

Councilman Gutekunst states that JR Lawrence says about a 3 % increase in insurance and we are still trying to get that down.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Hallock states the Zoning Regulations Committee has met and came up with five or six things we want to look into to make sure they are up to snuff and where we want them to be for the Town and we are going to meet once a week until we can get it down. There is discussion about a moratorium and we are discussing this with Michael Davidoff.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Boyar states Jean VanDeMark is working on putting the numbers in the budget and we should have by the recessed meeting on September 24, 2015. The State mandate is .73% increase which is going to be a very interesting and tough road to hoe. The saving grace this year is fuel cost is going down, whether is it gas or fuel oil.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the fuel bid to Morabito Energy Services in the amount of 54.44 cents per gallon over the Selkirk Monday morning price, seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to respond to Linda Andersons letter and that we will show an affirmative Constable presence and the road in marked 35MPH and stop and talk to the property owner about the trees , seconded Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to support SASD's Application to the Public Service commission to develop a demonstration project for county-wide Community Choice Aggregation (CCSA) for residential and commercial electricity purchase, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the General Abstract # 9 in the amount of \$10,025.97claims 93 to 103 seconded by Councilman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Highway Abstract #9 in the amount of \$45,238.66 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Street Light Abstract in the amount of \$145.35 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to recess until September 24, 2015 @ 7:00 PM seconded by Councilman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson