

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL, ELDRED NY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

PRESENT SUPERVISOR ANDREW BOYAR
 COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST
 COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH
 COUNCILWOMAN AMANDA SCULLY
 COUNCILMAN SCOTT HALLOCK

ALSO PRESENT DOREEN HANSON TOWN CLERK

Councilman James Gutekunst calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Roll Call, all Board Members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to accept the Town Clerk minutes dated August 9, 2011 seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to accept the July 2011 Financial Report seconded by Councilwoman Scully discussion motion carried all ayes.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Sutherland would like to thank the Highway Crew for helping with the WTC Memorial that was on their own time. Norman states he has applied for financial help from FEMA and is waiting for the kick off meeting.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Boyar states we had weather events again and we want to get together with Dick Martinovic to work on the idea of a plan of notices. One of the things I put in a grant application for was how we do in an emergency situation over and above our emergency plan do better to get the word out and inform people of the services available. Councilman Hallock states that on Face book Thunder Country had a lot of information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

SENIORS No Report

BUILDING /CODES AND MMTF

Councilman Bosch states the Building Department has reviewed the fees and we have a resolution to approve that. At the Senior Center there have been some issues with the water, my son and I did some temporary repairs and we will be doing some plumbing work up there and at the Town Hall also.

The MMTF at our last meeting we discussed some billing and ending the SEQR process, the public hearing has ended and we have asked to meet with the Attorneys and a meeting has been set for September 22, 2011 at the Bethel Town Hall.

UDC

Supervisor Boyar states the minutes are on their website and in the Town Clerks Office I wouldn't say that there are any big developments other than the continuing concern over the Holbert Quarry.

BEAUTIFICATION

Arnold Gruel states we put flowers in the park in Eldred and we will be selling bulbs at the Pumkinfest.

Supervisor Boyars states he wants to thank the Committee for the work on the Eldred Park and the beauty of the Park in Barryville it never looked better.

WAYFINDING

No Report

INSURANCE

Supervisor Boyar states with the budget process coming up we check where are the cost going and we did check with JR Mang Insurance and he said we can comfortable \$40,000.00 and in 2011 we had budgeted \$43,000.00. We are working on the budget and it will be distributed to the Board by the end of the month.

Comprehensive Plan

Carol Roig states we met with the Planning Board and gave them a draft, it is not a complete draft but it is enough for them to review and give feedback to the Committee.

W.T.C.

Supervisor Boyar states the Monument was dedicated on 9-10-2011 and the project is complete for Phase I and Phase II and I would like to permission from the Board to proceed with Phase III which is landscaping. First the site will receive top-soil and will be seeded and hayed. We will develop a plantings plan and come back to the Town Board for concept approval. Essentially we are looking to place small evergreen shrubs along the building (between the windows so to block the view of the mechanical features on the side of the building). WE would also like to do plantings to lessen the visual distraction of the LP tank and light pole stanchion (possibly grasses). We are also considering some flowering fruit trees that will serve to create a bit of a park atmosphere, but not so large as to block the view of the monuments. There has been support for a Christmas tree which could be placed to the east of the wall by the CEO office. This tree will have to be sheared annually to keep its size in check.

The final aspects of Phase III will be the installation of three lighted flagpoles; security camera, solar lighting for walkway and an outside story board displace case which may contains written stories and anecdotes. I have been gifted a helmet from Al Page from ground zero which should be displayed and I have also been gifted a granite relic from the Pentagon compliments of Peter Koelsar, which also should be on display.

One final item, the Memory brick will be installed once we have the final number of bricks purchased. Our outside target is installation of Memory Bricks by 9-11 of next year, but most likely it would be sooner.

The bronze plaques for WWI and "all conflicts" are still at the foundry. The WWII plaque will be refurbished. All three plaques shall be affixed in time for Veterans Day. The Task Force anticipates that it will have enough money left over form the project to create a dedicated fund for the perpetual care of the Monument and Park. These funds will be conditionally gifted to the Town, the condition being that in the event that they are not used for the care and maintenance of the Monument and Park, the funds will revert to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars on 50/50 basis.

The Task Force thanks the entire community for its support of the project.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Boyar states the Batzel (unsafe building) sold and the new owner is proceeding to remove the structure and rebuild new.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Boyar states that the NYS DEC Draft SGEIS was released and it is 1500 pages long, it is important that the Town of Highland puts its two cents when we know our reaction is.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to adopt the new fee schedule for the CEO / Building Department seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the naming of a private road to York Lakes Road Extension for 911 purposes as request by the homeowners only seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Scully to declare October 4, 2011 “ Edith V. Humphries Day” in honor of 100th Birthday born in Barryville October 4,1911 seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve General Abstract # 9 in the amount of \$24,113.48 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve Highway Abstract # 9 in the amount of \$20,766.86 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Street Light Abstract in the amount of \$172.20 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to adjourn seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted
Doreen Hanson Town Clerk