

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011
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PRESENT SUPERIVSOR ANDREW BOYAR
 COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST
 COUNCILMAN AMANDA SCULLY
 COUNCILMAN FREDERICK BOSCH
 COUNCILMAN SCOTT HALLOCK

ALSO PRESENT TOWN CLERK DOREEN HANSON

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Roll Call all members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Town Clerks minutes dated September 13, 2011 seconded by Councilwoman Scully discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the August Financial report seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received monthly report from Fawn Schneider DCO for September.

Received monthly report from American Legion Ambulance Service over the

Received monthly report from Yulan Fire Department.

Received letter from Highland Seniors in reference to the 911 memorial.

HIGHWAY

Norman Sutherland states he has done all the paper work for FEMA, finishing up the summer work and getting ready for winter.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Boyar states that December 12, 2011 is the final date to comment on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, if we are going to make a statement on behalf of the Town we should begin to formulate our ideas. With respect to the gas issue there have been filing of law suits for two towns that have prohibitions on heavy industrial use are being challenged in Supreme Court and we will follow those two law suits. Last night Tusten had its second public hearing on updated zoning and it does include an Article 14 which does deal with heavy industrial use, the meeting was well attended. The Zoning update in Tusten cost \$21,000.00 and we are unavailing our Comprehensive Plan that has been worked on for several months and it being presented this evening by Carol Roig, I do want to make the observation that unquestionably this is a super job , professional , accurate, complete, and thoughtful if we had hired an outside planner to do the whole thing it would have been a fifteen to twenty thousand dollar job and we did it for a mere fraction of that . I have to thank Carol Roig , Debra Conway , John Conroy , Peter Barnes, Jim Gutekunst, Julie Sherwood for all there work on the plan and hopefully we can do our zoning in a similar way by using people who are passionate about the question to help put together the zoning and read and learn from Article 14 produced in the Town of Tusten and also what the Town of Lumberland is doing, so rather that budget the twenty one thousand dollars that they spent in Tusten we

put five thousand in the 2012 budget , we also have gotten a grant for fifteen dollars from the Upper Delaware Council. Chances are we can get the job done for those numbers which is a fraction it would cost if we went out and hired a planner to everything for us. We feel the people that worked on the Comprehensive Plan know the Town better than any outside consultant.

In addition to the presentation of the Comp Plan we are will have a presentation of the 2012 Budget. I am very pleased to announce comes in at less than a zero percent budget. I have to commend every one who submitted proposals for the budget I am including the Fire Service, Ambulance, everyone was very responsible. We are doing the very best we can to contain cost spending for the tax payer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING /SENIORS

Supervisor Boyar states that the seniors have had some plumbing problems and Fred has been on top of that.

BUILDING /CODE AND MULTI MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE

Councilman Bosch states the MMTF had a special meeting with attorney and engineer and our public hearing that we had , the finding report will be delivered to each town this month and we will be able to adopt at our next meeting the finding in conformance with SEQR and then we can schedule a public hearing for the actual local law.

One final task that the engineer has to complete is to train various officials from each town , that will be done in Sullivan County , it will be as many as Town Officials that the Town wants to send the cost is included we have to wait until after election to see who is going to be on the Board

UDC

Supervisor Boyar states the minutes will be on file

BEAUTIFICATION

Arnold Gruel states we have been working on the Eagle Watch and cleaned up the Gazebo in Barryville.

INSURANCE\

Supervisor Boyar state the health insurance cost is projected to go up we have budgeted and increase of 14%.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Carol Roig states the first is complete for review. The last up date was in 1999. We have had 16 working sessions and we were assisted by Jill Weir the Assistant Commissioner of Planning of Sullivan County. The Comp Plan is not a law it is principals goals, policies, strategies. The input came from four different visioning sessions. The first public hearing is on October 25, 2011. It has been a great pleasure to work on that committee

WTC

Supervisor Boyar states the monument plaques have been installed and the rededication will be on Veterans Day on November 11, 2011 @ 11:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS

The Batzel building has sold and the new owner is proceeding to remove and we have request the CEO to keep on top of it.

We have submitted 2 Tag proposals to the UDC for Zoning and for help and Emergency Aide Communications which were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Motor Vehicle will be here on October 25, 2011 and that will be last visit until next

spring.

The NYDEC Draft, our comments are due by December 12, 2011

The 2012 Budget has been distributed on September 29, 2011 the public hearing is on October 25, 2011 and the vote on the budget is on November 1, 2011

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to accept the Comprehensive Plan from the Task Force and to approve for the purpose of a public hearing seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Scully to approve rescheduling of the Regular Board Meeting for November 1st a 7 pm due to a conflict with Election day and to advertise in the newspaper seconded by Councilman Hallock

MOTION BY Councilwoman Scully to schedule a Public Hearing on October 25, 2011 at 7pm for the 2012 Budget and to advertise the hearing seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to schedule a Public Hearing on October 25, 2011 for the Comprehensive Plan immediately following the Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve Royal Flush Press's request to adopt Collins Road as requested by James Huntington seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the transfer or \$37,147.22 from Highway DA5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual to DA5148.4, Services from other Governments to balance the budget seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve \$2,336.0 transfer of funds from A2270 misc. donation of funds, to A7310.4 Youth Contractual to balance funds seconded by Councilwoman Scully discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to endorse Trout Unlimited's letter to the President and Governor concerning the DRBC's need for a study of the cumulative effects of multiple gas wells seconded by Councilwoman Scully discussion motion carried..

MOTION BY Councilwoman Scully to approve the Halloween Curfew Resolution seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the advertising for bids for security cameras for the Town Hall and the Highway Shop to be opened at noon on November1, 2011 seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst To approve the audited General Abstract # 10 in the amount of \$14,252.71 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract # 10 in the amount of \$20,358.33 seconded by Councilwoman Scully discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Lights Abstract #10 in the amount of \$ 178.99 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson