

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2021  
ELDRED TOWN HALL

PRESENT                      SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS  
                                    COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST  
                                    COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH  
                                    COUNCILMAN JAMES HANSON  
                                    COUCILWOMAN KAITLIN HAAS

Also present,                Attorney to Town Michael Davidoff  
                                    Town Clerk Doreen Hanson

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for Debra Mohan

Roll Call, all board members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the December Town Clerk Minutes seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the November and December Financial seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read American Legion Ambulance Corp. monthly report.

Received and read Highland Lake Fire Dept. monthly report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Dept monthly report.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent of Highway Tom Eber states we are getting the trucks back together we had a couple break downs.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states he received a call from Dave Jones owner of Kittatinny Campgrounds and he has sold to Jelly Stone Resorts. They are planning on renovating the operation keeping it open year round and being a good neighbor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states the Seniors are not meeting for three months and everyone is staying in place and not moving around

YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Haas states we are getting to the point where we have to decide if we are going to have the Youth Summer Program.

Councilwoman Haas states Bubba Fountain has met with Sullivan Renaissance to discuss funding for the Hickock Brook project. He is trying to get a lot of community involvement

Supervisor Haas states Steve Bott said he is will be logging there soon

CODE

Councilman Bosch states copies of the proposed changes to the Code have been given to the Planning Board and various organizations that we receive their input.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councilwoman Haas states I am working on Emergency Response Plan update plan and have the Board review. The State has lowered the age to 65 to be eligible to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine.

## GRANTS

Councilman Gutekunst states we received a check in for the Salt Shed for about \$250,000.00. Supervisor Haas states expect to receive about \$62,000.00 for the balance the Governor has cut back 25 % on payments.

## BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states minor maintenance is being done. Lights are installed at Salt Shed.

## BEAUTIFICATION

Councilman Hanson states we have picked up the flower pots in Yulan and brought them to the side of the Salt Shed.

## PERSONELL

Councilman Gutekunst states a lot of changes and new people to the ZBA,

## CONSTABLE

Supervisor Haas states we have the Explorer back in service.

## RESOLUTIONS

**MOTION BY** Councilman Hanson to approve Town of Highland Justice Court Audit on December 8,2020 by Supervisor Haas and Councilman Bosch., seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Hanson to approve Terri Robertson as Clerk to the Code/ Building Inspector on Mondays at an hourly rate of \$18.50 per hour from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Hanson to approve Monica McGill as the Clerk to the Code/ Building Inspector at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM for at least one month seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion, Supervisor Haas this is due to COVID-19 and while Monica is watching her grandchildren, motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Hanson to approve Alice Foster as a Clerk to the Code/ Building/ Inspector on Fridays at a rate of \$15.90 per hour from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Hanson to approve Susan Hoffman as a Deputy Town Clerk at a rate of \$15.00 per hour seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Hanson to approve Gerard Finn to the ZBA Board and appoint John Thomas Vogt and Peter Madden as the alternates seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Bosch to re-appoint Jeffrey Spitz to the Planning Board seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilwoman Haas to approve budgetary transfers to the 2020 Highway Budget. seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilwoman Haas to approve budgetary transfers to the 2020 General Budget seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst Pay Highway Abstract # 13-2020 claims #s 175 to # 177 in the amount of \$ 27,376.90 and Highway Abstract # 1-2021 in the amount of \$92,644.91 that have been reviewed and audited by each Board Member seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion, motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay General Abstract # 13-2020 Claims #s 364 to # 399 in the amount of \$ 24,159.13 and General Abstract # 1-2021 in the amount of \$ 88,294.53 which have been reviewed and audited by the Town Board, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay Salt Shed Abstract # 13-2020 Claim #s 25 to-# 26 to in the amount of \$1,653.87 which have been reviewed and audited by the Town Board, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay Eldred Street Lights # 1-2021 claim # 1 in the amount of \$ 91.34 which have reviewed and audited by the Town Board discussion, motion carried all aye

Motion by Councilman Bosch to go into Executive Session for reasons of Litigation and Personnel. seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to come out of Executive Session seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Supervisor Haas to recess Town Board Meeting until Saturday January 16,2021 at 1:00 PM seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk.