

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
DECEMBER 8,2020

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

Also, present Attorney to Town Michael Davidoff
 Town Clerk Doreen Hanson
 Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of silence for Joseph Horecky, Donald Rup, Michael Traver and Ralph Whitmore.

Motion by Councilman Hanson to approve Town Clerk October and November Minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read Highland Lake Fire Dept Monthly Report.

Received and read American Legion Ambulance Corp, Monthly Report

Received and read Yulan FD Correspondence in reference to the Slate of Officer Installed for 2020-2021.

Received and read Town of Highland Constable Monthly Report.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Town of Highland Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers states we have been sandblasting and painted the plows, some of the guys are on vacation.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Haas states we have been notified that we can expect 20 % less on our grant funds for Salt Shed Grant and they will pay us at a later date, we have already paid the bills from our savings, we have not received that \$125,000.00 from NYS for the SAM Grant and it is caught up in the same red tape, the Governor has frozen the funds.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states the Senior Executive Committee has decided not to meet until March. The VFW will not meet until January and February.

CODE

Councilman Hanson states we are anticipating a rough draft of the proposed updated zoning that we will release to the Park Service and the Town to review in the next day or two.

Supervisor states we have to get it to the UDC and Schedule a public hearing.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councilwoman Haas states we did an update to the Emergency COVID Response, we will be closing the office by appointment only, visitors and employees are mandated to wear mask.

Town Clerk Doreen Hanson states she would like to keep her door open in January for Tax season.

Councilwoman Haas states I am ok with that as long as you have some marking in your entry way, an arrow in and exit arrow and everyone should sign in for contact tracing.

Councilman Bosch asks if they pay by mail, do you send a receipt?

Town Clerk Doreen Hanson states I receipt every piece of mail

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states the paper work for the grants is done and waiting for funds.

BUILDING

Councilman Bosch states the new door at the Court House has been installed and built by Joe Meidreich. The lights for the salt shed should be installed on Friday. The pressure pump for the pressure washer is promised to be installed as soon as the electrician can.

INSURANCE

Councilman Gutekunst states I called Jessica from Mike Pries our insurance and we are covered for COVID testing and treating. I called NYMIT and asked them if we were covered and they said no but they will cover us if we are sued.

CONSTABLE

Mike Walton Chief of Patrol states Tommy serviced all the cars and waiting for 104.

911 HEROES PARK

Pete Carmeci states we did not have a Veterans Service but I did put a wreath out there.

UDC

Councilman Gutekunst states they are working on a five-year plan.

RESOLUTION

MOTION BY Supervisor Haas to approve Ken Anderson to the Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Re-Organizational Meeting for 2021 to January 5, 2021 at 7: 00 PM seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve that all mileage requests must state location as well as mile traveled and submitted monthly, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Supervisor Haas to approve changes to Bookkeeper Position to 15 Hours per week, five hours per day, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at a rate of \$18.50 per hour seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the surplus two Exhaust Fans and a 60 K Hot Air Furnace that was left over from Highway Shop Building Project and approval to advertise for sealed bid, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay Highway Abstract # 12-2020 claims #s 156 to # 174 in the amount of \$ 57,229.53 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay General Abstract # 12-2020 Claims #s 364 to # 399 in the amount of \$19,702.33 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay Salt Shed Abstract # 12 -2020 Claim #s 22 to-#24 to in the amount of \$41,973.94 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay Eldred Street Lights # 12-2020 claim # 12 in the amount of \$181.34 seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

Public Comment.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes

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

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve Contract with McKean Realty to market Old Town Highway Shop Property with asking price of \$261,500.00 and authorizes the Supervisor to sign the listing agreement with McKean Real Estate with negotiated fee not to exceed 6 % and the Town Attorney is authorized to attempt to negotiate that fee seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hanson, motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted Doreen Hanson, Town of Highland Town Clerk.