

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11 ,2022
ELDRED TOWN HALL

PRESENT SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS
 COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST
 COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH
 COUNCILMAN CHRIS TAMBINI
 COUCILWOMAN KAITLIN HAAS

Also present, Attorney to Town Michael Davidoff
 Town Clerk Susan Hoffman
 District 1 and 2 Legislator Rob Dougherty

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence George Nieke, Edward Degen, James Tice

Roll Call, all board members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the December, 2021 Town Clerk Minutes seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the December 2021 Financial seconded by Councilman Bosch, 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 (reported by Supervisor Haas) reports the men are working overtime and all trucks are running well and always ready.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states Ambulance Corp. related, there were many meetings moving forward with the NY State bureaucracy. American Legion will sponsor the Ambulance Corp. thru the month. Covid tests have been distributed to all towns throughout the county. We also have the KN95 masks to distributed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch reports all is quiet and good as possible.

YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Haas reports the release in February potentially for funds for after school programming possibly at Koinonia.

CODE

Councilman Bosch reports still waiting for current code books. Codification people on codes. Supervisor has reports NY State is still doing guidelines for Cannabis. Michael Davidoff states zoning and state guidelines don't do to much until the state comes with their results in April.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councilwoman Haas states to use your alternate heat source smartly. The County has opened up warming stations.

GRANTS

Councilman Gutekunst reports grants are in their final stages, waiting for WQIP grant and ARPA (Lagerge). Bonding we have heard anything as of yet. I would like to go to Association of Towns in February to talk to other small towns.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch reports the furnace in the court house is not working, heat pumps are working. Countryside Plumbing will be there January 12, 2022.

BEAUTIFICATION

Councilwoman Haas reports there was a completed payment to Engineering. Mural and stencil are being stored at the Highway Garage. Survey for the Kate Project should be completed and the site plan should go to DOT.

PERSONELL

Councilman Gutekunst reports all are gainfully employed and the Building Department is being adequately staffed.

CONSTABLE

Chief Walton has nothing to report.

Website

Councilman Gutekunst nothing to report.

Energy & Environment

Councilman Bosch has nothing to report.

911-Hero's Park

Pete Carmeci has nothing to report.

Old Business

Mezonet Station will be re-scheduled
Code vacancy, an officer or a company.

New Business

Supervisor Haas talks about the speed at the corner and possibly putting in crosswalks. Rob Dougherty state the State DOT issues them (maybe).

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve and adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the Town of Highland Justice Court Audit on December 16, 2021, seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas to approve the Sullivan County Solid Waste License User Permit for year 2022, seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Supervisor Haas to accept Code Enforcer James Hanson's resignation as of December 14, 2021, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Supervisor Haas to add fire inspection at \$100.00, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve budgetary transfers to the 2022 General Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay Highway Abstract #13 claims #s 170 – 184 in the amount of \$6,657.05 that have been reviewed and audited by each Board Member seconded by Councilman Tambini discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay General Abstract #13-2021 Claims #s432-466 in the amount of \$13,583.60 and General Abstract # 1-2022 claims #s 1-12 in the amount of 7,794.43 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 Eldred Street Lights # 1-2022 claim # 1 in the amount of \$108.06 which have been reviewed and audited by the Town Board discussion, motion carried all aye

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to go into Executive Session for reasons of Personnel, seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion, motion carried all ayes. (7:50pm)

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to come out of Executive Session seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion, motion carried all ayes. (8:30pm)

MOTION BY Supervisor Haas to recess Town Board Meeting until Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 8:00 AM, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion, motion carried all ayes.

Public Comment

Resident Lou Moreno from Yulan asks about masks for children, the county doesn't seem to have any. Legislator Dougherty says he will look into masks for small faces, they are hard to come by. Will it be possible to do Town Meetings via Zoom? Supervisor Haas states that the Board will take that into advisement.

Resident Laura Burrell from Yulan says there will be a Zoom link in the newspaper and that she will look into that.

Laura Stuart from the River Reporter asks if at the next meeting the UDSB will be discussed.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Hoffman, Town Clerk

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