

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
March 8, 2022 @ 7:02pm  
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

Guest speaker Heather Guinan NP, Bridge Back to Life Center

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence Leona Traver and Ukraine

Councilwoman Haas, we just wanted to have a moment of silence in honor and support of Ukraine as they are challenged fighting their independence. We have a really strong Ukrainian population in our neighboring communities and here. They have contributed to our communities and we stand in support with them.

Roll Call, all board members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the February, 2022 Town Clerk Minutes seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the February, 2022 Financial seconded by Councilman Tambini, 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.

UDSB Letter

HIGHWAY

Superintendent of Highway states, the department is waiting on parts for the trucks and that Specs for the new truck should be to us by sometime this week.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

The board is looking into the ATV law, allowing ATVs to be able to ride on town roads and on the shoulder of our county roads as well as our town roads. We are going to try to model a law that the town of Bethel has. We will have to modify it for our purposes in our town, as well as what the board members have received is basically draft law, it doesn't have in here the VNT codes. But I our town attorney should be able to fill in those blanks for us. When they refer to a VN T law we aren't sure what that means, but it's spelled out of course in the VNT law and I believe it has to do with registering them, wearing helmets and no one under 16 years old operating said vehicle.

The Board will have a better discussion at next month's meeting. Then we'll be able to schedule a public hearing where the interested persons from the public can speak against it or for it, and then maybe we can vote on it by the May meeting. We can move on to public comment on items on the agenda.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Doreen Warner, regarding the cul-de-sac and the plans, are they going to be milling the road? Supervisor Haas replies that the milling of the road is very expensive, it just needs to be redone. I hopefully they opened by April 15. I can request that when you're planning the surface has to cure for 20 to 30 days. That's what the paint company want. Highway Superintendent states that as soon as they have good enough weather consistently the Highway Department will start working on it and hopefully all will be done by Memorial Day.

Supervisor Haas introduces Heather Guinan from Bridge Back to Life Center

Heather Guinan states: A new mobile unit coming to Sullivan County. Our offices are covering the five boroughs. Our focus for tonight is to get involved with the town if you're interested in collaboration with the county. We offer combined counseling services and medication assisted treatment. We are looking for areas for parking. Supervisor Haas states there are plenty of areas for parking. How many days would it be here? Would it be one day a week or every three to four months? I would be every three to four weeks for one day. We want to get set up with regularity for the patients who are coming to us. I think we've got a spot at the senior citizens center to be able to park it there and be able to have plenty of parking your constituents to come in. A long as there is no conflict with any of their days where they're running their programs.

Motion by Councilwoman Haas to approve Bridge Back to Life Center to access the parking area at the Sr. Center for their Mobile Treatment Center. Seconded by Councilman Tambini. Discussion carried all ayes.

## **PLANNING AND SENIORS**

Councilman Bosch reports all is quiet and good as possible.

## **YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Councilwoman Haas reports I have not received a report from Letitia James on the youth programs. Most of the funding would go to the Koinonia youth program. A letter to Dr. Morgano to use the school as something in the bad weather. Staffing is an issue and the Youth Committee is working diligently to work this out.

## **CODE**

Councilman Bosch reports Cannabis code will be worked on by LaBerge.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Councilman Tambini states, all is moving along with the Ambulance Service and we are all operational. Chief Mike Walton states that CPR training for Constables should be taken (2). I will talk to Tony LaRuffa for the certification. Councilwoman Haas reports the NARCAN training was a success and there will be a refresher in two years.

## **GRANTS**

Councilman Gutekunst nothing to report.

## **INSURANCE**

Councilman Gutekunst had nothing to report.

## **BUILDINGS**

Councilman Bosch the hot water heater pilot is in working order.

## **BEAUTIFICATION**

Councilwoman Haas reports the first quarter report has been extended. All supplies for the mural have been paid. Eagle Observation II line items have increased. Preliminary engineering projects are being worked on by Deb Conway and Joe Gottlieb. Preliminary signage from Dorene Warner.

#### **PERSONELL**

Councilman Gutekunst nothing to report.

#### **CONSTABLE**

Chief Walton reports that Constable John Arias has completed taser training. Steve Milasaukas will be recognized with an award at the Can't Hurt Steel Gala.

#### **WEBSITE**

Councilman Gutekunst reports Jeff Chorba was just here two weeks ago and did a lot of backups and whatever he needed to do for about four hours. Supervisor Haas received an email from the Department of Homeland Security they were worried about the Russian invasion and the hacking of all the municipalities. Backups need to be done every night. A plug-in calendar with new installation would be \$250.00. A secure certificate and nightly backups.

#### **Energy & Environment**

Councilman Bosch has nothing to report.

#### **911-Hero's Park**

Nothing to report.

#### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

Supervisor Haas spoke about the ATV law in his report. The IDA uniform tax exemption Know I don't know. That's what I understand. He says he doesn't need one. Because it's New York State these dispensing. He can't do anything. Anything from Pennsylvania and other states and does he get it?

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION BY** Councilwoman Haas to approve secure certificate and nightly backups with a one-time fee of \$250.00, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilwoman Haas to approve a fee of \$1210.00 on a Website Enhancement Professional Service, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Supervisor Haas to appoint Andy Boyar as the Litter Leader for the Upper Delaware Council, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to approve One thousand dollars for Town Clerk Susan Hoffman to attend the NYSTCA Conference April 24-27, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Bosch to advertise sealed bids for Crushed Ledge Stone and Processed Gravel. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Town Highway Shop 719 State Route 55, Eldred NY or mail to the Town of Highland Highway PO Box 66 Eldred NY 12732 until 11:00am on April 4, 2021, seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay Highway Abstract #3-2022, claims #19 to #34 which have been audited by the Town Board in the amount of \$17,293.63, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay General Abstract #3-2022, claims #45 to #78 which have been audited by the Town Board in the amount of \$22,980.08, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst pay Eldred Street Lights #3-2022, claim #3 which have been audited by the Town Board, in the amount of \$101.12, seconded by Supervisor Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to recess this Board Meeting until March 15, 2022, at 8:00 am to review tandem truck specs, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

Public Comment

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Hoffman, Town Clerk  
March 8, 2022