

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2021  
ELDRED TOWN HALL

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

Also present,                Attorney to Town Michael Davidoff  
                                    Town Clerk Susan Hoffman

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for

Roll Call, all board members present.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to approve the June Town Clerk Minutes 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.

Received and read Constable monthly report.

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Supervisor Tom Ebers reports they are moving forward with routine paving and the paver is working out great, and also the grater mix. Salt Shed saved up money and put a card in for 1500 ton, there is 500 ton left. Call, order and delivered accordingly. It's a State Bid.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Haas states he was in contact with the State Controller and we are getting the SAM grant money. I will be doing a DocuSign with DASNY a procedure that is done online. The SAM grant covers the costs associated with the highway garage and the bonding issue when that comes up. We will receive \$125,000.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time.

**PLANNING AND SENIORS**

Councilman Bosch states that the Senior Board is meeting on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and opening the center. Some are still hesitant to be vaccinated.

**YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Councilwoman Haas states as previously discussed, funding for Lumberland. Unfortunately, Lumberland was unable to secure staffing for the summer Youth Program. Staffing requirements are not easy because of state guidelines.

**CODE**

Councilman Bosch states the board was given the new codes.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Councilwoman Haas states the DA Office is inspecting homicides and accidents going on, it is very busy on the roads.

## **GRANTS**

Supervisor Haas states the County will receive 7.3 million, we will only be getting half of the \$247,000.00-\$270,000.00 they will be one year apart. September 18, 2021 the bond comes due. Salt Shed will still be owed \$62,000.00 after the \$125,000.00. We should budget for a tandem truck (\$250,000.00) not bonded for more than 5 years.

## **INSURANCE**

Councilman Gutekunst has nothing to report at this time.

## **BUILDING**

Councilman Bosch states the bricks and steps have been fixed in Heroes Park. The soffits and painting have been done on the town hall building. We lost 2 generators from the ground wiring, waiting on Ross electric to bill us.

## **BEAUTIFICATION/RENAISSANCE**

Councilwoman Haas states Renaissance Silver Feather had a meeting on June 7, 2021 to discuss proposal for signage. Met with John Pizzolato and Dorene Werner, she is working on the design for the signs, 24x36 profile metal signs low profile. Also, distance to be able to hike. The culdesac art also. Maybe a pre-made building, all plans change, it has to go back to Kaitlin Haas and Renaissance.

## **PERSONNEL**

Councilman Gutekunst has nothing to report, except that the Code/Building Office is running great.

## **CONSTABLES**

Councilwoman Haas has nothing to report.

## **WEBSITE**

Councilman Gutekunst reports we should look at IT and look into that for the budget.

## **ENERGY AND ENVIROMENT**

Councilman Bosch and Councilman Gutekunst had nothing to report.

## **911-HERO'S PARK**

Park is finished. There is a concern about there being a safety hazard with the benches, maybe the use of the school bleachers would be an option. Pete Carmeci not present.

## **COMMENTS**

Clean Energy

Councilwoman Haas states that part of the Renaissance Project they have allocated 2 solar power incinerators for the Town of Highland along the river corridor, one in the culdesac and one at the Highland Access. Also, in discussion from Councilman Gutekunst that something that has been discussed before is charging stations and where they could possibly be located to be utilized all year round and that they need to be in a safe place and put on the map. Also discussed as the NY Association of Towns Guide to Cannabis. Ben Syden from Laberge would like to come and speak with the board about the opt in/opt out options. Supervisor Haas would like to set something up for September. May 23, 2021 – Frontier Bob Grimm, NG Gilbert and Olori with many volunteers were done by noon hanging the Heroes Banners, a great job well done.

Councilwoman Haas comments as to having the transfer station open on Sunday's during the summer to help with the littering all over the town, may 9:00-noon would help. Talk to the local legislator. Also out of state garbage, what do we tell them? Laurie from the River Reporter states the county is well aware of the littering on the roads.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to Pay Highway Abstract #6-2021 claims #66-#82 in the amount of \$15,731.16 that have been reviewed by the Supervisor and all Town Board Members, seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay General Abstract #6-2021, claims #169-#204 in the amount of 13,595.59 that has been reviewed by the Supervisor and all Town Board Member seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay Eldred Street Lights #6-2021, claim # 4 in the amount of \$90.30 that have been reviewed by the Supervisor and all the Town Board Member, seconded by Supervisor Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

Public Comment.

**MOTION BY** Supervisor has to go into Executive Session for Litigation seconded by Councilman Bosch Executive Session for Litigation

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

**MOTION BY** Councilwoman Haas to adjourn Town Board Meeting seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all aye.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Hoffman, Town Clerk