

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2023
ELDRED TOWN HALL

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

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

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for Brian Ort of Yulan and Greg Fuller of Barryville.

Roll Call, Councilman Gutekunst and Councilman Tambini not present.

MOTION BY Councilman Tambini to approve the August 2023 Town Clerk Minutes seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the August 2023 Financial seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read Highland Ambulance Service monthly report.

Received and read Highland Lake Fire Dept. monthly report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Dept monthly report.

HIGHWAY

Deputy Superintendent there is not any report. My Budget Request has been handed in.

SUPERVISOR

All the budget requests are in and the bookkeeper is assembling them right now. The budget will be assembled, probably before the end of the month. We'll schedule some work sessions for next month and hopefully we can get it adopted by the end of the month. Of course, in keeping with the governor's request to keep all budgets at 2% or lower. Most departments from what I've seen so far, are there.

There are a few things of course that we don't control, like fuel costs and insurance costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Planning/Seniors

Councilman Bosch reports everything is going smoothly at the Senior Center.

Youth & Park Development

Councilwoman Haas/Councilman Tambini report: We had a special meeting to approve the first installment payment for the requested funds from Koinonia for the summer youth program. Our allocation from the Sullivan County Youth Bureau was reduced this year to \$7,500, that was the initial payment that we made and we are putting together a meeting with the representation from Koinonia to look at additional disbursements that we could make relative to their funding request. Okay, do you have any report on how many students participated all together? They had about 40 Campers each session.

Code

No Report

Emergency Management

Councilwoman Haas/Councilman Tambini report: We did put out a press release with a joint press release with the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department relative to some threats that were made. There was some back and forth and some of the different press releases because it's not that the threats were unfounded. They were actual threats that were made. They were just not credible because of the evidentiary findings of the sheriff's department's investigation and visiting with that youth to separate into separate locations. The school opened on time they did have additional sheriff's deputy to assist the SRO who is assigned to the Junior Senior High School. They also have a contract with the elementary school for a school resource officer. Those are both sheriff's deputies that are in the district full time. They did send additional resources down for the first day of school.

Grants

Supervisor Haas reports: We're just waiting on the Swift plan and then we'll resubmit to our consultants and hopefully the state will come through for us as anticipated.

Insurance

Supervisor Haas reports: I met with our insurance provider Chris Slonaker from Nymer. We met for several hours going over the town's portfolio, insurance portfolio, adjusted some values of some of the buildings went over the inventory of the highway department and vehicles and current staff. He will be getting back to us with a report as well is what is going to cost us for next year. We went up on some things we went down, eliminated some vehicles, which really helps taking them off the policy so we don't have to pay for stuff that just basically sit around but still needs to be insured. We're probably looking at three to four percent right there.

Buildings

Councilman Bosch reports: Michael Parker did a beautiful job on the walls and suspended ceiling in the electrical room down at the courthouse.

Beautification/Renaissance

Flowers throughout the town are still looking beautiful.

Personnel

Councilwoman Haas/Councilman Tambini report: We have had some minor personnel issues that have been addressed.

Website

No report

Energy & Environment

No report

911-Heroes Park

Commander Carmeci reports: I want to thank our clerk who helped in for bringing the flag down to half-mast to honor those that lost their lives on 911.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilman Bosch authorizing the online winning bid for the 2013 Chevy Silverado in the amount of \$10,100.00 and the winning bid for the 2012 Ford Expedition in the amount of \$3,750.00, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilwoman Haas authorizing the price increase to \$132,632.00 for the Freightliner 114SD and along with the Hendersen Equipment Package installed of \$173,013.00, as per the

attached Sales Order dated August 25, 2023, the total price is \$305,645.00. The increase price is \$1,185.00, seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilman Bosch authorizing the volunteer ambulance worker LOSAP Service Award Program of all 2022 active volunteer workers of the Highland Ambulance Service, Inc. was posted at the ambulance building for 30-days, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilwoman Haas to pay Highway Abstract #9-2023 claims #72 to #82 in the amount of \$38,528.73, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilwoman Haas to pay General Abstract #9-2023 claim #230 to #259 in the amount of \$38,010.05, seconded by Councilman Tambini, discussion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilwoman Haas to pay Eldred Street Lights #8-2022, claim #8 in the amount of \$110.46.

Public Comment.

Executive Session for Personnel

Motion to adjourn