

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**JANUARY 2, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**

Start Meeting – 7:01

Flag Salute

“National Anthem” by Angie Kehley

Ceremonial Swearing in of newly elected official by Supreme Court Justice Meagan Galligan.

Introduces Javid Afzali as the interim Special Counsel for the reorganization meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS – Town Meetings**

Set Date, Time and place of Regular Board Meeting:

Date: Second Tuesday, Monthly, Agenda (work) Session: First Tuesday (as needed)

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Eldred Town Hall

Planning Board, Fourth Wednesday, Monthly, 6:00 PM, Eldred Town Hall

ZBA, Third Thursday, (as needed) 7:00 PM, Eldred Town Hall

**Swearing in officials**

Laura Burrell and Tom Migliorino swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of New York. To faithfully execute the duties of the Office of Councilmember in the Town of Highland, Sullivan County, New York.

Joe Barnes swears to faithfully execute the duties of the Office of the Superintendent of Highways in the Town of Highland, Sullivan County, New York.

**Designate respective Officers at compensation set for in the 2023 Budget:**

**(Motion and Vote by Board for Each Position)**

Social Services – Linda Anderson/June Alvarez

Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilman Migliorino, motion carried, all ayes.

Town Historian – Debra Conway

Motion by Councilperson Burrell, seconded by Councilman Migliorino, motion carried, all ayes.

ZBA Secretary – Monica McGill

Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilman Migliorino, motion carried, all ayes.

Planning Board Secretary – Monica McGill,

Motion by Councilperson Burrell, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.

Bookkeeper – Terri Robertson

Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes.

Assistance Bookkeeper, Patricia Summa for training at 5 hours.

Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes.

Animal Control Officer – Fawn Schneider

Motion by Councilperson Burrell, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.

Code Enforcement Officer Introduction (already in place, no vote) Debra Dalto.

Registrar of Vital Statistics – Susan Hoffman

Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes.

Sole Assessor – Lorre King

Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilman Migliorino, motion carried, all ayes.

Clerk to the Assessor – Terri Fountain

Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes. Assessor Data Collector – Joseph Mellan Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes. Court Clerk – Patricia Summa  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Building Maintenance – Joe Meidriech and Tim Schadt  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Deputy Supervisor – will be named at a later time.  
Attorney for the Town – Candidates are being interviewed. Will announce at a later date.

**Highway Contract to Be Negotiated and Solidified with Personnel Committee ASAP (announcement only)**

Emergency Service Board Representative, Town of Highland – Anthony LaRuffa  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilperson Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Fire Advisory Board Member for The Town of Highland – Dave Preston  
Motion by Councilperson Burrell, seconded by Councilman Migliorino, motion carried, all ayes.  
Name Delegate and Alternate for UDC – Christine Martin as delegate and John Pizzolato as alternate.  
Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes. John Pizzolato abstained.  
Name Delegate and Alternate for Upper Delaware Scenic Byway – Gerard Finn as delegate and Lacey Madden as alternate.  
Motion by Councilperson Burrell to name Frank Monteleone and Bernie Kozykowski as alternates to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilperson Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Set mileage at \$0.67 as per Federal Rate per mile.  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Designate Jeff Bank as Official Depository.  
Motion by Councilperson Burrell, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Designate the Sullivan County Democrat and River Reporter as official newspaper.  
Motion by Councilman Akt, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes.  
Designate Thunder Country (Bold Gold Stations), and WJFF as Official Radio Stations.  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Designate Larry Fishman, chairman, and current zoning board of appeals board members to continue in their posts.  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Confirm contracts with Yulan Fire Department, Highland Lake Fire Department, & Sunshine Free Library.  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.  
Designate Margie Granese to Sullivan County RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program).  
Motion by Councilman Migliorino, seconded by Councilman Akt, motion carried, all ayes.

**Standing Committees:**

- A. Community Planning/Seniors – Tom Migliorino and Laura Burrell
  - B. Youth & Parks Development – John Pizzolato and Kaitlin Haas
  - C. Codes – Tom Migliorino and Laura Burrell
  - D. Public Safety – John Pizzolato and Tom Migliorino
  - E. Grants – John Pizzolato and Laura Burrell
  - F. Insurance – Kaitlin Haas and Jim Akt
  - G. Buildings – Tom Migliorino and Laura Burrell
  - H. Beautification Committee Expansion “Marion O’Neill Beautification, Ceremony and Culture Club.” – Karol Sundholm and Tim Oset
  - I. Personnel – John Pizzolato and Laura Burrell
  - J. Website – Laura Burrell, Terri Robertson, Patricia Summa and Lorre King
  - K. Hero’s Park – Peter Carmeci
  - L. Energy & Environment Committee and Community Outreach – Carol Roig, Paula Campbell and Brandy Merola
- Establish Comprehensive Plan, Personnel and Committee - Heather Jacksy
- Motion by Councilperson Burrell to designate Terri Robertson as Website Administrator, seconded by Councilman Migliorino, motion carried, all ayes.
- Motion by Councilman Akt to schedule “Grievance Day” for the 4th Tuesday in May, (May 28th, 2024) 11AM-1pm, 8:30-10:30pm, post on website, and advertise, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes.
- Motion by Councilman Akt to Re-Appoint Dennis Hatton, Board of Assessment Review and Appoint Gerald Finn, seconded by Councilman Migliorino
- Motion by Councilman Akt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Burrell, motion carried, all ayes. (7:41 pm)