

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
May 11, 2021  
ELDRED TOWN HALL

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

Also present,                Town Attorney Michael Davidoff  
                                    Town Clerk Susan Hoffman

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence

Roll Call, all board members present.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to approve the May Town Clerk Minutes seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to approve the April Financial seconded by Councilwoman Haas, 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.

Received and read by Councilwoman Haas a correspondence from Andy Boyer on the litter clean-up.

**HIGHWAY**

Superintendent of Highway Tom was not present at the meeting, he forwarded his report to Supervisor Haas. Supervisor Haas stated that the Highway Dept. is fixing water problems throughout the town. Running new ditch lines and getting water off the edges of the roads. Changing culvert pipes where needed in town. Also, had to do an emergency repair on Airport Rd.

**SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Supervisor Haas stated the Town Board is actively pursuing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies. Some Board Members will be attending the webinars and submitting our claims to the State and Federal Government for reimbursement. Congressman Antonio Delgado had quoted Supervisor approximately \$247,000.00. With talking to our consultants at Laberge they had talked with Senator Schumer and that the town of Highland would be getting closer to \$270,000.00. We have COVID related shortfalls from last year, the salt shed grant, the generator grant and sand grant that was never reimbursed. All banners have been received to be put up around Eldred before Memorial Day. Doreen

has secured permission from NYSEG for the use of the poles. There will be 44 banners going up. Thanks to Doreen for all your hard work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None at this time

**PLANNING AND SENIORS**

Councilman Bosch states Peter Carmeci would like to open up the center, no more than 30 people attend. He has no idea as to how many have been vaccinated and if that would make a difference. After May 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a better understanding of the guidelines.

**YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT**

Councilwoman Haas she has spoken with Leticia at the county and she will reach out to Supervisor Mellan to have the Town of Highland sponsor 2 additional days at the Lumberland Youth Program so that it could run all week long.

**CODE**

Nothing to report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Nothing to report.

**GRANTS**

Councilwoman Haas states she met with Allison Capella and we should hear a formal announcement on the award shortly.

**BUILDINGS**

Councilman Bosch states that repairs are being started on the buildings.

**PERSONNEL**

Nothing to report.

**CONSTABLES**

Nothing to report.

**WEBSITE**

Nothing to report.

**HEROES PARK**

Peter Carmeci states that flags will be placed in the cemeteries and Heroes Park. Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31, 2021 at 1:00 no public invited. Hopefully next year we will go back to public ceremonies.

**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

Nothing to report.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Councilwoman Haas states there are still vaccines available at the Center for Discovery and throughout the county.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Rabies Clinic

Sullivan Renaissance Project

Hero Banner Project

**NEW BUSINESS**

Public Shredder

Summer Program

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to reappoint John Frank to the Board of Assessment Review, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to appoint John T. Vogt to sitting position on the ZBA Board, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Bosch for Town Clerk Susan Hoffman for an online course with the NY Assoc. of Local Government Records Office, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilwoman Haas approving sponsorship for the Town of Highland Lions Club public shredder, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst approving and hourly rate increase to \$16.90 for Alice Foster in the Building/Code Office, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst approving an hourly rate increase to \$16.00 for Monica McGill in the Building/Code Office, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst approving the Rabies Clinic on October 6, 2021 in the Constable Emergency Services building, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Bosch approving the Town Clean Up Day for October 2, 2021, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst approving Highway Abstract #5-2021 in the amount of \$22,987.95, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst approving General Abstract #5-2021 in the amount of \$16,319.65, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to pay Eldred Street Lights #5-2021 in the amount of \$85.36, seconded by Supervisor Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Gutekunst to go into executive session, seconded by Councilman Bosch, carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Councilwoman Haas to come out of executive session, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, carried all ayes.

**MOTION BY** Supervisor Haas to approve the sale of 16 Proctor Rd, Eldred for \$210,000.00 in executive session, seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion carried all ayes.

Public Comment

None at this time.

**MOTION BY** Councilman Bosch to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Hoffman, Town Clerk  
May 11, 2021