

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
JANUARY 10,2017

PRESENT SUPERVISOR JEF HAAS
 COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST
 COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH
 COUNCILMAN SCOTT HALLOCK
 COUNCILMAN JAMES HANSON

ALSO, PRESENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TOM EBER
 TOWN CLERK DOREEN HANSON

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Roll call, all Board Members present.

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for Josh Boyar.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Town Clerks December 2016 minutes seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the December 2016 Financial seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read the Yulan Fire Dept. monthly report.

Received and read the American Legion monthly report.

Received and read the Constable monthly report.

Received and read the resignation from Ken Byrne from the ZBA.

Received and read the Social Service Direct yearly report over the signature of Betty Frazier.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Tom Eber states he has submitted the 284 Form and the new pick up is at the dealership.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the 2017- 284 Form seconded by Councilman Hanson , discussion motion carried all ayes.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states he has been very busy with the Grant for the new Highway Shop.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states the Seniors are complaining about how dark it is, the dusk to dawn light is out , I will ask Paul to fix it. When the Highway Shop goes in maybe we can put a Street light in the parking lot.

INSURANCE

Supervisor Haas states we got the insurance quote and insurance is in.

PERSONELL

Councilman Gutekunst states we have the resignation of Ken Byrne from the ZBA and it is my understanding we have someone who has stepped up.

Supervisor Haas states we do not have an alternate for when ZBA Member is sick and goes on vacation, the Board has set forward a in motion a plan to appoint an alternate. I have also asked a member of the

community to step forward and take the reigns as far as Ken Byrnes position. I would like to make those appointments tonight as this is the last meeting before the ZBA meeting.

Supervisor Haas states we also have the Highway Contract that is coming up this year that has to be negotiated by the end of the year.

WEBSITE

Councilman Gutekunst states he talked to Dorene Warner regarding about the attacking of Municipal Websites, our website is a safe website. Dorene did say the software is pretty old and we should see about a grant update the website. I contacted Aileen Gunther about a grant for the website but she didn't have one at this time and she did have some grant money for historical preservation. I asked if they could forward the information to Debbie Conway.

ENERGY AND ENVIROMENT

Councilman Gutekunst states Nancy Gilmore has been working on the Clean Communities Project to get money from the State and we have been bench marking all the Town Buildings energy use.

ZONING TASK FORCE

Councilman Hallock states we have been meeting with Laberge and moving at a rapid pace.

UDC

Supervisor Haas state our Planning Board Chair and some members attended a meeting on GIS Geological Information System about mapping the River Corridor. I have an overview which will be in the Town Clerks Office. There was a short report on about the comments submitted to the UDC on Large Scale Solar Energy Systems , the basic consensus is everyone in the corridor want to contain local control and that is what our position was always. Also, the River Basin storage is starting to rebound.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Hallock states we need to look into the Lawn Contract.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to accept the resignation of Ken Byrne with regret from the Zoning Board of Appeals seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the budgetary transfer to be made to the 2016 Budget seconded by Councilman Hallock, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to appoint James Gutekunst as Deputy Supervisor seconded by Councilman Hallock, discussion motion carried four ayes, Councilman Gutekunst abstains.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to amend the Resolution encumbering funds for the Zoning Rewrite and the Constable Office from the Building Account A1620.4 to read what is left in the expense line account of 2016 seconded by Councilman Hallock, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to appoint James Donnelly as the alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to appoint Dave Preston to the Zoning Board of Appeals to finish the term of Ken Byrnes seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract # 13-2016 in the amount of \$11,830.67 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract # 13 in the amount of \$60,564.96 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited 2016 Street Light Abstract#13 in the amount of \$186.05 seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract # 1-2017 in the amount of \$84,023.31 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to adjourn seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion, motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted Doreen Hanson Town Clerk