

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2016

PRESENT SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS  
COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTKUNST  
COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH  
COUNCILMAN SCOTT HALLOCK  
COUNCILMAN JAMES HANSON

ALSO PRESENT HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TOM EBERS  
TOWN CLERK DOREEN HANSON  
ATTORNEY FOR TOWN MICHAEL DAVIDOFF

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute.

Roll Call, all Town Board Members present

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the November Financial seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the December Town Clerk Minutes seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read letter form Michelle Hook, Director of Public relations of Millennium Pipeline Company.

Received and read 30 Day advanced Notice to the Town Board that 211 Mail Road LLC is applying for a Liquor License.

Received and read Highland Lake Fire Dept. monthly report.

Received and read 2015 Health Officer Linda Anderson report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Dept. monthly report

Received and read American Legion monthly report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states: You heard the letter from Millennium Pipeline, the Town Board has just been officially informed of this today, they have the letter in their packets tonight. I will be as transparent as I can in negotiations and dealings with these people and get it to the public as fast as I can. I have no stance on this I am going to remain where I am and do the best we can for the Town, the community the health and environment. They want to build a compressor station up route 55 in the area where the pipeline crosses the road. We have no sight location other that a small driveway being put in, we don't know if we are going to be able to see it whether it is on the road, over the mountain. We just don't know enough to entertain public comment. That is my Supervisor Report and I hope you bear with me I will be as forward as I can be with our dealings with Millennium.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Siegel speaks on reference to the Resolution of the Town Board to request the reform of NYS Public Funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Councilman Hallock states he will be reviewing the Emergency Management Plan next month.

## GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states the Grant for the Highway Shop through FEMA was officially turned down.

## INSURANCE

Councilman Gutekunst states we received our bill for the insurance and it came in within our budget.

## BUILDING

Councilman Bosch states Paul is working on small projects around the buildings.

## WEBSITE

Councilman Gutekunst states we are going to start updated the website.

## ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Carol Roig states there will be a round table meeting on January 25, 2016 at the Monticello Library Crawford Building given by Sullivan County Division of Planning for Municipal Readiness for Energy Specific Building Applications.

## ZONING TASK

Councilman Hallock states we have scheduled a public hearing for next month.

## UDC.

Supervisor Haas reads report from Andy Boyar that states they have elected their officers and he is working on the cold water initiative.

## OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Gutekunst states the Cooper Arias should in February have a report to review.

Supervisor Haas states the NYMIR report corrected issues is 80% completed, NYMIR is our Insurance Co. we had an audit in October.

## NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to table the Request of Reform of NYS Public Funding Resolution until we get the opinion from the school, seconded by Councilman Hallock.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to appoint Paul Tully as the Maintenance Man for the Town seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve Dave Kuebler as Building Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer as compensation set in 2016 Budget seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to schedule and advertise for a public hearing on the proposed Local Law #1-2016 a local law to amend the Town of Highland Zoning Law to incorporate the recommendations and to send copy to the Sullivan County Planning Department with a 239M application and to also send to the Town of Highland Planning and Zoning Board of Review to review seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve and sign the Frontier Phone Contract and to authorize Supervisor to be the signee on contract, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the 30 day Waiver for the 211 Mail Road LLC Liquor License Application seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Local Transportation Funding Resolution seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the budgetary transfer for 2015 General and Highway Budgets seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited General Abstract # 13 claims 432 -466 in the amount of \$12,385.32 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Highway Abstract # 13 claims 120-132 in the amount of \$6,682.00 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Street Light Abstract # 13 claim #13 in the amount of \$178.77 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited General Abstract #1 of 2016 claims # 1 to 15 in the amount of \$63,586.90 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted,

Doreen Hanson, Town Clerk