

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
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JANUARY 8,2018

PRESENT                   SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS  
                                  COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST  
                                  COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH  
                                  COUNCILMAN JAMES HANSON  
                                  COUNCILWOMAN KAITLIN HAAS

ALSO, PRESENT TOWN CLERK DOREEN HANSON

Supervisor Haas calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for Kathy Horwath and Evelyn Livingston

Roll Call, all Board Members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read Constable monthly report.

Received and read American Legion monthly report

Received and read Highland Lake monthly report

Received and read letter thank you letter from Michael Brian Sherwood.

Received and read letter from Ericca Cook in reference to internship with the Constables

Received and read letter from Lou Monteleone in reference to the SCVA Dove.

Received and read letter from Lorry King requesting reappointment to the position of Assessor for the new term to being in 2019.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Tom Ebers gives the Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Money (CHIPS Money) to the Board for their Signatures. We are continuing to work on the Court House with Councilman Bosch. I would like to talk about a new truck at the workshop.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Haas states the Highway Dept have been actively working on the New Highway Garage they have the parking lot 95 % done, we have done our part. We have meeting schedule about the contract schedule and I cannot elaborate any more on that because we could be in litigation with some items and we will talk about it in Executive Session. The Highway Department has also been working on Eldred Cemetery with the assistance of Steve Bott Logging, all the old brush is gone I would like to thank everyone who helped clean the Eldred cemetery, and back again after the second storm.

Supervisor Haas asks Tom Ebers the Highway Superintendent could he get with Dorene Warner about the sign in the triangle in Barryville.

Supervisor Haas states we have a member of our community doing community service and is working at the Court House and other projects under the supervision of Councilman Bosch and Hanson.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch state Scotty Greenberger says red trucks have been coming in the exit at the Community Center. Tom Ebers said he knows the company and will talk to them. The stove is fixed, the knobs had a slight leak and the valve to the ansul system.

## YOUTH AND PARKS

Councilwoman Haas states she has submitted the paper work for the Summer Program to the County.

## CODES

Councilman Hanson states we met today and went over the code, I got a hold of Josh Westfall from Laberge that we are under a time table and he said he should have it out to us soon, they are working on the solar.

Supervisor Haas states we need to set a Public Hearing, the time restraint from the County for the Grant is what I don't want to lose sight of.

Councilman Hanson states I am sure in a year or so we might have to address it again, we had the lighting issue, hopefully we addressed everything but you never know what 2019 will bring.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the public hearing for the New Zoning for Tuesday February 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Supervisor Haas states we should look at our Emergency Plan and Camp Koinonia being closed.

Councilman Hanson states he spoke to Father Joslyn about using the Parish Hall at St Anthony/ St Thomas Parish in Yulan as an Emergency Evacuation Center. We have to set up a hook up for a generator

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## GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states our submittal went in for the first-round of payment for the Highway Shop in November and we have not heard anything yet. It looks like it is sixty days from submittal until we get the check from the Grant.

Councilman Gutekunst states I thought the building would be finished, we can roll over the Bond, we have to see if we can market the old Highway Shop.

Supervisor Haas state do we want to move forward with Lorry to combine the parcels so we can market like that?

Councilman Gutekunst states he would like to see the library is covered with parking.

Councilman Hanson states we can give them an easement

Councilman Bosch states we can give them a lease.

Supervisor Haas states I have been approached by several members of the Library to enter into an agreement lease so that if the Lease was in place, they would have an in with the new owners.

Supervisor Haas states we will talk to Michael about this.

## BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states we are continuing with the Highway Department, our community service person at the Court House to reduce the moisture.

## BEAUTICATION.

Arnold Gruel states the cross pieces at the Gazebo in Barryville.

Supervisor Haas states we will wait to Spring to repair.

Supervisor Haas speaks about the Sullivan County Visitor Association Dove Project.

Councilman Hanson and Councilwoman Haas state, they will work on this project.

## PERSONNEL

Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers aske if the Board plans on using Louie again for the mowing?

Board Members agree that Louie is excellent.

Supervisor Haas asks the Personnel Committee to look at the Employee Handbook and see if any updates are needed and look into emergency responses for employees.

#### CONSTABLE

Michael Walton states he has been working with the Sheriff and State Police with the Anniversary of Woodstock. They expect us to be very busy in our area.

#### WEBSITE

Councilman Gutekunst states he is calling Dorene Warner to work on the update

#### ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Councilman Gutekunst states he has been working with NYSERTA and DEC and working on some loose ends and the Grant is in progress.

#### UDC

Councilwoman Haas states we had our first meeting with the new chair and the UDC thus far has been unaffected. There will not be garbage pickup, no offices are open, the bridge will be plowed but walkways will not be shoveled.

#### RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the 284 Form, the Agreement for the expenditure of Highway Moneys (CHIPS) for paving 3 miles of County Rd #47 and # 17, Lakeview Drive to the Top of Stege Road and not to exceed \$150,000.00, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the budgetary transfer to be made to the 2018 Budget seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the budgetary transfer to be made to the 2018 Highway Budget seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract # 13, claims #s 450 to 487 in the amount of \$32,837.60 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway abstract #13-2018 claims 167 to 186 in the amount of \$6,444.51 discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract #13 -2018 claim #13 in the amount of \$187.50 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract # 1 -2019 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas to go into Executive session seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to come out of Executive session seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all aye.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to recess until 1:00 Pm on Friday January 11,2019 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted

Doreen Hanson, Town Clerk

