

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 14,2017

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

ALSO, PRESENT ATTORNEY TO TOWN MICHAEL DAVIDOFF
 DEPUTY TOWN CLERK ALICE FOSTER

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for Mauro Guiffrida, Gary Eckhard, and Emily Oelker.

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

Motion by Councilman Hallock to table the approval the January 2017 Financial until the March Town Board Meeting, seconded by Councilman James Hanson discussion, Councilman Gutekunst the Financial is missing the Balance Sheet which the total cash on hand states the General Fund had a surplus \$126,732.00 and Highway had \$105,000.00 a lot of that was contributed to the mild winter last year and everybody watched their p,s and q,s.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read Town of Highland Constable Report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Department Report.

Received and read American Legion monthly report

Received and read letter of resignation of Paul Tully as Town Maintenance Man.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states the Grant for the New Highway shop is a very slow process, the OSC released the money January 31,2016 and the DEC has not yet to appoint me a project administrator as project number, I cannot move along anywhere until I get a project number and administer to administrator the funds for the project. I am on the phone with them weekly.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states I was at the last Senior Meeting and everything is going along smoothly, I asked if anything is wrong and needs repair to mark it down on the maintenance sheet that is on the bulletin board.

YOUTH AND PARK

Supervisor Haas states the Youth Grant has been administered for the year 2016 we did receive \$2,850.00 from Sullivan Co Youth Bureau for our Youth Programs that was supplemented by monies from the Town The application has been submitted for the 2017 year and we will have two programs with a junior and a senior type of operation with the Junior one being administered by Rebecca Morabito and the Senior on by Josh Santoro and that will happen in July and August this year.

Councilman Hanson states we put all the supplies for the youth program in the closet behind the Supervisor Office and Rebecca is going to go through it all.

GRANTS

Councilman Gutekunst states he is going to be applying for the Solar Permitting Grant for \$ 2500.00 for the Highway Shop.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states Councilman Hanson has started renovating the former Sheriff area and we will be needing some help as time goes on and it is coming along quite well but it is going to take time.

Councilman Bosch states we will need to advertise for the lawn mowing next month and we do need to advertise for a Deputy Building Superintendent to replace Paul Tully.

BEAUTIFICATION AND RENAISSANCE

Councilman Hanson states I spoke to Mr. Sherwood and we will get the Eagles inside to work on.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Gutekunst states the only thing is to set up interviews for the Building Superintendent.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Councilman Gutekunst states we started looking into the Street Light Expense, how many street lights we actually have.

ZONING TASK FORCE

Councilman Hallock the meetings are going very well, we are trying to meet twice a week for two, two and a half hours, I think we should have something substantial by April.

911 HEROES PARK

Supervisor Haas state the steps are unsafe and in the Spring, we will have a Mason come in and repair the steps.

UDC

Supervisor Haas states the meeting was an uneventful meeting.

SCENIC BYWAY

Glen Pontier states at the end of the last year we requested \$20,000.00 from the County for all things to improve NYS RT 97 as in a website, cleaning foliage along the river, visitors center. The Scenic Byway raises money from the Towns and the 2017 Contribution from Highland has not been paid. NYS DOT was promised some money to do some shoulder work, would we prefer that they work on the shoulder from the Roebing Bridge to Barryville or from Barryville down to Mongaup. They don't have enough to do both. They are looking what the Scenic By Way would prefer, most of us would love to see the shoulder widened sufficiently for a bike lane.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Haas states we do weekly emails and phone calls to Frontier and they aren't being answered any more.

Michael Davidoff states I will contact Doreen.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to accept the resignation of Paul Tully and to advertise for a Deputy Building Superintendent seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all aye.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to authorize Awinita Stasilla Venture to embark on her project to erect two Welcome to the Town of Highland Signs, one on NYS Route 97 North and one on County Route 32 (Proctor Road East) as per guidelines from Sullivan County DPW and New York State DOT seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to adopt Energy Benchmarking Policy Requirement for all Municipal Building in the Town of Highland seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve a minor budget transfer on the 2016 from the 2017 Budget as per attached sheet for \$26.00 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the \$1000.00 donation that is budgeted to the Scenic Byway seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract #2 in the amount of \$20,454.84 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst

approve the audited Highway Abstract # 1 in the amount of \$12,976.61 seconded by Councilman discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light #2 Abstract in the amount of \$190.76 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried al ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson , Town Clerk