

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
MARCH 8, 2016

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

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

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Roll Call

Flag Salute,

Supervisor Haas states "I Jeff Haas am recusing myself from any discussion or voting regarding the Millennium Pipeline Compressor Station, a relative of mine is employed by a subsidiary of Millennium and Deputy Gutekunst will handle all such discussions and votes. I will not be voting on anything Millennium from this point on".

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the February Town Clerks Minutes seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read correspondence from the Sunshine Library.

Received and read monthly report from the Yulan Fire Dept.

Received and read monthly report from the Highland Lake Fire Dept.

Received and read monthly report from the American Legion Ambulance Corp.

Received and correspondence from the Sullivan County/soil & Water Conservation Dist. About their Annual Tree & Shrub Sale.

Received and read correspondence from the Sullivan County Chamber of commerce in reference to the 25th Anniversary Pride Awards Gala.

Received and read Town of Highland Constable monthly report.

Received and read invitation to the Highland History Hike on March 13, 2016.

Received and read form Allan Schadt in reference to the Millennium Pipeline.

Received and read notice from Uncle Charlies Inc. aka Sand Beach of renewing their liquor license.

GUEST SPEAKER

Rebecca Ryman, Amanda Scully and Vinny Garuffi from the Cant Hurt Steel Foundation gives presentation about the Foundation

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Tom Ebers states we have put the snow equipment away and getting ready for spring.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states I would like to recognize the committees that have been working very hard this past month and I appreciate the time and devotion to the issues that they are dealing with. The reports will come up later in the meeting and you will see how much time and effort these people are devoting to our Town through our committees. They all do a good job and I thank them.

Councilman Gutekunst states the Millennium Pipeline is having a presentation in Rock Hill at the Sullivan on March 31, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Alicia Egan & Mark Egan 25 Kieferle Road speaks in reference to proposed resolution opposing the Millennium Compressor Station.

Bo Stephens speaks in reference to the proposed resolution opposing the Millennium Compressor Station

Erik Jasper speaks in reference to the Compressor Station.

Glen Pontier speaks in reference to the proposed resolution opposing the Millennium Compressor Station.

Alan Clough speaks in reference to the proposed Compressor Station and states he is very proud to be part of this community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councilman Hallock states we had a situation when it was very cold when the power went out, the message I want to get there now and I need all your help to tell your families and neighbors. In the extreme cold weather when the power goes out this Town Hall will be open in two hours. Please get the word out.

UDC

Debbie Conway states Dorene Warner is working on the brochure for when you need to get a permit. The other is protecting the environment of the Monarch Butterfly, Dorene Warner is working on the graphics.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states last year we went to bid for ground keeping, lawn mowing for property without a building on it and they would like to extend their contract for another year with no change in cost. I would like to recommend we approve that.

We had the Town Highway Shop water tested and the water is not drinkable, we ordered a portable eyewash to be installed on Thursday.

BEAUTIFICATION/ RENNAINANCE

Councilman Hanson states I went to a seminar at Bethel Woods, Mark Benton, who gave a presentation holistic lifestyles and community planning around Hamlets I sat in on a presentation on curb appeal, zoning for success on hamlets and down town areas. Catskill Resort at 211 Mail Road received a transformation award.

Glen Pontier states there are a lot of opportunities for grants and there is some effort that has to go into it. There is still time to put in an application.

CONSTABLES

Councilman Hallock states we just replaced the brakes on Expedition. Mike Walton states we are scheduling recertification.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Carol Roig speaks in reference to Solar Panels.

ZONING TASK

Councilman Hallock states we will be meeting again to work on the Zoning.

911 HEROES PARK

Peter Carmeci states we need to let the public know about the pavers are available, spring is here and we will work on the park and we ordered new flags.

UDC

Debra Conway give report on UDC meeting.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to authorize Supervisor Haas and Councilman Bosch to approve and execute the proposal for the cleaning service for the Town of Highland due to the opening of the proposals is after the regular Town Board Meeting seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to advertise for River Clean Up along the Town of Highland shoreline of the Delaware River to provide for the deposit of all river related refuse along the river in the Town of Highland, on foot patrol and canoe also trash removal from the Eagle Watch from May 15 to September 30, 2016. Bids are to be submitted to the Town Clerks Office no later than 10:00 AM on April 12, 2016. Bids will be awarded at the Regular Town Board Meeting that evening, seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers go to Highway School on June 6, 7, 8, 2016 at a cost of \$450.00 seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all yes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve that Alice Foster the Deputy Town Clerk be a signee to the Town Clerks checking account in case of her absence seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Town Investment Policy seconded by Councilman Bosch, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the advertising of stone bids as per recommendation of Highway Superintendent. Bid are to at the Town Highway Shop 16 Proctor Road by April 4, 2016 11:00 AM in a sealed envelope where the bids will be opened. Bids will be awarded on April 12, 2016 at the Regular Town Board Meeting seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Resolution in opposition to Millennium Compressor Station to be built in the Town of Highland discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to upgrade the existing cellphone for Constable and CEO for two iPhone sixes and two vehicle charges for \$244.96 monthly charge will change to 104.60 and increase approximately \$35.00 per month seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to renew the Lawn Care Contract for one more year at no change in price to approve the Lawn Care to J& N Lawn Care seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Abstract #3 in the amount of \$9804.43 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract # 3 in the amount of \$5,294.45 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract #3 in the amount of \$177.42 discussion motion carried all ayes

Restively submitted

Doreen Hanson, Town Clerk