

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
APRIL 12, 2016

PRESENT SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS
 COUNCILMAN JIM GUTEKUNST
 COUNCILMAN FRED 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
Flag Salute
Roll Call, all Board Members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve Town Clerk minutes dated March 8, 2016 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read letter from HLF D in reference to the Mother's Day Plant sale.
Received and read monthly report from American Legion Ambulance Corp.
Received and read monthly report from the HLF D.
Received and read monthly report from the YFD
Received and read monthly report from the Constables.
Received and read letter from NYSDOT in reference to the Speed limit reduction request for NYS RT.97
Received and read letter from VFW Commander Peter Carmeci in reference to placing memorabilia from WWI, WWII Korean and Vietnam Wars.
Received and read a letter of resignation from Ronald Schneider.
Received and read letter from Senator John Bonacic in reference to the Resolution in Opposition of Millennium Compressor Station.
Received and read letter from Delaware Liquor License Services in reference to the license application for ATK<LLC dba Back to Baker
Received and read letter from Cant Hurt Steel Community Foundation requesting a waiver of fees for using the Town Hall.

SPECIAL GUEST

Sue Vorstadt speaks in reference to the 100th Anniversary of the Sunshine Library.
Rebecca Morabito speaks in reference to Highland Youth Program

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Haas states I have had a very busy month I spent a lot of hours in Supervisors office with CD's Investment programs, policy changes, some personnel issues. The Board Members are all up to speed with the Supervisors office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment

SENIORS AND PLANNING

Fred Bosch states I went to last Senior Citizen Meeting and mentioned that we need to reach out to our citizens at risk when we have a power outage and hopefully we will get some names to add to the emergency list of people we have to check on.

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states we have reached out to Senator Bonacic and Assemblywoman Gunther about grant applications as well as Heather Jacksy and Debra Conway about the William Penn Foundation to assist us in our planning and zoning changes.

BUILDING

Councilman Bosch states out salt shed is in poor condition and Scott Hallock has donated two 25 foot utility poles and we hope to have it in better shape shortly.

BEAUTIFICATION

Arnold Gruel states Jim and I drove around checking the different spots that have to be cleaned up, but the weather hasn't been cooperating.

Councilman Hanson states Scott Greenberg wants to work on the Yulan tree and Jim Gutekunst has a place where we can get plants wholesale price. Mike Sherwood's son is an Eagle Scout and want to work on his badge. I spoke to him about painting the Eagle in the park in Eldred.

CONSTABLES

Mike Walton states we had training on Nar Can which is a kit for heroin overdoses at no cost to the Town and we carry it in our cars.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Carol Roig states we will be looking at the energy bills from 2007 and 2015 and taking the data and track cost and we need a base line so we can get credit for the things we already done.

ZONING AND TASK

Councilman Hallock states we have meeting tomorrow.

Supervisor Haas states it is a little too late to apply for a grant from Senator Bonacic or Assemblywoman Gunther for help with a Planner to help with our Zoning, but I will still submit a letter to them.

911 HEROES PARK

Andy Boyar has asked for a meeting on Saturday to discuss the plaque and changes in the park.

UDC

Supervisor Haas states two recipients of our Town are receiving awards, one is the Sunshine Library for the Cultural Achievement award, and the recreation achievement award to Glenn Pontier. The UDC will have a summer guide of events in calendar form and it will be in Town Clerks Office.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Town of Highland Procurement Policy seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes,

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve proposal from JP Lang for the River Clean up in the amount of \$1200.00 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to authorize the Supervisor to apply for a Grant to the Upper Delaware Councilman for funding to support the Delaware River Program seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the Highway bids for stone and gravel to each responsible lowers bidder as per recommendation of the Highway Superintendent. Seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to request the Sullivan County DPW research the possibility of creating one way traffic on River Road in Barryville, seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve Terry Robertson the Town of Highland Bookkeeper and Clerk to CEO/ Building Inspector at the pay rate of \$14.50 per hour for no more than 24 hours per week for a

six month probation with three month review to begin May 2,2016, seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion, Supervisor Haas states I believe at this stage of the game with the numbers we are talking here trying to divide the hours with the bookkeeper and CEO office that Jimmy and I are going to have a leeway to possible renegotiate some number. Jean works twenty six hours in Bookkeeper office and Terry works twenty hours in CEO office. We are going to try to combine that into one 24 hour employee. Councilman Bosch states we should same 24 hours up to 29 hours if needed. I am going to ask for a little for the hourly rate. I am going to ask for a little leeway to negotiate the pay rate of the hourly rate between offices, Dave does not want to lose Terry in his office but we need to replace. In the end we are trying to save the Town some money, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman to approve the Land Use Permit for the Weather Station and approve the Supervisor to sign the permit on behalf of the Town Board seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Annual Town Clean Up for May14, 2016 pending the Sullivan County approval and to advertise the time and rules with construction debris will not be allowed, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve \$1000.00 for work to be done in Building Inspector Office for a new counter seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the resignation of Ron Schneider as constable with regret, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to advertise for the position of Constable with previous police training an certifications would be beneficial and carry a concealed NYS Pistol Permit and must be a resident of Sullivan County seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to adopt the amended Drug and Alcohol Policy as per Partners in Safety and Town Attorney recommendation, copies of policy are to be given to all employees, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the waiver of fees for the use of the Town Building for the Cant Hurt Steel Foundation seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, motion carried four ayes Councilman Hanson abstained.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the thirty day waiver for Back to Bakers seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract # 4 claim #s 95 to 134 in the amount of \$14,254.43 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract #3 claims #38 to 51 in the amount of \$10,790.65 discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract claim #4 in the amount of \$152.56 discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to into Executive Session to discuss perspective litigation with the Millennium Pipeline seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk