

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED NY 12732
APRIL9,2019

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

ALSO, PRESENT TOWN CLERK DOREEN HANSON

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Roll Call, Councilman Hanson not present

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the March Town Clerk minutes seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read HLFM monthly report

Received and read American Legion Ambulance Corp. monthly report

Received and read Constable monthly report.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states they are working at the Highway Department at a fever pace, the building is up the roof is on, the walls are up we have a completion date of May 31,2019, there will still be work on the electrical through June.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states the Seniors are going to see who would like to take a class on the defibrillator and Tony Laruffa and Linda Anderson will give the class.

YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Haas states we will scheduling some work dates for the Hickock Brook project

CODES

Councilman Bosch states at the last Town Board Meeting we adopted the Zoning and it is online on our website

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Supervisor ask Tony Laruffa to get us a contact address for the Church for the Grant for the Parish Hall that will be used as a Emergency Shelter.

GRANTS

Councilman Gutekunst states we have been designated a Clean Energy Community and we have been approved a stipend \$5000.00.

Town Clerk Doreen Hanson states the Sullivan Renaissance Grant for the Dove has been increased to \$1500.00 and they will pay for the benches.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states mostly small maintenance and spring clean up.

BEAUTIFICATION

Supervisor Haas we have a group ready to work on the Eldred Park, the Highway is working on it and that is where we be putting the Dove. We had a meeting with the Sullivan County Visitor Association and they said we are really out of the box with our design.

PERSONEL

Councilman Gutekunst states we will be interviewing for a Youth Director.

WEBSITE

Town Clerk states we need to get any changes to Dorene Warner from all Town Offices.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Nancy Gilmore states we met with Liz Stringer from ECS Science Department and she has recruited three teenagers to support a program called With the Towns to support the Towns efforts and extremely to get the school involved to reduce their energy cost.

Councilman Gutekunst states the Town has put its best foot forward and we put in heat pumps, changed the LED lights we were able to decrease our greenhouse gases by 10 %. In the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Preston the Clerk of the Works for the Highway Shop states we have three proposals for the electric service cable for the Highway Shop, Schmidt's \$3,990.00, Cooper \$3,756.95 and Kandle Bothers \$3,967.00.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the purchase of the electric cable from Cooper Electric for the new Highway Shop in the amount of \$3,756.65 seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

Dave Preston states there is a new service engineering fee to install transformers at the Highway Shop and the fee is to NYSEG in the amount of 10,339.28., I am speaking to them to try to get the price lower

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the Service Engineering Fee of not to exceed \$10,339.28 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the advertisement for a Youth Program Director with application to be submitted by May 7,2019 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all aye

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the Highway Stone Bids to the most responsible bidder as recommended by the Highway Superintendent, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to surplus and advertise the 2008 Dodge charger Constable Car with sealed bids to be submitted by May 13,2019, the Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited General Abstract #4 in the amount of \$24,300.09 claims #95 to 129 in the amount of \$24,300.09 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract in claim # 30 to# 45 in the amount of \$13,114.47 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract # 4 claim #3 in the amount of \$164.02 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited abstract # 3 claims # 2 to # 5 in the amount of \$2,770.34 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

Public Comment

Paula Campbell states she is concerned and expresses opposition about the Eldred Preserve application for a Permit to discharge Sewage into the Halfway Brook at the Eldred Preserve and is hoping the Town takes a position on this.

Supervisor Haas states the Town has hired Keystone Associates and has asked them to look at the application. Supervisor Haas reads the letter that states written to Dave Preston the Town CEO/ Building Inspector.

“Dear Dave Preston COE/ Building Inspector

: In accordance with your request, we have reviewed the Notice of Completed Application and the Draft SPDES Discharge Permit proposed for the above project. It is our understanding that the/Town and some of the residents are concerned with the wastewater treatment plant and its effect on the water quality of Halfway Brook. Neither Notice of Completed Application for the Draft SPDES Discharge Permit state anything that is not typical in the review process at this time. The NYSDEC is the governing permitting agency which set the effluent limits for the wastewater treatment plant and is responsible for the water quality of Halfway Brook. The effluent limits they have set are not reasonable and are typically what we would expect to see based on the classification of the stream. The estimated flow of 17,000 gpd or 11.8 gallons per minute (gpm) represents less than one gpm percent (1.0%) of the stream volume and should not have negative impact on the stream. A slow meter will be required to record the actual discharge on daily basis.

As state above, the NYDEC is the agency responsible for maintaining the quality of Halfway Brook. It is our opinion that the Town should not engage in any pre or post testing of the stream for liability reasons. The responsibility for maintaining the water quality of Halfway Brook should remain with the NYSDEC. It may be appropriate to request an increase to the frequency of the testing to monthly as it is stated in the draft as quarterly. Also, the Town may want to maintain a copy of the testing reports and have them available to the public.

We trust we have responded to your request. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact our office.”

Very Truly yours, Kenneth d. Ellsworth, PE Keystone Associates Architect, engineers and Surveyors, LLC

Supervisor Haas states this is the Town official stand. Please direct your comments and question to the DEC.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Gutekunst seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted

Doreen Hanson, Town of Highland Town Clerk