

TOWN OF HIGHLAND TOWN BOARD  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
ELDRED TOWN HALL  
MAY 9, 2017

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

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

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

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

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Town Clerk Minutes dated March 16,24,29 and April 4,18,2017 seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

Special Guest Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Luis Alvarez, Sullivan County Legislature Nadia Radjz and Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff all speak on the what is happening at the County Level.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received Health Officer Report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Dept. Monthly Report.

Received and read American Legion Ambulance Monthly Report

Received and read Constable Monthly Report.

Received and read letter from the Tusten-Highland- Lumberland Post #6427 informing the Board of Memorial Day Services on May 29,2017.

Received and read letter form the Sullivan County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board in reference to a landowner requesting inclusion into the NYS Agriculture District.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states we have been having meetings on the Highway Garage, we have a rough draft.

We are trying to finalize the floor plan. We have been actively soliciting our Assemblywoman as well as our State Senator for additional funds to complete this project and I want to thank the Board for assisting me as much as they have, it is quite a project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY PLANNING-SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states I attended the last Senior Meeting and they are a little concerned with our not up to standards of the outside maintenance, I explained that we are concentrating on getting the Constable Office ready. I explained we have Cub Scouts 102 coming this Sunday to clean up the leaves and true to form Cub Scout 102 with the assistance of Jim Hanson disposed of five pickup truck loads of leaves that were around the building and Bocce Court. There is a problem with one piece of fence that took a little abuse from snow plowing but we can repair that as soon as our Deputy building Superintendent has the time. They have been donated a large flat screen TV and would like to have it mounted.

#### YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor Haas states I am going to schedule an appointment with the Youth Director this month to go over programs and set the budget and explain what the County's wants and needs are.

#### BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states our Deputy Superintendent of Building with the assistance of Jim Hanson when he has time are making great progress with the Constable Office in about a week or so the office will be pretty close to being ready.

Councilman Gutekunst states NYSEG had a program to come and change the light to LEDS and we now have three building done and it should change the energy cost.

#### Beautification/ Renaissance

Arnold Gruel states John Bach and I did a lot of work cleaning the park and we planted a plant for a lady who did a lot of work at the Riverside, Becky in memory of her.

Councilman Hanson states we have some new signs coming to the Town from Venter Scout Aniweta Stasilli who states she is read to put tow signs the say Welcome to the Town of Highland, one entering the Town from Tusten and on entering the Town from Lumberland on the County roads.

Councilman Hanson states we are getting the Eagles that Arnold Gruel donated to the Town, they are getting rehabbed and are soaking in some kind of plastic to get the integrity back into the Eagle. This project is being done by an Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONELL

Councilman Gutekunst I understand we had a resignation from the Highway Department and we will be advertising for the position. Jim Hanson and I interviewed some attorneys to represent the Town in Highway Contract negotiations which expires in December 2017.

Councilman Hanson states we have an opening in the Secretary for the Planning / Zoning Board.

#### CONSTABLE

Councilman Hallock states I spoke to Chief Walton about the tickets for the parking in the cul-de-sac in Barryville.

#### ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Carol Roig states Jim Gutekunst and Nancy Gilmore filed the first Clean Energy Community High Impact Action Bench Marking Resolution, it the first of four to qualify for the project for funding in the amount of \$50,000.00 to \$100,00.00 the Town are eligible for. We will keep up our working on that.

#### ZONING TASK FORCE

Councilman Hallock states we have a Draft that the committee will be looking at and hopefully we can get this wrapped by in a couple months.

#### 911- Heroes Park

Pete Carmece states he has ordered flowers for Memorial Day Service, this is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WW1, we need to get that WW1 stone in there. Memorial Day Services are Monday @ 3: 30 PM.

#### RIVER ROAD BEACH COMMITTEE

Supervisor Haas states at our workshop we had a request about putting a sign on River Road Town property and I am going to ask that committee to get back to me on what the sign would say and cost before our next meeting.

#### UDC

Supervisor Haas states they are still working on the flexible flow requirements for the River, if the agreement is not agreed upon by June 1,2017 the flow will go down from 325 cubic feet per minute to 45 cubic feet per minute. That would be catastrophic for our river, fishery, tourism. I have faith in these bureaucrats they will get their heads together to get the job done.

Supervisor Haas states I am pleased to announce we received the funding for the River Clean Up from the UDC.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the advertisement for a Highway Worker and application to be back to Highway Superintendent by noon on May 30,2017 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the advertisement for a Planning/Zoning Secretary with application returned by May30,20147 seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve JP Lang to the River Clean Up seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract # 5 in the amount of \$15,753.92 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract # 5 in the amount of \$74,251.15 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract # 5 in the amount of \$151.95 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION Councilman Gutekunst to adjourn seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk