TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL, ELDRED N.Y.
MAY 8,2018

Present Supervisor Jeff Haas
Councilman James Gutekunst
Councilman Fred Bosch
Councilman James Hanson
Councilwoman Kaitlin Haas

Also, present Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers
Town Clerk Doreen Hanson

Supervisor calls meeting to order
Roll Call, all Board Members present
Supervisor introduces Sullivan County Chair of the Legislature Luis Alverez, Sullivan County Legislature Nadia Radjz and Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff.
Sullivan County Chairman of Legislature Luis Alverez give a speech on the State of the County.
HIGHWAY
Superintendent Tom Ebers announces that Jim Nieke and wife had a baby boy.
SUPERVISOR REPORT
Supervisor Haas states looks like we are moving ahead with the Highway garage, we are trying to get workable numbers that the tax payer can afford. I am not at liberty to tell you the number they are still in negotiation phase. I will say it came in above budget and that is why we are chosen to pair the project a little bit.
I wrote a letter to Tony Signorelli about the two accidents at Rt 55 and RT 97 intersection with the Shohola Bridge and requested a study.
The future sight of the Highway garage has been used as a dumping site for the trees from the winter storm damage for the Sullivan County DPW and it has been cleaned up and the mulch has been used for a berm.
PUBLIC COMMENT
Dave Hulse ask have you looked in Spectrum for phone instead of Frontier
Town Clerk Doreen Hanson answers that we need the copper lines phones in case of emergency and Frontier phones has the copper lines.
SENIORS AND PLANNING
Councilman Bosch states the Seniors just came back from their trip, all is quiet at the Senior Center.
YOUTH & PARK DEVELOPMENT
Councilwoman Haas states we are getting ready for our Youth Program, we have not heard back from the DEC on the submission of the of the Volunteer Stewardship Agreement with the Cant Hurt Steel Community Foundation for Hickock Brook Project. We have a lot of volunteers at the cemetery clean up, we had a lot of Eldred Central School Students.
CODE
Councilman Bosch states there is a section of the Code dealing with a permit that seems excessive in requirement of engineer plans, architect, survey and Dave Preston is researching that section and before too long we can have an approved wording that isn't burdensome to the resident who is putting an addition to their building.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Councilwoman Haas states she went to the Public Service Commission and spoke on behalf of the Town for the winter storm events.
GRANTS
Supervisor Haas states he and Councilman Gutekunst will be going to a seminar work shop for a CFA Grant for the Highway Garage.
INSURANCE
Supervisor states we are offering another plan for the Retirees with AARP, first Medicaid the AARP if all don't want to do this we might have a problem with MVP.
BUILDINGS
Councilman Bosch states we had a bid opening for the Emergency Building, all paper work complex $5,500.00 servicing $ 365.00 electric is $3,800.00.
MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to award the generator bid to American Electric LLC, not to exceed $9.300 plus the $365.00 yearly fee, seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion, Supervisor Haas asks is that line of what we have paid in past?
Councilman Bosch states the generator is the same, servicing is less that what we pay now, the electric installation is a little high.
Supervisor Haas states the electric install is minimal.
Councilman Hanson states why don't we table it and ask Councilman Bosch to negotiate it motion carried all ayes.
Councilman Bosch states he wrote another spec for the Barryville Firehouse, I believe the prices will come in less by law what we have to advertise and we can get quote rather than bidding it.
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve getting quotes for a generator for the Barryville Fire Station rather than going to bid seconded by Councilman Hanson motion carried all ayes.
BEAUTIFICATION
Arnold Gruel says they did a nice job cleaning up at the cull de sac.
Councilman Hanson states the Barryville Chamber of Commerce would like to put in flowers and put a statue in the Cull de sac, Jeff and I and a few other people cut the brush in the island.
Councilman Hanson states he would like to thank everyone who came to help clean up the cemetery, they did a great job.
PERSONELL
Councilman Gutekunst states we met with the gentleman who will be our part time person to mow the lawn and he is perfectly ok with us and we recommend that Tommy hire him.
CONSTABLES
Councilwoman Haas states all five Constables attended the First Responders for Autism at the Center of Discovery.
911 HEROES PARK
Pete Carmece states the Memorial Day Service will be at 1:00 PM on Monday, cake and coffee will be served.
RESOLUTION
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst approves the appointment of Jean Van De Mark as a Deputy to the Town Clerk Office at the rate of pay set in the budget seconded by Councilman Bosch motion carried all aye.
MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the grant application for the Greater Barryville Chamber of Commerce for signage in Barryville pending Michael Davidoff the Attorney for the Town approval, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to hire Louie Brown for lawn mowing under the supervision of the Highway Superintendent at the rate of $12:00 not to exceed 15 hours per week until the mowing slows down seconded by Councilman Hanson motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the Frontier contract for going back to copper lines seconded by Councilman Hanson motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekusnt to approve the accrual of pension fund cost for the 2017 financial statements and NY State Annual Update Report outlined in the attached worksheet that have been recommended by the Towns accountants Cooper Arias, LLP seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekusnt to approve N. Sutherland Landscape LLC to adopt Devlin Road from May 2,2018 to May1,2020 for the Adopt a Road Litter Pick up Program seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract #5 -2018 claims 143 to 18 in the amount of $11,079.30 seconded Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract claims #54 to 64in the amount of $21,446.91 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract claims # 5 in the amount of $183.33 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Capital Abstract # 5 claims # 5 in the amount of $4,367.00 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.
MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to recess until Thursday May 10,2018 @ 4:00 Pm for Notice of Intent to Award the Highway Shop Bids seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.
Respectively submitted
Doreen Hanson Town Clerk