

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
MAY 14,2019

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

ALSO, PRESENT ATTORNEY TO TOWN MICHAEL DAVIDOFF
TOWN CLERK DOREEN HANSON

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Roll call, all Board Members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Town Clerks corrected minutes seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosh to approve the April Financial seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read Highland Lake Fire Department monthly report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Department monthly report.

Received and Highland Constable monthly report

Received and read American Legion Ambulance monthly Report

Received and read letter from the Tusten- Highland – Lumberland VFW in reference to the Memorial Day Services.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states we are in line to get road millings from projects taking place in the area and hauling them to the Highway Shop Parking lot. It is a good thing for us.

Supervisor Haas states Michael Davidoff and I had a meeting on Highway Shop issues and we moved the substantial date to this coming Friday and the final completion will be shortly after that.

The Town Board is looking into a salt shed that we have received a Grant for \$ 620,000.00. We have talked to Laberge for a quote for administering the Grant.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states next week the Seniors will be honoring the Veterans. They still have not had the classes for the defibrillator, they will be having a class in the Spring.

YOUTH & PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Haas states we did interview for a new Youth Director and it is on the agenda to offer her the position.

Supervisor Haas states he did talk to Sonia Kidney about the Soccer Program after the Youth Program

Councilman Hanson states in reference to the Hickock Brook Project we are a stumbling block, the DEC wants to log the land. They want us to shut down while they log and they don't have anything set up.

Councilwoman Haas states we are going to contact to Bill Rudge the DEC Supervisor, the Forester and Aileen Gunther, from my understanding the property they want to log isn't close enough to force us to stop and it would delay us working.

Councilman Hanson states we have had four appointments and they didn't show up.

CODES

Councilman Bosch states no report and the Code is being printed.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councilwoman Haas states we are working to revise the plan to include the Saint Anthony Parish Hall in Yulan as an Evacuation Center in case of Emergency.

Councilman Hanson states we will be able to hook up to a transfer switch so we can run a generator for the short term and long term we will apply for a Grant for a permanent Generator but if we have any more disasters, we will have the Parish Hall for people to go to.

Councilwoman Haas states it replaced Camp Koinonia which is not operational right now.

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas state we were approved for the last application for payment for the Grant Monies from the DEC has been approved and it has gone to the next step. The last payment took five months to get the funds and we are running out of Capital Fund money and with advice from Council we can transfer from General to the Capital as we wait for the funds.

Councilman Hanson states he wants to make sure everyone know how much money the Board has saved the Town in securing the Grants, we are over one million dollars n Grants and on the regrind we over three thousand tons of regrind to be used at the Highway Shop and I just want to thank you for that.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch state the boiler at the Town Hall was making noise and we called Country side plumbing and the boiler is working better than ever.

Ken Anderson has been working on the electric at Eagle Park and Jim Hanson has been spearheading the project and he hasn't mentioned it and I think he should talk about all the work on Eagle Park.

BEAUTIFICATION

Councilman Hanson states we took out about 3600 pavers out and one of the issues where they weren't even, with the help of Highway Dept we took out six inches of sand and put in six inches of the modified stone and we have a really good base. Ken Anderson has run some new conduit, the Dove base has been put in by the Highway Karol Sundholm has done the planting, hopefully we will have it ready in time.

Supervisor Haas thanks Karol Sundholm and Jim for securing a grant for \$1500,00 for Eagle Park.

PERSONEL

Councilman Gutekunst states Councilman Hanson, Councilwoman Haas and himself met with a candidate for the Youth Director.

WEBSITE

Councilman Gutekunst states we getting ready to launch the new website.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Councilman Gutekunst states he met with the ECS School Superintendent to getting some synergy between the High School and our Energy Committee.

911 HEROES PARK

Peter Carmeci states we are getting ready for Memorial Day Services.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Haas state the Dove Presentation is May 25,2019 @ 11:00 AM, I would like to thank Catherin Four the Artist.

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Clean-up Day is on May 18,2019 is at the New Highway Shop, behind the Senior Center.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to surplus the 2008 Dodge Charger seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all aye.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to reject the bid for the Constable Car seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all aye.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the American Legion Ambulance Corp LOSAP Points seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas to approve Nicole Hayden as the Youth Program Director with the salary as set in the Budget seconded by Councilman Gutekunst.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve Voltron Electric Inc for the installation of the cable at the Highway Shop in the amount of \$3,132.00, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Town Board Transfer of \$250,000.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to be paid back when the Grant Funds come in as authorized by Bond Council Tom Myers, seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to go into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation and personnel matter seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to come out of Executive Session seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all aye.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to have the Town properties appraised so we can actively start marketing the properties and leave to the discretion to the Supervisor the Appraiser seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

Councilman Gutekunst states at the Town Workshop the Town Board approved a Capital Budget Payment Application #7 to Verticon in the amount of \$155,035.32.

The Town Board also approved a proposal for removal of trash at 45 Proctor Road from NGS Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,599.00.

Motion by Councilman Gutekunst to adjourn seconded by Councilman Hanson, motion carried all ayes
Respectfully submitted

Doreen Hanson.