

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
JUNE 12,2018

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

Also, present Town Clerk Doreen Hanson

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for Charles Four, Vera Sclawy, Charles Bedrosian and John Ihlo.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the Town Clerks May minutes seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all eyes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the April and May Financial Report seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all aye.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read American Legion Monthly Report.

Received and read the Yulan Fire Dept Monthly Report.

Received and read the Constable Monthly Report

Received and read the Notification of Renewal of Liquor License for Crossroads Restaurant and Back to Bakers.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states he received a thank you note from Lorraine Four to the Board and all the volunteers at the May Storm. Supervisor Haas states I think this storm went a little smoother the second time around even though I think this storm was worse. We are working with the PFC on getting an emergency response quicker and we did file a complaint. We got through it, still cleaning trees on wires.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Esposito ask what are the dates of the State of Emergency?

Supervisor Haas states May 15 to May 18,2018

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states everything going smoothly.

YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Hanson discussed the canthurtsteel walk and the announcement about the Hickock Trail project that has been approved from the DEC.

Councilwoman Haas states we have been approved to be Volunteer Stewardships for the Hickock Multi Use Trail which we will update and maintain the trails. The DEC will provide the signage but we can rename it, it will restore the State Land to the community

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states I had a conference call with the County about the monies they are making available for code updates. I would like the Board to give me approval to apply for a grant with the help of Laberge, it is a 75/25 split, County is 75% and Town is \$25%.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Supervisor apply for a grant from Sullivan County to for the Zoning rewrite with the help of Laberge in the amount of ten to fifteen thousand dollars seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Councilman Hanson states everyone is still in clean up phase still from the storm, we had a lot of volunteers, we are starting to see daylight. There are about 10 trees down in the Eldred Cemetery that need to be removed, we took about 37 from the last storm.

Councilwoman Haas states the School Budget vote was canceled due to the storm and will be June 19,2018.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states at the last Board Meeting we went over the new Generator for the Constable Building, I spoke to the bidder and they lowered the amount of a savings of \$900.00 to the Town. The Highway has prepared the base for the generator. We also received quotes for a generator for the Barryville Firehouse.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the quote from Herman Wyss for \$1830.00 for a generator and hookup for the Barryville Firehouse seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

CONSTABLE

Councilman Hanson states Kaitlin and I had a meeting with Mike Walton and we went over points of interest that we wanted to work out, it was pretty productive meeting. We went over communication issue so that the Board know what is going on. We have an excellent Constable Force and they are making solid arrest on drugs.

91 MEMORIAL PARK

Supervisor Haas states we had a very nice Memorial Day Service, Pete did a wonderful job.

UDC

Councilwoman Haas states we discussed the model Solar Energy Law and there was discussion on a piece of project in Highland that they say is noncompliance with building in the river corridor.

OD BUSINESS

Supervisor Haas states we have awarded all contracts for the New Highway Shop, Contract# 1 General \$1,194,460.00 to Verticon LTD Contract # 2 Plumbing to Verticon LTD \$110,000.00, Contract #3 Mechanical to DJ Heating & Air Conditioning \$238,260.00 and Contract # went to Schuler Haas Electric \$162,850.00 for a total of \$1,705,570.00 we have some other cost such as well, septic which could be about 50,000.00.

Councilman Hanson states we did do a couple updates so we could do a solar system in the future sometime.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to reapprove the resolution dated July 25,2017 of an In-Kind Donation to the DEC River Access on NYS Rt. (& in the town of Highland to assist in the tasks of stockpiling of boulders to be saved on site, removal and storage of existing sign to be saved installation of kiosk and other DEC Handicap parking signs installation of curb stops at each parking space and to approve and advertise a public hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the NYS Retirement Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Kathryn Sweeney seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract #6 in the amount of \$13,201.83 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekusnt to approve the audited Highway Abstract # 6 in the amount of \$457,201.83 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekusnt to approve the audited Street Light Abstract #6 in the amount of \$147.26 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Capital Abstract # 6 in the amount of # 1,873.28 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

Motion by Supervisor Haas to go into executive session seconded by Councilman Hanson for reasons of litigation and personnel, discussion motion carried al ayes.

Motion by Councilman Gutekunst to come out of executive session seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilman Hanson to adjourn seconded by Councilman Bosch motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk