

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL
JUNE 13,2017

Present Supervisor Jeff Haas
 Councilman James Gutekunst
 Councilman Frederick Bosch
 Councilman Scott Hallock
 Councilman James Hanson

Also, Present Doreen Hanson Town Clerk
 Attorney to Town Michael Davidoff

Supervisor calls meeting to order
Flag Salute
Roll Call, all Board Members Present.

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

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the May Town Clerks Minutes seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read the American Legion Ambulance Corp Monthly Report

Received and read the Yulan Fire Dept. Monthly Report.

Received and read the Highland Constable Monthly report.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Haas give Highway Superintends Report as he is at Highway School. The Report states they finished the paving on Mud Pond and Barker Road. Tom has two people to interview for the Highway position.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states he has attended many meetings this month and we are working very diligently on the Highway Garage, it is moving forward. Hopefully we will have a better report at the next meeting and will be able to bid soon thereafter.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS.

Councilman Bosch states at the last Senior Citizen the Seniors picked the name the Shirley Reuter Senior Citizen Building. Since it was decided it was more than a Senior Center the Town Board picked the name the Town of Highland Shirley Reuter Senior and Community Center.

YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor Haas states the Youth Programs Paperwork is being sent out to the Schools this week.

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states this week I went out and applied for two grants from Assemblywoman Gunther and Senator Bonacec.

Councilman Gutekunst state we are going to get a Grant from NYSERDA in the amount of \$2500.00

BUILDING

Councilman Bosch states the Constable Office is finished and the restroom is basically finished. The Constables have requested security cameras for the office, Bedik Communication s who installed the original cameras will install new cameras and as long as we install the wires they will charge \$975.00 for three cameras. The Constable would like to have a sign Highland Constables above the door, Friday morning I have an appointment with Keller Signs to try and get the right letters ordered.

BEAUTIFICATION.

Arnold gruel states we worked on the Gazebo and I understand there is lot of poison ivy.

Carol Roig states we might want to consult Sullivan Renaissance to see what kind of pesticides to use.

PERSONELL

Councilman Gutekunst states we interviewed for a Secretary for the Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals and she was very good, she is the existing Secretary for the Town of Bethel and brings a lot of experience.

WEBSITE

Dorene Warner state we added an email for the Planning/Zoning Secretary. Today Lory King contacted me about an email she received a notification about some malicious software on the website. There wasn't anything removed and I cleared everything up. I would like to remind the Board the website was set up in 2009 under Tina Palacek, it is time to consider a user friendly more responsive website.

Councilman Gutekunst ask what do you think it will cost

Dorene Warner states based on some other Towns and depending what you want to do probably four or five.

Energy and Environment

Carol Roig states we secured the \$2500.00 award for the adoption of the Unified Solar Permit and the adoption of the electric vehicle change in our new zoning we will be able to receive a \$500.00 award when we adopt in our zoning. The Benchmarking is set for September on our website to be made public I am going through the Climate Smart checklist to see all the that we can get all the things we can get points for which makes us eligible for more grants. Jim and I also will be at Eldred Central School Board meeting to invite some students on the Committee.

ZONING TASK

Councilman Hallock states we will be recessing tonight's meeting until Thursday to meet with meet with Laberge. We also have to set our public hearing for the proposed new Zoning Law.

911 HEROES PARK

Pete Carmeci states we were there on May 28 ,2017 @ 6:00 AM and placed the 25 pavers and Joan Whalan large stone, we had a nice crowd at the ceremony even with the bad weather.

RIVER ROAD PARK COMMITTEE

Dorene Warner states at the last meeting I gave the board the summary from the 2016 meeting. I contacted Carla Hahn about the rules and regulations they are putting together for the Highland River Access on Route 97 and they have not had a meeting to discuss the regulations, but they emailed me a copy and I will review them and hopefully we will have a meeting to discuss them before the next workshop.

UDC

Supervisor Haas states NYS, PA and NYS got together and decided to keep the water releases about the same. NJ did not sign on to the meeting. Pete Golard was at our Planning Board Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to extend Local Law No 5 -2016 "A local Law Imposing a Limited Commercial Solar Energy Generating Facility Land Use Moratorium in the Town of Highland for an additional three -month period from June 13,2017 when the initial Moratorium period expires the

Moratorium on Commercial Solar for three more months. Seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve a Public Hearing for the structure 1t 188 Mail Road, designated Tax Map 15.-1-68. The Town Board of the Town of Highland desires to proceed with the Town of Highland Unsafe Building Local Law and directs a Public Hearing to be scheduled for July 11,2017 @ 6:45 PM to permit the owner to contest the order if owner should decide to do so and directs the Attorney for the Town to serve Notice of Public Hearing on the legal representative of the owner, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to support the Scenic Wild Delaware River Geotourism Initiative seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to support the Sullivan County Division for Planning and Environmental Management in its application to receive funding through the consolidated Funding Application for the NYSD DEC Fishing Access located in the Town of Highland seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the Public Hearing for the Zoning Rewrite for July 5,2017 @7:00 PM seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway take full owner ship to the Monarch Butterfly brochure with assumption of all rights and responsibilities, seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Planning Board Meeting be rescheduled to July 6,2017@7 PM seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to appoint Janetta MacArthur as the Planning /Zoning Board Secretary with salary set in the 2017 Budget seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the name The Shirley Reuter Senior and Community Center seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman retain Girvan and Ferlazzo Attorneys at Law at a rate of \$200.00 per hour to negotiate the Highway Contract seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion Councilman Gutekunst states Councilman Hanson and myself have interviewed two law firms for the Highway Contract and I believe we hired a very good firm that represents multiple towns and school in our state, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the Delaware River Basin Commission to enact a complete and permanent prohibition of hydraulic fracturing and shale gas development within the Delaware River Basin, seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion, Councilman Hanson states when I originally was appointed to the Board one of the things I said I would do is stay out of hydraulic fracking so I am going to abstain on my vote, motion carried four ayes, one abstention.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve Bedik Communication for the proposal to install three security cameras for \$975.00 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

CONSTABLES

Councilman Hallock states we have had two of our Constables Scott Van Tuyl and John Arias complete their training and we would like to recognize them tonight.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the payment of the audited General Abstract # 6 in the amount of \$10,999.79 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the payment of the audited Highway Abstract # 6 in the amount of \$45,599.73 seconded by councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the payment of the audited Street Light Abstract seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the payment of the Capital Highway Building Fund Abstract # 1 in the amount of \$7375.69 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilman Hanson to go into Executive Session seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to recess the Town Board Meeting until Thursday June 15 at 7 PM at the Highland Senior Center seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk