

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 11,2017  
ELDRED TOWN HALL

PRESENT SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS  
COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH  
COUNILMAN JAMES HANSON

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

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Moment of Silence for Ed Freudenthal and Charles (Skippy) Schroeder

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the June 2017 Financial seconded by Councilman Hanson  
Motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the Town Clerks Minutes dated June 9,2017 seconded by  
Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read American Legion Monthly report.

Received and read HLFM Monthly report.

Received and read YFD Monthly report

Received and read Public Notice of Complete Application for Millennium Pipeline Company LLC, and  
notice of Public Hearing.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers states he has hired James Nieke Jr for the Highway Dept. and will  
start on the 29 of July and we have just finished the CHIPS Program and are getting ready to seal.

Supervisor Haas ask did he go through Partners in Safety yet?

Highway Superintendent answers yes.

SUPERVISOR REPORT.

Supervisor Haas states we have the first draft of the new zoning and we are in pursuit of finding some  
level ground there before we put to a vote to adopt. I have applied for a couple more grants for the  
Highway Shop in the amount of \$275,00.00 to help us complete the project, I have gone for second  
interviews on them, the more money we get the less money that rest on tax payers' shoulders. I am  
constantly working, searching for money and we are using an avenue that I have found. There is a grant  
application under DEC Water Quality Improvement Program and there is a grant that I want to apply for  
tonight to build a salt shed on the new Highway Facility property. The Salt Shed we have is seriously  
deficient, probably shouldn't be in use now, because of the condition of the salt shed we actually rank  
higher in the eyes of the grant to receive a little more money because it is in such disrepair. I am going  
to ask the Board for their support for this grant and for Laberge Group to administer it for us in  
conjunction with the Highway Shop. It would have to be built to DEC specs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SENIOR AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

Councilman Bosch states at the Senior Center the sign in honor of Shirley Reuter has been ordered by  
the Supervisor and will be place over the entrance to the building.

The plaque Zimmy's Court is tipping over and will be moved to a better location a few feet away.

## YOUTH

Supervisor Haas states the Youth Program is in full swing for the little ones and for the older ones they are going to have soccer and not basketball this year they feel they will have more children participating in Soccer than Basketball.

## BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states last winter the neighbor at the Barryville Court House complained that we plowed snow over the small trees that he planted there, he found the pins marking the property line and he had planted some small trees over on our property, he said he will move the tree. We installed energy saving lights in all the buildings and we have been having some problems with the alarm system, everything is working correctly.

## BEAUTIFICATION

Councilman Hanson states Arnold Gruel has been working in the cul-de-sac sprucing that up a little bit. I am going to talk to one of the landowners to see if we can place the "Welcome to Highland" sign on their property. The Eagle Scout Project for the Eagle in the Eldred Park is still being worked on.

## PERSONELL

Councilman Hanson states we had a person accept the job for the Planning/Zoning Board Secretary and then gave up the job before they started, she received more duties from another Town.

Supervisor Haas stated I have a couple people to be interested. Supervisor Haas asks the Town Attorney can we just have them fill out application instead of advertising for a third time?

Attorney to Town states I think so, the quicker you can do the better off you are.

## CONSTABLE

Councilman Hanson states the Constables are in good shape.

Supervisor Haas state the new Constable car is in and Robert Green needs to know about the striping.

## ZONING TASK

Councilman Hanson states we had the public hearing, it was quite informational there is quite a lot of work that needs to be done, everyone has done a lot of good but there is a lot of work that needs to be don't. There is a lot concerns that were brought up and they need to be addressed so we have a good final product that works good for the Town. We have it tabled right now there is correspondence going back and forth that have to be addressed.

Councilman Bosch states I have spent quite a few hours going over , quite a few hours writing comments and I still have only covered a small batch of it.

Supervisor Haas asks I was wondering if the Town Board can recess to go over the Draft?

Councilman Bosch states basely there are a lot of different ideas on how things should be worded or whether they should be put back the way they were or the way they are now. Since the Town Board is the group that approves the new zoning and it will be in effect for a very long time and it will have a very large impact on everybody who lives in the Town, I think the Town Board should work together and iron out some different ideas as much as we can to come up with what we think is the best product for a new Zoning Code for the Town, I was thinking we should schedule a workshop until we can get to the point we can say we are ready for a public hearing.

Councilman Hanson states I would agree with that, we did a lot of hard work on the task force, it is a lot of work and in any Town it takes a couple years to get it right, we rushed a little bit or a lot of in some cases where we condensed it into eight months , there are some issues that need to be resolved and as representatives of the people of the Town the Town the Town Board is responsible they do it for the welfare of everybody in Town. We should take a good look at it so the Town Board is satisfied, the Attorney is satisfied so I would have to agree with Fred.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch recess this meeting and have workshops each Tuesday into the future as far as we need on Tuesday nights that are not Town Board Meetings seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes

UDC

Dave Hulse states the discussion was finance and recent communications From FASO and Bonacic.

Supervisor states the UDC is funded from the National Government through the NPS who acts as a spokesperson for the Town and the Park Service, that funding line is usually \$300,000.00, the president froze all those contract for further review and that one hasn't been reviewed yet and the budget is running out and we have a \$10,000.00 Tag Grant which could affect us. The sooner they get this settled the better for us

Dave Hulse states Laurie said they have that money.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Haas states we have plans for the new Highway Shop and we can take a look at them after the meeting. We are going to have to hire an engineer for the septic.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the contract so Laberge can apply for the NYS DEC Water Quality Improvement Program Grant for Highway Salt Shed Grant seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion Councilman Hanson states that the amount of grant money that this town has gotten in the last two years is outstanding, we have gotten about one million dollars in grant money, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the settlement of Kastoria Realty as recommended by the Assessor for the 2014 assessment of Real Property from \$565,000.00 to \$482,000.00 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion, Michael Davidoff states this is the best we can doing regard to the grievance in 2014, we went back and forth and was assigned a new referee and said to split in half of what we offered and what they wanted. The only one they filed for was 2014, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to pay the audited General Abstract #7 claims # 196 to # 243 in the amount of \$21,510.86 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to pay the audited Highway Abstract #7 claim # 57 to # 70 in the amount of \$156,606.06 discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the audited Street Light Abstract #7 claim # 7 in the amount of \$147.38 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to pay the audited Capital Highway Building Fund Abstract # 2 Claim # 2 in the amount of \$500.00 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Esposito ask does the passing of the new zoning laws eliminate the old one entirely?

Michael Davidoff answers the new zoning law includes all of the old and amended, yes it supersedes, not everything is new it includes all those areas that were not amended and all the one that were amended.

Nancy Esposito asks does the passing of the new grandfather in anything that is illegal?

Michael Davidoff answers it does not grandfather in anything that is illegal.

Nancy Esposito states a building that was built and my understanding it is 500 square feet and it is 350. Supervisor Haas states permits were not issued for those and they were sent letters of violation for those.

Michael Davidoff states if something exist that illegal under the new zoning permits it is now legal.

Meeting recessed until Tuesday July 18 ,2017 @7 PM

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson, Town Clerk