

TOWN OF HIGHLAND  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
JULY 12, 2016

PRESENT SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS  
COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST  
COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH  
COUNCILMAN SCOTT HALLOCK  
COUNCILMAN JAMES HANSON

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

Supervisor Haas call meeting to order

Roll Call , all Board Members present

Flag Salute

Moment of Silence for Joan Whalan and Robert Plocinik.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the June 2016 minutes seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

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

Correspondence

Received and read HLF D monthly report.

Received and read YFD monthly report.

Received and read American Legion report.

Received and read announcement of 237<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Minisink Battle to be commemorated July 23, 2016.

Received and read resignation of Doreen Sweeney as the Clerk to Assessor.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent states we are sealing and will done the end of the month.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Haas states in talking with the Town Attorney and the Board at the workshop there has become a need in our community for updated Zoning Laws, all our problems seemed to be centered on our archaic zoning laws from twenty years ago. They been amended over the year. At this time I would like to put forward a proposal to a comprehensive zoning update and put out a request for proposals to the Planners and apply for a grant to cover our expenses. Laws are changing constantly, we need a certified person that is able to do this. I have a resolution on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doreen Warner asks when is the next Zoning Task Force Meeting and about changes to the recreation zoning.

Councilman Hallock states we are on hold right now, we are talking about getting a Planner here to rewrite out Zoning Laws.

Supervisor Haas states if you have issues please write them down, the Zoning Task Force is not going away, and they are going to advise the Planner, they could get a lot busier.

Councilman Hanson states I spoke to Berry Hafkin and gave the Board copies of the last meeting results and we will look at them and see if we will go forward.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMUNITY PLANNING, SENIORS

Councilman Bosch states I attended the Senior Citizen Org. Board Meeting last week to discuss some issues.

### YOUTH AND PARK

Supervisor Haas the Youth Program is running actively in gear and she has 42 children that attended today and they anticipate more. Josh Santoro Basketball Camp will run July 6 to August 22, 2016 and that is for the older kids.

### BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states at the Senior Center to solve the problem with the a/c remote control, Bob Olsen will install a programmable remote thermostat.

The shrubs have been trimmed by Jim Morabito.

### BEAUTIFICATION

Supervisor Haas states Glen Pointier has resigned from the Beautification but would like to stay on the Scenic Byway

Carol Roig states we have planted ground cover around the Christmas tree.

Councilman Haas states Arnold and I have to meet with Gibby McKean about the corner in Barryville to see what we are going to do, we have a lot more to do there.

### PERSONELL

Councilman Hanson states we hired a few Constables and they have been in training.

Councilman Gutekunst states Doreen Sweeney has resigned as the Assessor Clerk.

### CONSTABLE

Councilman Hanson states we have Steve Milisaukas, John Arias and Scott Van Tuyl as our new Constables.

### ENERGY AND ENVIROMENT

Carol Roig state at our meeting reviewed the ten point of the community pledge and we started out with short term goal with what we want to accomplish. One thing we want to do is walk through some of the buildings and audit the energy, the first one will be the Barryville Court. We had discussed a permit process for small scale solar operation.

### 911 HEROES

Peter Carmeci states the deadline for paver is close.

### UDC

Supervisor Haas the annual rafting in August 7, 2016. The UDC has adopted a resolution to explore a establishing a notification that would incorporate fire department sirens to alert the public of river flooding danger. They put it forward to the NPS and NYSDEC.

### OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Haas states in reference to the Weather Station the CEO has received a certificate if insurance, they are moving along but can't give me a time table of construction will take place.

### RESOLUTION

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the change in the LOSAP Program to go from Universal Life to Group Term Insurance at proposed savings of \$5000.00 per year.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to accept letter of resignation of Doreen Sweeny with regrets and to advertise for a new clerk, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to authorize Supervisor Haas to apply for a Grant for the Highway Facility seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to authorize Supervisor Haas apply for a Grant to fund the Town Zoning Ordinance update seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited General Abstract #7 claims 193 to 228 in the amount of \$14,312.43 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Highway Abstract #7 claims in the amount of \$25,731.88 discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract # 7 claim #7 in the amount of \$126.30

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Visneski speaks about the excessive speed of cars on Lakeview Drive, Highland Lake

Constable Mark Anthony states he also has complaints of the excessive speed of cars on Mail Road.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to the send a TE9 request form to Sullivan County DPW to reduce that all Town Roads not marked with speed limit be reduced to 30MPH seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson

Town Clerk