

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELDRED TOWN HALL, ELDRED NY
SEPTEMBER 12,2017

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

Also, Present Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers
 Town Clerk Doreen Hanson

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag salute

Roll Call, all board members present.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the August 2017 Financial seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to approve the August Town Clerk minutes seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

Correspondence

Received and read American legion Ambulance Report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Dept. Report

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers states we have a shared services agreement with NYS and we are going to help with the paving of NYS Rt. 97.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas states to date we have had nine zoning workshops as a Board. We have a plan coming together to see if we can hammer out a decent code that we can all live with and put it back before the public with a public hearing We are moving along with the Highway Garage we had the Architect here to meet with the Highway Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Town Engineer, our Building Inspector and the Town Board. He will submit the plan that will be submitted to the DEC for approval to build and then we can finalize, go to bid in November and maybe break ground in the Spring.

I have been at the County for a Shared Service agreement that the Governor has put forward and the County is taking the lead for the County and Town and the Villages, only one Town and two Villages has backed out. We are looking to save tax dollars money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch state Shirley Reuter was one of the people who helped get the Grant and we voted to rename the building the Shirley Reuter Senior and Community Building.

INSURANCE

Supervisor Haas states we are actively Budget and asked for quotes, I did change our Insurance to coincide with the Budget, it went up about 3 or 4 % but the big one is the health insurance went up about 8 or 9 %, you start behind the eight ball and the Governor wants you to put forth a budget of 2% or less you can see how much the work the Board has to do. There might be some people upset and some changes in some plans to get to the 2% or under that the Board desires to do.

Councilman Gutekunst states unfortunately we can't tell Albany to keep their budget at 2% but they can tell us.

Councilman Gutekunst states the way NYMIR works we are shareholders in NYMIR which is and Insurance CO-OP so we are actually putting g capitol into the NYMIR part of the fees each year and I think next is the last year then we start getting dividends, we will not have to put in \$586 and then we should get a dividend of about \$700.00.

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states we did apply for the Salt Shed Grant through the DEC, we will not know until late December.

BUILDINGS.

Councilman Bosch states last week at the Court House the cooling, heating unit malfunctioned and Olsen Mechanical came and repaired it. At the Senior Center last month, the UV System has been replaced. We and a problem with the chimney at the Senior Center and Ken will take care of it shortly. The excess Sheriff equipment will be picked up shortly and a little bit of trim will be done soon.

BEAUTIFICATION

Councilman Hanson states the Eagles in the Park in Eldred that Arnold Gruel donated are being restored by Brian Sherwood for his Eagle Scout project, he has hours and hours of work and they are just about finished. They cut a tree that will be a seat with the two eagles. I should be pretty soon.

PERSONEL

Councilman Gutekunst states we will be appointing a new clerk for the Planning/Zoning Boards

WEBSITE

Councilman Gutekunst states hopefully we can put in budget to update the Website.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Councilman Gutekunst states the Energy Committee has imputed with the help of Carol Roig and Sustainable Energy three years of energy used, oil, electric, gas which is a baseline and that will be on the website.

ZONING TASK FORCE

Supervisor Haas states he has to schedule a meeting with LaBerge to go over the changes in the zoning.

UDC

Dave Hulse states they touched on the DRBC banning Fracking in the River Basin, they debated solar or not. They did not make any decision on amending the plan or not amending the plan.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the budgetary transfers;

From Town Clerk, contractual line A1410.4 \$1500.00 to the personnel line A1410.1.

From ContingentA1990.4 \$622.47 to A4020.1 Registrar S170.00 to Narcotics.A4220.4 \$339.00 to VFIS Fireman Pension A9015.8 \$113.18.

From Safety Inspection A3620.1 \$116.73 to A3620.4 Safety Inspection

Seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hallock to authorize the Supervisor to vote supporting the Sullivan Count Shared Services Plan seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion, Councilman Gutekunst abstains as he has not read the plan, motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to appoint Monica McGill as the Clerk to the Planning/ Zoning Board at rate set in Budget seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion, Supervisor Haas states he would like the Board to send Doreen Sweeney a letter thanking her for her service to the Town, she resigned in April to take another job and she has stayed and helped us until we hired someone. Motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to extend Local law # 5 of the year 2017 entitled A Local Law Imposing a Limited Commercial Solar Energy Generating Facility Land Use Moratorium in the Town of Highland, Sullivan County NY for an additional three – month period from September 13,2017 when the Moratorium period expires, seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited General Abstract #9 claims #287 to 327 in the amount of \$20,962.99 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Highway Abstract #9 claims #92 to # 102 in the amount of \$67,966.88 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve the audited Street Light Abstract#9 claims #9 in the amount of \$153.39 seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTIN BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Capital Highway Building Fund abstract #4 claims #4 in the amount of \$4,200.00 seconded by Councilman Hallock discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to go into executive session seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY COUNCILMAN Hallock to come out of executive session seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Hallock seconded by Councilman Hanson

Respectively submitted

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk