

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
ELRED TOWN HALL
JANUARY 14,2020

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

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

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

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the Town Clerk December Minutes seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all aye
MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the December Financial seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read letter form Bernstein Redo PC in reference to the Eldred Entertainment LLC Liquor License Application.

Received and read letter from Tom Weinish in reference to the Adopt a Road Program.

Received and read American Legion Ambulance monthly report.

Received and read Highland Lake Fire Department monthly report.

Received and read Yulan Fire Department monthly report

Received and read Highland Constable monthly report.

Received and read Social Service Report from Elizabeth Frazier.

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Tom Ebers state they are moving to the new highway shop and cleaning up the old highway shop.

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Haas states the Highway Dept. has moved into the new shop, it is a beautiful facility and we will have a ribbon cutting when we are all moved in. We are moving forward the Salt Shed and getting ready to go to bid.

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SENIORS

Councilman Bosch state we adjust the thermostat at the Senior Center and no complaints.

YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Haas states we need to submit the report for 2019 County Youth Program.

CODES

Councilman Bosch states we received a letter from the NPS regarding our new amendments to our Code, Jim Hanson and I have met and reviewed their comments and we both agree there are some a lot of simple changes that can be made to bring us in compliance.

Councilman Hanson states he thinks a sticking point is on erosion at which we could have been spelled out better, we will work on that and we will meet each year with CEO Officer and Planning Board Chair to see if they have issues that are coming up.

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states we are still waiting for the \$125,000.00 SAM Grant to come to the Town.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMNT.

MOTION BY Councilman James Gutekunst to move the generator from the old shop to the Parish Hall at Saint Anthony Church to be used for the Emergency Warming Center seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

BUILDING

Councilman Bosch states Ken has been working on baseboard, new door locks, blinds, Tom and the guys has been painting at the new highway shop. A really beautiful facility.

BEAUTIFICATION

Councilman Hanson thanks Arnold Gruel for the donation to the Beautification from an old Renaissance funds which we encumbered for 2020 and we have some plans for planting in Yulan and Eldred. Karol has plans for double pots around Yulan.

PERSONAL

Councilman Gutekunst states Julie Sherwood has retired, Chris Tambini is now a permanent member of the Planning Board, Steve Bott has showed interest to be a member of the Planning Board, Jim and I interviewed him and Jim and I recommend him to the Board.

CONSTABLE

Councilman Haas states we accepted Bob Maas resignation with regrets and thanks. Councilman Hanson Mike has been working on car computers with the County.

WESITE

Dorene Warner states we launched the new website and I am going to meet with Lorry and Doreen for training on the website.

UDC

Councilman Haas states I shared the minutes which was a complaint on a residence on River Road that was found to be not an issue and the other was the Park Service letter to the Town and Pete Golod has resigned.

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson seconded by Councilwoman Haas to approve the Weinisch Family and Friends for the Adopt a Road Program for part of Lakeview Drive, Highland Lake at a cost of \$80.00. motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas seconded by Councilman Bosch to approve the budgetary transfer to be made to the 2019 budget, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch, seconded by Councilwoman Haas to approve the Agreement with the Humane Society of Port Jervis/ Deer Park Inc for the year 2020 in the amount of \$1500 to be paid in two installments, January,2020 and June,2020, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilwoman Haas to approve Chorba Consulting Inc. to be our host for the Town offices emails at the cost of \$1268.12, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas, seconded by Councilman Bosch to approve the waiver for the thirty - day waiver notice of intention for an on-premise liquor license application for Eldred Entertainment, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst, seconded by Councilman Hanson to appoint Steve Bott as the alternate to the Planning Board, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst to approve the surplus of the 2003 Crown Victoria, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to re-appoint Louie Brown for Lawn Maintenance at payment set forth in the budget to begin mowing on May 15,2020 and end mowing by October 15,2020, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch, seconded by Councilwoman Haas to approve the proposal for the new highway kitchen cabinets sink, faucet, microwave, range hood not to exceed \$2000.00, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst to approve the resolution authorizing approval of settlement agreement with Verticon, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch, seconded by Councilman Hanson to re-appoint Jeremy Degori Landscaping int the amount of \$4300 for mowing of old cemetery, in Barryville and Eldred, River Road Town property, Eagle Watch, Barryville Circle from May 15,2020 to October 15,2020, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson, seconded by Councilman Bosch to approve final payment to Schuler Haas in the amount of \$14,547.50 and not to be sent until our Town Attorney Michael Davidoff has the lien release discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Council Gutekunst, seconded by Councilman Bosch to give Maya Van Rossum and the Delaware River Keeper a Certificate of Appreciation in their efforts to support the Town of Highland Zoning Laws. Discussion motion carried 4 ayes one abstention.

MOTION BY Supervisor Haas, seconded by Councilman Hanson to pay the audited General Abstract # 13-2019 claims # 450 to 487 in the amount of \$22,235.08, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas, seconded by Councilman Hanson to pay the audited Highway Abstract # 13 claim # 166 to 168 in the amount of \$889.00, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst, seconded by Supervisor to pay the audited Street Light Abstract #13 claim # 13 in the amount of \$172.47, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst, seconded by Councilman Bosch to pay Highway Abstract # 1 2020 claims # 1 to 20 in the amount of \$ 27,456.20, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst, seconded by Councilman Hanson to pay General Abstract # 1 claim # 1 to 16 in the amount of \$83,453.21, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst, seconded by Councilwoman Bosch to adjourn, discussion motion carried all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk