

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11,2020

PRESENT SUPERVISOR JEFF HAAS
 COUNCILMAN JAMES GUTEKUNST
 COUNCILMAN FRED BOSCH
 COUNCILMAN JAMES HANSON
 COUNCILWOMAN KAITLIN HAAS

Also, present, Town Clerk Doreen Hanson

Supervisor calls meeting to order

Flag Salute

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to approve January Town Clerk Minutes seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all aye

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the January 2020 Financial seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received and read HLFM monthly report

Received and read YFD monthly report

Received and read American Legion Ambulance monthly report.

Received and read Constable monthly report.

Received and 30-Day notice for Sand Beach Liquor License Application.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Haas state the Town Board, County Manager Josh Potosek, Legislatures Rob Dougherty, Nadia Rajsz, Rick Sauer Director of Homeland Security, Town of Tusten Supervisor Ben Johnson, and from NYSEG Representatives Robert M Piegari, Melany Putnam and John Fisher, Matt Philips from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther Office. NYSEG said they are going to actively start repairing work on poles, wires and upgrade the station in Yulan, Beaverbrook area which is going to be a 10-year plan and it all depends on the PSEA in Albany approving increase in funds. We discussed the age of the poles, they will be removing the zombie poles, they will be dealing with right of way issues, they can only cut back what the right of way allows. It is a very ambitious plan and we will meet again in two months. The Yulan 201 Circuit is the worst circuit in the State we had a one hundred twenty-one outages in the past year.

Supervisor Haas states that the bridge in Eldred on Route 23 will be closed to traffic in July has asked Bob Trotta from the County DOT to detour the truck traffic to County Route 21 as not send them down Mail Road.

Supervisor Haas polls the Board about the Highway Shop Dedication and they all agree wait for warmer weather.

COMMUNITY / PLANNING

Councilman Bosch states everything at Senior Center is going smoothly.

Councilman Hanson states we have moved the generator to the Parish Hall in Yulan for a warming station and we had stone from the Town for under the generator and met with Mirabito about the propane hookup.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve Mirabito install the pipes and hook up for propane tanks at the Emergency / Warming Center at the St. Anthony Parish Hall at an amount not to exceed \$1000.00 seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

YOUTH AND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Haas states she has submitted the annual OCFS Report to the County Youth Bureau we had about seventy participants with the Summer Youth and Soccer Program.

Councilwoman Haas states two years ago we entered into a stewardship program with the DEC for Hickock Brook and we are now going to have our first workday this year to connect the trails.

CODES

Councilman Bosch states on Friday we will meet with the NPS representative and go over our Code regulations.

GRANTS

Supervisor Haas states we are closing out the grants for the Highway Shop and should be done by the March meeting.

Councilman Gutekunst states we are expecting a grant from Aileen Gunther's Office, we are getting seed money from the State for the Salt Shed and we will be setting up accounts for the Salt Shed Capital Account.

Councilman Bosch states we have received a grant for the Court House, which is for a new front door, new carpet and new robes for the Judges, we need to sit down and discuss at a workshop the other projects that need to be done at the Court House that are not covered by the Grant.

BUILDINGS

Councilman Bosch states have resolutions with specs for the Fire Alarm at Senior Center and Highway Shop and a Camera Security for the Highway Shop.

BEAUTIFICATION

Councilman Hanson states we had a meeting with Renaissance and we will be focusing on Yulan this year.

WEBSITE

Councilman Gutekunst states the website is up and running and Dorene is training Lory, Doreen and Monica.

UDC

Councilman Gutekunst states they did recognize we had a meeting with NPS and they voted on solar arrays in the valley and bridge in Skinners Falls. They had an interesting talk from the Delaware River Basin and climate change we are not getting enough snow and that the spring runoff will be lighter and they are concerned about the salt elevation of the sea hitting the intake in Philadelphia.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Haas states Jeff Bank has proposed a community involvement with the Town and have a shred day that the residents can shred their documents for free. The Jeff Bank will pay \$500.00 and our contribution will be \$160.00. Shred Day is on May 2, 2020.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve up to \$160.00 for out cost of Shred Day on May 2, 2020 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst authorizing the construction of a new salt shed at the New Highway Garage in and for the Town of Highland, Sullivan County, New York at an estimated cost of up to \$833,000.00 of which \$624,750.00 is funded by a WQIP Grant and authorizing, subject to permissive referendum, the issuance of not exceeding \$350,000.00 bonds of said Town to pay the cost thereof and authorizing to contact Bond Council, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Hanson to approve the Supervisor Jeff Haas or Deputy Supervisor James Gutekunst open a Capital Checking Account for the Salt Shed at Jeff Bank and have the Supervisor Jeff (Donald) Haas and Deputy Supervisor be signers on the account, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Supervisor Haas to approve Deputy Supervisor open a NY Class Savings Account for the Salt Shed and the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor be signers on the account, seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to approve the budgetary transfer to be made to the 2019 Budget from Buildings A1620.4 to Refuse and Garbage A81601.4 in the amount of \$71.00, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas to bid for a Fire Alarm System for the New Highway Garage with bids to be received no later than 1:00 PM March 9,2020, seconded by Councilman Hanson, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to bid for Fire Alarm System for the Senior / Community Center with sealed bids received no later than 1 :00 PM March 9,2020, seconded by Councilman Gutekunst, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilwoman Haas to bid for a Security System for the New Highway Garage with sealed bids to be submitted no later than 1:00 PM on March 9,2020, seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Bosch to pay the NYSEG bill for the new Highway Shop when we receive the corrected bill seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Capital Abstract #2-2020 claim # 10 to #17 in the amount of \$116,597.92, seconded by Councilman Hanson discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Highway Abstract # 2-2020 claims # 21 to #39 in the amount of \$23,500.61, seconded by Councilwoman Haas, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay audited General Abstract # 2-2020 claims # 17 to# 52 in the amount of \$16,554.33, seconded by Councilman Bosch discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Salt Shed Abstract # 1 -2020 claim #1 in the amount of \$327.55, discussion motion carried all ayes.

MOTION BY Councilman Gutekunst to pay the audited Eldred Street Light Abstract # 1-20 claim # 1-2020 seconded by Councilwoman Haas discussion motion carried all ayes.

Motion by Councilman Bosch to recess until 8:30 AM on February 25,2020 seconded by Councilwoman Haas, motion carried all ayes.

Respectively submitted,

Doreen Hanson Town Clerk.

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