

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018 AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Daryl Legg	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Sean Mahoney	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to Supervisor
	John Farrell	Supt. of Highways
	Larry Gardner	Town Attorney
	Erika Bain	Hunter Area Ambulance
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Plus all names on attached listing.	

PLEDGE

Supervisor Legg calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AUDIT

The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment by the Town Board:

General Fund (TW) Voucher #13 through #60 in the amount of \$76,883.51

General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1003 through #1007 in the amount of \$2,987.73

General Fund (SF1-SF4) Voucher #2002 through #2006 in the amount of \$304,194.00

Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #1 through #22 in the amount of \$22,789.78

Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1001 through #1005 in the amount of \$1,395.58

Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #11 through #22 in the amount of \$4,465.40

MINUTES

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve minutes of Regular Town Board meeting of 1/16/18. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

POLICE - Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

January 2018

Calls for service: 92

Arrests made: 3

Criminal charges levied: 5

Criminal complaints: 15

Non-criminal complaints: 46

Assists to other agencies: 15

Uniform traffic tickets: 25
 Parking tickets: 0
 Accidents investigated: 8
 Report requests: 6 = \$60.00

ASSESSOR -Monthly report acknowledged
 No electronic copy provided.

AMBULANCE-Monthly report acknowledged
 No electronic copy provided.

E. Bain states that Catskill and Windham are on board for the same as last year regarding the Mountain Jam festival at Hunter Mountain. She adds that Ashland puts on a crew for Saturday and Sunday 8AM-5PM, \$15.00 per hour(\$488 for both weekends)

Councilman Semenza states that an employee of the Town working for Hunter Area Ambulance came to him to state that the Town's ambulance service does such a fine job under Erika Bain as Administrator and the people working on the ambulance really care, they are not just there for the paycheck.

Supervisor Legg states that he has been speaking with Lexington and Prattsville about expanding the Hunter Area Ambulance's range to absorb these two communities into our ambulance service. He would like to start a conversation with the involved municipalities.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION- Richard Eck, retired Hunter Area Ambulance driver
 The Town Board acknowledges Richard Eck for his 26 years of dedicated service to the Town of Hunter and the Hunter Area Ambulance Service 1990-2015

CODE ENFORCEMENT- Monthly report acknowledged.

TOWN OF HUNTER

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2018

1	Building Permits Issued
2	Building Permit Renewals
6	Certificate of Occupancy Searches Performed
2	Certificates of Occupancy Issued
4	Certificate of Compliance Issued
0	Sewer Inspections
0	Notice of Violation
0	Sign Permits Issued or Renewed
0	Demo Permits Issued
0	Complaints Received
1	Timber Harvesting Permits
0	Small Scale Mining Permits

POLICE

Councilman Legg would like to approach the school board regarding his feelings that there needs to be school resource officers in our schools. He has already spoken with Sgt. Haines and the NYS. He would like to start a conversation to make this happen.

Councilman Mahoney and Councilman Semenza state that they agree with Councilman Legg. Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to put Councilman Legg in charge of looking into this matter and leading the charge. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Discussion regarding the need for a Static IP.

Supervisor Legg asks about recouping parking ticket money.

Sgt. Haines states that the program costs were high when he looked into this; he feels that the town could hire someone to do this clerical work in house.

PLANNING-Monthly report acknowledged.

No electronic copy provided.

HAINES FALLS AUTO

Discussion scrap and Junk licenses

Supervisor Legg states for the record, that Rory France had stated to Councilman Legg that Supervisor Legg sent a letter to NYSDEC stating that he and his business were polluting the stream behind his garage, auto sales, scrapyards and junkyard. He adds that Councilman Legg asked Mr. France for a copy of this letter which he provided which stated the following**see attachment**

Supervisor Legg reads the attached letter sent to NYS Department of Environmental Conservation by him on April 19, 2013 which Rory France produced as being the document in question.

He states that this is the letter that was sent out to NYSDEC, there is no mention of stream pollution. He states that he did some background checking and came up with the following, at that time, prior to that, Mr. France had submitted his SWPPP prepared by James Environmental Management dated 10/18/12 which listed properties and activities, and he adds that automobile salvage was not listed on it. He states that the town requested a review of the SWPPP through NYSDEC Bureau of Water, a copy of the SWPPP was not provided with the NOI. So what that says is that it did not state all the facts that were actually in place at the time so the letter was prepared by Dennis Larios because the town hired him at the taxpayers cost of \$3500.00 to review this application which found out that there was not enough information put there, so it was nothing that he did or the Town Board did that was stated at the time, this was all because of lack of information and had nothing to do with pollution of the stream.

Councilman Mahoney asks the date of the letter that Rory had.

Supervisor Legg states the letter that Rory had was from April 19, 2013. He wishes that Mr. France was in attendance tonight to he could relay to him that rather than go through letters that are five or six years old that he worry about things that came out of the recommendations from Larios which say the same six years later as they did then.

Councilman Legg states that he had visited Rory at his place of business to see how he was making out on his paperwork which is when Rory told him that Supervisor Legg had sent in a letter which he (Rory) saw on the state website stating that he was polluting the stream. He asked Rory if it was sent from Daryl Legg the citizen or Daryl Legg the Supervisor to which Rory responded Daryl Legg the Supervisor. He told Mr. France that he needed a copy of that letter which he provided and is attached in the minute book and was read aloud by Supervisor Legg.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to renew Scrap Processing license for Rory France through March 20, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to renew Junkyard License for Rory France through March 20, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

LANDFILL/SOLAR - Update

Mark Richards was unable to attend this meeting but stated to Supervisor Legg that he feels confident that things are moving forward. Supervisor Legg reads email from M. Richards
see attachment

Town of Hunter Solar Farm Project Permitting Summary

Lara,

We are hoping to develop an expedited permitting process for this project that would include:

1. Identify all necessary documents needed for a permit
 - a. Is it the same as "Requirements for Obtaining a Building Permit" doc on website?
2. Is it possible to establish an expedited schedule, including a determination of need for:
 - a. Public Hearings, Comment Periods, Planning Board and Town Council Voting and approvals
 - b. For example, if a public hearing is required, can we hold the hearing and vote in the same session?
 - c. Can the Planning Board and Council meeting happen simultaneously?
 - d. Generally looking for an outline of the permit process and timing
 - e. Permit Fees – Solar Panel Installation, \$100?
3. Definition of Property Tax treatment for the project
 - a. We have spoken to the County Attorney who indicated that the NYSERDA PILOT calculator guidelines would be used
 - b. Do we need to apply separately for a PILOT, or is this an agreement we can make directly with the Town?

Supervisor Legg asks if the Town needs to apply for a building permit as they are a municipality. Councilman Mahoney feels that with the Site Plan Review Law there is a public hearing schedule built in and feels that this should go through the planning process.

He adds that M. Richards needs to speak with Sarah as this may take multiple planning meetings. Discussion on whether M. Richards is the applicant or an agent of the applicant.

L. Gardner states that there would be limitations set upon him by the Town Board and he could act as the Town's representative, a designated agent with controls.

Discussion on three phase line at the site.

CELL TOWER

Application from: Tower North Cell -discuss possible variance needed. Joshua Silver Esq. presenting.

J. Silver Esq. states that the application is from Tower North Cell to place a 125 foot monopole off of Squirrel Rd. on Twilight Cottagers property. He adds that it would support AT&T and Greene County Emergency Services and Site Plan approval has been received from the Planning Board. He adds that this approval is subject to a variance from the Town Board. He states that the applicant's argument is that the ordinance in question which provides that the tower shall not be over 30 feet above the tree line really was intended to apply to the ridge line behind the tower. If the Town Board agrees with his analysis, he goes forward and if not he will request a variance.

Supervisor Legg states that they have spoken with the Town Attorney and the Town Board has determined that the applicant will need a variance.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to hold a Public Hearing on this variance request on March 6, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

J. Silver Esq. will send neighboring landowner letters informing them of this public hearing.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to hold a Special Meeting on March 6, 2018 at 6:45 PM to vote on this variance request. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

M. E. Cariseo informs the board that she has written up the radio spot for the humane treatment of companion animals. Supervisor Legg states that he has made some revisions which he will go over with her after the meeting.

She states that she feels the traffic flow at the Haines Falls Post Office is dangerous and asks if anything can be done to correct this.

Discussion on Handicap ramp next to the building. The Town Board will check with the Planning Board as they believe this went through the Planning Board.

Craig Bates asks the status of the information board for the front of the Town Hall building.

Councilman Legg states that he showed renderings to the Town Board at a previous meeting and will bring them back to the next meeting.

GREENE COUNTY – Acknowledged

Receipt of resolution 18-18 Auth. Municipalities to Participate in GC Purchases,
Res. 31-18 Auth. obtaining and furnishing of Assess. roll related services and material

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - Update

Councilman Mahoney states that this is moving forward and drafts are being circulated.

GRANTS

WESTERN CATSKILLS-Acknowledged receipt of letters sent in response- 2 recipients

Supervisor Legg states that he and Councilman Mahoney met with Western Catskills this afternoon regarding complaints received and will keep the board apprised of the outcomes.

HUNTER FOUNDATION

Discussion on MOA Resolution with Town

Councilman Mahoney discloses that he holds a seat on the Board for the Hunter Foundation. He adds that this proposed resolution is to allow the Hunter Foundation to administer a Smart Growth grant which has already been awarded for trail planning.

Councilman Kukle offers RESOLUTION #4 of 2018 Authorizing Execution of Memorandum of Agreement with the Hunter Foundation. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Abstentions -1-(Councilman Mahoney)

NYC DEP/CATSKILL CENTER/Streamside Acquisition Program

Acknowledged receipt of Local Consultation on Parcel #9281 Stern property – 120 days to comment

NYS DEC - Acknowledged receipt of or notice of;

Notice of complete application Hunter Mtn. Ski Bowl

Letter sent to NYSDOT re: Entrance Hunter Mountain Expansion

Letter sent to NYSDEC Re: Devils Tombstone UMP update comments from Town

MOUNTAIN CLOVES SCENIC BYWAY

Acknowledged letter sent to NYSDEC Re: Comments on improvement of Devils Tombstone Campgrounds

MOUNTAINTOP SUPERVISORS AND MAYORS ASSOC.

Acknowledged receipt of agenda and SAP comments in relation to LAP from COALITION OF WATERSHED TOWNS

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE Local Flood Analysis

Acknowledged receipt of notice of last meeting and final draft report will be available online

CONTRACT

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION for Supervisor to sign agreement with Greene Room Players for 2018. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

JUSTICE COURT - Monthly report acknowledged.

No electronic copy provided.

RESIGNATION

Acknowledged receipt of resignation (for Full Time only) from Ryan Schrader effective 1/8/18

TOWN HALL

Internet Technologies – Update

Councilman Mahoney states there are a number of items that need action.

1. The main one being emails and software licenses. He states that the town's emails are not being backed up in any meaningful way. He states that they should be backed up to the Cloud.

He adds that employees are all using different software. He suggests using Microsoft which allows for a subscription based email and software package at a cost of \$12.50 per month, per user or a cost of \$5.00 per month, per user if using only the email service. He feels that this would solve the problems from a software perspective.

2. His next concern is the need for the police department to have a Static IP which would require a monthly fee.
3. Need for new hardware purchases in some departments.
4. Need to increase the internet speed, no cost associated with this.

He will speak with Spectrum regarding item #4. He would like to see a line item in the budget each year for technology upgrades and infrastructure. He would like to move on items 1-3 immediately.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize Councilman Mahoney to speak with Spectrum on the town's behalf. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Supervisor Legg states that nobody should be using personal emails for town business.

Councilman Mahoney adds that there should be a standardized setup and everyone would then use Outlook. He will put together costs for the next meeting.

L. Hamrah-Poladian asks why our emails aren't being backed up on the \$20,000 equipment we already purchased.

Councilman Mahoney states that the documents are being backed up but not emails.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Discussion on allowing retirees to shop for their own insurance.

Supervisor Legg states that this could save the town money as long as it is worded that the cost will be what we pay now or less.

L. Hamrah-Poladian asks about Part B.

Supervisor Legg states that the town would still pay Part B.

L. Hamrah-Poladian asks how the board feels about a flat reimbursement rate.

Supervisor Legg states that the retiree won't leave their plan unless it is cheaper for them.

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that currently the retirees don't have to show proof that they have insurance.

Supervisor Legg states that they would have to show proof of insurance as someone could keep the money from the town and not have insurance.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to authorize the Town Attorney to draft something up.

Discussion: Councilman Kukle asks what the tax liability is to the person getting a check from the town.

Supervisor Legg states that is up to the retiree and their accountant.

Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

CORRESPONDENCE- Acknowledged receipt of:

CWC Resolutions 3225-3228, 3231-3233, 3236 & 3237

USDA a Small Business Grant opportunity

Cty of Dutchess "Think DIFFERENTLY" initiative welcoming residents w/special needs

Notice of AWSMP Flood Hazard Mitigation Group 3/7/18 1-3 pm

Association of Town new Municipal Energy Program for residents and Towns

HUNTER YOUTH COMMISSION-Steering committee application form

Supervisor Legg authorizes this from to be placed on the Town of Hunter website.

TRANSFERS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION that Effective 12/31/17

Transfer \$38.41 from A5132.4 to A5182.4 to correct Cornerstone posting entry of 5/9/17.

Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter