

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018 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
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Erika Bain	Hunter Area Ambulance
	Larry Gardner	Town Attorney
	John Farrell	Supt. of Highways
	Plus all names on attached listing.	

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 #269 through #309 in the amount of \$32,202.16
General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1043 through #1045 in the amount of \$1,681.00
Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #115 through #130 in the amount of \$15,054.64
Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1037 through #1044 in the amount of \$61,697.08
Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #77 through #87 in the amount of \$6,400.21

MINUTES

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to approve minutes of Regular Town Board meeting of 8/21/18.

Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

POLICE -Monthly report acknowledged.

No electronic copy provided.

ASSESSOR -Monthly report acknowledged.

ASSESSOR MEMO

TO: THE SUPERVISOR & TOWN BOARD

FROM: THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Assessment

- There were 22 Parcel Transfers this month. 8 were Arm’s length Sales listed below.
- 0 Parcel Combinations. 0 Parcel Splits 0 Lot line Adjustments
- 0 Grid Change. 3 Parcels Revisions
- Updated parcel photos are being taken at this time.
- Information on the new School Tax STAR Credit is available at my office.
- Data Collection for the 2019 Assessment Roll is being done at this time.

1. V Hunter	164.57-1-5	ALS	13. T Hunter	164.72-3-4	
2. V Hunter	164.10-1-35	ALS	14. T Hunter	164.73-5-8	ALS
3. V Hunter	164.11-3-30	ALS	15. T Hunter	196.00-5-32	
4. V Tannersville	166.17-2-40.1	ALS	16. T Hunter	196.00-5-33	
5. V Tannersville	182.05-2-39		17. T Hunter	196.00-5-34	
6. V Tannersville	181.08-2-6.1	ALS	18. T Hunter	196.00-5-35	
7. T Hunter	166.19-1-11		19. T Hunter	206.03-1-7	
8. T Hunter	183.05-2-18		20. T Hunter	166.00-6-13	
9 T Hunter	183.05-2-18		21. T Hunter	167.17-2-24	ALS
10. T Hunter	183.05-2-18		22. T Hunter	167.00-5-18.1	ALS

11. T Hunter 165.00-2-38

12. T Hunter 165.00-2-39

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to retain Walter Garigliano for assessment litigation (TOPS Markets)eff 8/20/18. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

GRIEVANCE BOARD

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to reappoint Jeffrey Fromer 10/1/18 – 9/30/23. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

AMBULANCE-Monthly report acknowledged (no electronic report provided)

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION 2nd out crew 9a-6p for 7 days @ hourly eff 12/3/18-3-31-19, the hourly rate being what it is at budget time. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION 2nd crew at hrly rate Sat/Sun 6a-6p retro active 9/8/18 to improve response time (both as per memo). Seconded by Supervisor Legg.

Ayes-5- Noes-0-

Acknowledged receipt of thank you card from a family in Hunter.

E. Bain informs the board that she has been asked to sit on the Greene County Medic board, she will let the Town Board know further details as they emerge.

CODE ENFORCEMENT-Monthly report acknowledged. (Pdf unable to format for minutes, contact Code Enforcement Officer for a detailed report.

Roy Silver states he has lighting concerns at the Machne Tashbar.

Councilman Legg states that James Boyle as Code Enforcement Officer wrote Machne Tashbar a letter in June regarding their lighting and they assured them that it was taken care. As Mr. Boyle doesn't work in the evening and he had not heard any further complaints, he assumed that it had been taken care of. As per Councilman Legg, Mr. Boyle is writing another letter to Machne Tashbar.

PLANNING-Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Planning Board

Monthly MEETING Report

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tuesday, September 4, 2018. Regular meeting at 7:00PM - 12 people in attendance*

S. Killourhy - Chairperson
M. Czermerys –Deputy Chairman
S. Friedman
J. Michaud
C. Knopp
A. Dale
R. Haines
D. Senterman (alt)
B. Welch (alt)

-- Not official minutes; report prepared for Town Board— Attendance includes 2 Town Board Members*

~The next Regular Planning board Meeting will be on Tuesday October 2nd, 2018 at 7:00 PM~

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) will hold a Public Hearing on the draft Comprehensive Plan. The Public Hearing will be Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 at 6:00Pm at the Mountain Top Library in Tannersville. Public comments will be received at this meeting.

The Public is encouraged to review the plan, which is on the Town Website and can be downloaded at the address below. More information is also available on the website.

<http://townofhuntergov.com/comprehensive-plan/>

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Stern Lot Line adjustment: Hunter; Dan Fancher of Catskill Region Surveying Services. PC presents the Lot Line adjustment on behalf of the Stern's, present at the meeting. The proposed lot line adjustment is for two parcels of land owned by W. Stern. The property is located just outside the Village of Hunter, off Borgenicht Rd. The proposed lot line adjustment will combine 2.90 acres from lot 17 to Lot 16. Making the total acres for lot 16: 3.42 acres. The remaining lands of lot 17: 24.46 acres are to be sold to the NYC DEP. The Board acknowledges the submit of the Survey Map, owner authorization and Short EAF. S. Killourhy states this is an UNLISTED action under SEQR. The Board reviews the survey map and the Short EAF. The Board then reviews part 2.

MOTION: by M. Czermerys for a SEQR Negative Declaration. Seconded by S. Friedman. Unanimously carried.

In accordance with the Lot Line Adjustment Law the applicant has submitted the 3 new proposed Deeds with the correct town of Hunter approval verbiage. S. Killourhy states she will have the Town Attorney review the deeds for final filing.

MOTION: by S. Killourhy for approval of the Stern Lot Line Adjustment as presented. Seconded by C. Knopp. Unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

2) Haines Falls Auto Site Plan: Haines Falls – R. France; Owner of HFA and M. Schmitt of Kaaterskill Engineers presenting. SEQR – Type I action – Coordinated review continued. J. Michaud is recused. The Board acknowledges the following: Emails/ letters from J. Nihan 11 July, 12 July, 24 July

Emails/ letters from R. France 15Jun, 17 July

Response Ltr from Kaaterskill Associates (KA) to NYSDOT addressing comments from 24 July 17 DOT letter. M. Schmitt reviews each of the comments KA addressed in the letter/ email to DOT dated 24 Aug 2018. Comment 4. Regarding SWPPP will be reviewed by D. Rider P. E. as he is the engineer who continues to work on the HFA MSG Stormwater permit. Each response describes the proposed mitigation measures the applicant intends to implement. S. Killourhy states just prior to the meeting G. Tedesco, P. E. for the NYS DOT relied to Kaaterskill comments stating, “I have looked over the plans that were sent and have no major comments. The Department is good with you moving forward with the permit process.”

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With the late arrival of this information, S. Killourhy states that she has been advised by Council and NYSDEC to table the SEQR determination of significance at this time still premature to adequately evaluate traffic and Stormwater mitigations.

The Board discusses hours of operation with R. France requesting that consideration be made that there will be no work done in the Junkyard or Scrap Yard on Sundays.

The Board discusses with J. Michaud (recused member and neighbor to HFA) and applicant R. France some type of shielding along her property line on the westerly corner of the HFA property, the area referred to as the showcase. R. France agrees to assist J. Michaud with the installation of a fence if she purchases the fence.

Discussion on the crowded look of vehicles on the property, particularly the showcase and the placement of vehicles; possibility of distinguishing type of vehicle use. R. France states there is anticipated to be 20 spots behind the former Reen building to eliminate the look of overcrowding.

~~**3) Catskill Hotel (former Villa Maria) Site Plan Review:** Haines Falls – K. & C. Thompson presenting SEQR – Unlisted Action – Negative declaration at Feb. 6, 2018 meeting.~~

S. Killourhy offers PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Comments were heard from: M. Nihan submits a letter and photos of the overcrowding of large vehicles along Sunset Park Rd. and the increase of intensity of the HFA properties.

E. Martocci comments that there seems to be confusion on what “roads” are being discussed in relation to the large vehicles backing up /down.

J. Nihan reiterates the email he sent regarding a quote from Town Attorney Gardner and that the DOT says that people should not be in the roadways directing traffic. Mr. Nihan feels that this is a traffic and safety issue.

R. Bates asks several questions to the Board regarding the Junkyard and Scrap Processing Licenses.

~ NOTE: these questions will be forwarded to the Town Attorneys to review& address. Many of the questions were not appropriate for the Planning Board but should be directed to the Town Board.

Thank you. SRK

HAINES FALLS AUTO

Supervisor Legg states that concerns were raised at the last Planning which prompted a request for a special Town Board meeting with George Rodenhausen that was scheduled for tonight at 6PM, however he was unable to attend. He adds that questions have been sent to Mr. Rodenhausen so that he can supply answers.

James Nihan asks if he can FOIL the list of questions sent to George Rodenhausen.

Larry Gardner states that yes he can.

Scrap and Junk licenses

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to continue the Scrap and Junk licenses for Haines Falls Auto to the third Tuesday in October. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

PUBLIC HEARING 9/25 Mt Top Library @ 6pm

Supervisor Legg states that the Comprehensive Plan is not new to the Town of Hunter, adding that the first one was adopted in 1991 and was then modified and readopted in 2000. He states that the State suggests revisiting the document every ten years. He asks that anyone who plans on attending the Public Hearing to please read the draft document prior to attending or asking questions.

Councilman Mahoney states that the Comprehensive Plan is independent of Zoning, adding that the concept zoning map is just that, a concept. He states that if the Town Board were to move forward with Zoning that would be a separate process.

Joint mtg held 8/28

LANDFILL

Acknowledged receipt of Certificate of Insurance for Rennia Engineering

JUSTICE COURT- Monthly report acknowledged. No electronic copy provided.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Margaret Nihan asks John Farrell when the bridge on Sunset Park road will be finished.

Supervisor Legg states that this bridge is owned and maintained by the County and suggests that she contact the Greene County Highway department.

STONE CARVING SEMINAR – Kevin Van Hentenryck presenting.

K. Van Hentenryck states that 2018 was the eleventh season for the Stone Carving Seminar, adding that he had a total of 126 students and 174 visitors. He adds that he is thankful and appreciative that the Hunter Stone Carving Seminar has found a home here.

He submits a drawing of a stone Town of Hunter sign for the front of the Town Hall as he noticed that we are without a sign.

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to authorize the signing of GCCA Partnership form. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

SOLAR

Special meeting 9/18 @ 6pm-cancelled

Mark Richardson has asked for another date to be scheduled.

Larry Gardner states that a special meeting to discuss this solar project will be held on October 16, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

CLEAN ENERGIES COMMUNITIES

Discussion regarding the items that the town still needs to complete, one being training for Jim Boyle to attend which will be completed once a date has been chosen for the training. Supervisor Legg will reach out to Jill to ask if the town's current law and energy audit are still valid or if the law needs to be amended.

MOUNTAINTOP SUPERVISORS AND MAYORS ASSOC.

Acknowledged receipt of information on Tourism boom, CERM (Catskill Environ. Research & Monitoring) conference in October.

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged receipt of Resolution 233-18 Authorizing chargeback of assessment roll related services and materials

CWSSI- Acknowledged memos: meeting 9/6; no submission of plan for street lights due to no quorum on 9/6

GRANTS

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize: 1) Sign contract w/Grants Gateway 2) S. Graham to access Gateway. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

NYS DOT

ROUTE 23A CLOSURE Acknowledged notice of 23A road closure 8/17 -8/24 for repairs

Acknowledged receipt of notice of rustic rail replacement on 23A in 2019

VILLAGE OF HUNTER

Discussion on hydrant charges. Supervisor Legg states that he has spoken with Mayor Higgins and the town will pay the \$511 for hydrant surcharges this year which was the amount budgeted. He adds that they will revisit the 2019 amount at budget time.

NYMIR

DISCUSS LENS (License Event Notification System)

Board wishes to look into this further before a motion is to be made.

Acknowledged receipt of Annual report for 2017

Acknowledged notice of training - safety during snow and ice operations on 9/27 in Delhi 8:00am – 12:00pm

2019 BUDGET

Set date: 1st workshop

Set date: Fire Protection Districts contract amounts {Hunter/Lanesville}

Budget Workshop to be held on September 26, 2018 at 6:15 PM.

Public Hearing on Fire Protection District contract amounts (Hunter, Lanesville) to be held on September 26, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

TOWN HALL

Plaque for Jennifer Thorp-Reich for her years of service which reads as follows.

Jennifer Thorp-Reich

Presented by the Town of Hunter Town Board in grateful acknowledgement of her 18 years of dedicated service to the Town of Hunter as Police Officer, Sergeant and Chief of Police 1995-2012

Applause followed the reading of the plaque in recognition of her years of dedicated service.

Acknowledged receipt of memo from J. Boyle Code Enforcement Officer.

NYC DEP / KRT

Acknowledged receipt of Revocable Land Use Permit No. 10229 for KRT.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Revise MOTION of Aug 2018 regular meeting:

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION for items to be placed on GOVDEALS.COM 2000 Chevy Crew Cab vin- 5042 no min; 2003 Dodge Durango – vin- 3824 no min; 2006 Dodge pick-up w/8' Fischer plow vin- 5366 min bid \$2,000). Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that a sealed bid was received even though no advertising was done by the Town. Supervisor Legg advises her to contact the bidder to let them know that the minimum bid price has been increased and that the bid information will be put on Govdeals.com.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Councilman Legg states that Mr. Basil is ready to address the town's emergency lighting issues.

He got two second opinions on the generator needs and is ready to go out to bid on this. An estimate has been received from Servepro for the water damage, \$2800.76 which would include removing everything affected by the heavy rains and removing the mold. Also, he is waiting to hear on a price for cleaning the air conditioning system.

Supervisor Legg asks if any of these costs would be covered by insurance.

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that she was aware of the air conditioning issue but knew nothing about water damage to the police office and building department office.

Councilman Mahoney states that they still need to find out why the water is coming into the building.

Councilman Legg states that water was coming up through the floor in the police office and the roof leaks in the code enforcement office, adding that the Town Hall has roofing issues with the valley in the front of the building being in bad shape.

Councilman Legg will provide the Town Clerk with specs for the generator so that it can be placed out to bid.

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to go out to bid for a generator based upon Councilman Legg's specifications. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to move forward with Servepro to have them do the work required in the police office and building department under an emergency contract for \$2,800.76. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

CORRESPONDENCE- Town board acknowledged:

- Receipt of survey from Assoc. of Town and returned 9/11/18
- Receipt of letter from Community Action on Weatherization Program free to income eligible
- Receipt of flyer GC Rural Health mini grants up to \$1,500 for Greene residents

TRANSFERS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to approve the following Effective 7/31/18

a)Trans \$14,788.50 from DA 4960 to DA 5142.21 for p/u truck – Truck \$34,788.50 purchase NOT MOVED @ 8/21 mtg

b)Trans. \$1,333.20 from B9080.08 to B8010.1 to cover Bldg Dept working vacation

c)Trans. \$101.99 from B908.8 to B9030.8 to WV soc. sec.

d)Trans \$2,487.00 fm A1620.4 to A1620.42 cover M Czmerys technology voucher

e)Trans \$2,259.23 fm DA5142.1 to DA5142.4 to cover snow contractual expense

f)Trans \$5,000 from A1990.9 contingency, \$20,000 fm A1620.41 to A1620.4 for property purchase

Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

HIGHWAY

Councilman Kukle thanks John Farrell, Highway Superintendent, for coming out to Platte Clove on short notice for a meeting.

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter