

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, AT
7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN
TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.**

Present:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
	Jason Kovacs	Town Attorney
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Officer Amy Weiland	Hunter Police Department
	Sarah Pellizzari	Code Enforcement Officer
	Rose Santiago	Code Enforcement Dept.
	Robert Blain	Superintendent of Highways
	Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairman
	Venessa Richards	Ambulance Administrator
	Susan Graham	Office Assistant

Plus, all names on attached listing.

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

MINUTES

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to approve minutes of regular meeting 8/22/23.

Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

No workshop was held on 8/8.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

P. Deveraux asks questions about the Kaaterskill Trolley as she feels the ridership is low and people are still walking up and down the mountain road.

Supervisor Mahoney states this is a new concept, and the owner is planning to make some changes for the future, it is a work in progress.

Councilman Semenza points out there is significantly less trash and there are no longer cars parked all along the road.

George Kelly suggests opening the road to parking when the trolley isn't running. He feels the trolley operator has privatized the road. He adds those who litter should be ticketed, and the town shouldn't punitively punish everyone.

Supervisor Mahoney states opening and closing the parking lots is a major operation and to ticket someone for littering an officer would need to witness them littering.

Councilman Kukle states the owner is trying to bring the visitors to Tannersville so they will visit the businesses. HE adds that historically the visitors wouldn't come all the way up the mountain into the villages.

Councilman Reale wants to make sure it is clear that the Town of Hunter does not own the trolley and it is not subsidized in any way by the Town.

CELL TOWER-LANESVILLE

Discussion on communications in Lanesville (A. Woolheater)

A. Woolheater discusses a problem with the fact there is no cellular or 911 service in Lanesville. She adds that Greene County dispatch can't hear fire and EMS from there. She states a tower is needed for safety detailing a call that occurred last week where those in need couldn't get cell service and reminds the board that during Hurricane Irene there was no power and no communication which is very unsafe.

Supervisor Mahoney states the Town Board 100% agrees that ideally the entire town has coverage. He adds the Town has been researching this and has reached out to Greene County. He states that Greene County may be on board with doing some mapping to see where the signal lapses.

Susan Graham has found a Bill that passed in the Senate but not the Assembly that speaks to cell service in underserved areas. She is also researching the possibility of using portable cell towers. Supervisor Mahoney will place a template letter on the Town's website for residents to send to their Assembly and Senate representatives.

Discussion that this process should also include Ulster County.

S. Pellizzari suggests the Supervisor contact the Supervisor of Shandaken as they are working on this as well for their town.

Edwin Benjamin states he is working with John Farrell Jr, Director of Emergency Services for Greene County asking for answers to many questions. He adds that since the service was switched from low band to high band, they (HD Lane Fire Company) have had serious communication issues, not only with Emergency Services but also with the fire department's landline number with Verizon. He would like to have a meeting with the Town Board and Greene County 911.

L. Woolheater informs the board that her father (Beecher Smith) would be receptive to allowing a cell tower on his land.

Supervisor Mahoney states the Town Board agrees and understands and will be working on this. He expresses the Town Board's appreciation for everyone coming out.

POLICE

Monthly report – acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department
Monthly Report
August 2023

Calls for service:	106
Arrests made:	5
Criminal charges levied:	7
Criminal complaints:	6

Non-criminal complaints: 45
 Assists to other agencies: 39
 Uniform traffic tickets: 22
 Parking tickets: 33
 Accidents investigated: 7
 Report requests: 5 = \$50.00

PRESENTATION of tasers donation from George Kelly & Paris Devereaux in memory of NYPD officer John Williamson.

Sgt. Haines states that Mr. Kelly discovered the Hunter Police Department had just one taser and that was being shared amongst the entire department. Often there were two officers on duty but only one taser. He adds that George Kelly and Paris Devereaux made this generous donation enabling the police department to acquire two new tasers. He and the Town Board state they can't say enough how much this gift is appreciated by the Town of Hunter and they are honored that two residents care so much about the Officers and their safety. George Kelly thanks all the Officers and the EMS services.

AMBULANCE

Monthly report acknowledged.

HUNTER AREA AMBULANCE
 PO Box 70 / 5742 Rt. 23A Tannersville, NY 12485
 518-589-4045
 BOARD MEETING REPORT
 56 Calls in August-2023

Hunter Mountain –	Tannersville - 10	Catskill- 11
Haines Falls– 9	Hunter – 19	Windham-
Elka Park –4	Lanesville-2	Ashland-
Dr. Schneider’s – 2		
CMH – 10	CPR Death: No Transport-	Kingston – 10
Albany Med- 8	Unattended-	St Peters -
VA –	No Patient Found- 8	Canceled - 7
RMA – 5	Public Assist- 1	Stand By – 8
Helicopter –	N. Dutchess-	ALS-18
Erika- 12	Aaron-2	David-
Venessa-13	Rachel- 21	Stacy-6
Ciaran- 30	Gary- 8	
Thomas-16	Barb- 1	
Jim- 4	Chris-	
Ariel-22		
Mileage 84-1:		Mileage 84-2:

Acknowledged receipt of email sent from Supervisor Mahoney to GC Legislature RE: Independent Task Force.

V. Richards acknowledges C. O'Rourke, R. Stote and A. Woolheater for their hard work making a combined total of 56 ambulance calls in one month.

New ambulance update – V. Richards reports to the board 84-1 is at Pete's Mobil for A/C work, hopefully will be done in the next three weeks and she hopes to have the new ambulance in service a week or two after that.

ASSESSOR - Monthly report acknowledged.

MEMO TO: Supervisor and Town Board

FROM: The Assessor's Office

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

DATE: September 1, 2023

- There were 10 Parcel Transfers this month. 3 were Arm's length (ALS), Sales listed below.
- 0 Parcels Combinations.
- 0 Subdivisions.
- 0 Lot Line Adjustments.
- 1 Grid Changes.
- 4 Parcel Revisions.
- The information for the school tax bills was sent on August 10, 2023
- Updated photos are being taken currently.
- Information for the new STAR requirements is available in my office.

1. 167.00-2-11
2. 181.11-1-23 ALS
3. 167.18-1-1.2
4. 164.73-10-8 ALS
5. 166.19-1-13
6. 150.00-3-13.2
7. 181.11-1-29 ALS
8. 167.17-2-22
9. 167.17-2-20
10. 150.03-1-16
11. 182.06-1-22 ALS
12. 164.57-2-18
13. 164.11-2-6.1
14. 164.06-3-6
15. 164.14-1-8.409 ALS

Mark Kormond

HIGHWAY-SEALED BIDS -ad placed to purchase a bucket truck.

One bid received from Upstate Auto for a 2008 Freightliner M2 utility truck \$25,070.00. Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to accept the bid from Upstate Auto for a 2008 Freightliner M2 utility truck in the amount of \$25,070.00. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

BANNERS

Town Historian is organizing a Hometown Heroes/Veterans banner project for this Spring in partnership with Bunt Brewer. The banners will be completely funded by members of the community. Supervisor Mahoney states with the new bucket truck the Highway Department will be able to assist with hanging the banners.

BUILDING/Code Enforcement - Monthly report acknowledged. (unable to insert due to format)

Supervisor Mahoney spoke with Granicus. They have supplied the town with video training to take and he expects the system to be up and running in another four weeks.

Discussion on writing an MOA with mountain top towns for emergency Code Enforcement coverage for emergencies only. S. Pellizzari states this is already common practice, but it is good to put it in writing. Town Attorney to review the document once submitted.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to have an MOA with a call sheet to add the Town of Hunter Building Inspector per Jason Kovacs review. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

This motion is to allow the MOA to be put together, not to authorize the Supervisor to sign it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:17 PM to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:23 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

NEW APPOINTMENT

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to appoint Rose Santiago as the Code Enforcement Officer and to authorize any training with costs being borne by the Town. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes 090

NYS DOT/RTE 23A

Acknowledged email sent to DOT & cc'd DEC re: The opening of 2 parking areas on Mt. Road.

PLANNING -Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Planning Board
Monthly Report September 2023

The Town of Hunter Planning Board met on September 5, 2023.

Summary of activities:

Old Business

- 2 Public Hearings.
- 1 Site Plan approved
- 3 Site Plan reviewed, incomplete, no action taken

Roundup

Public Hearing was held for Philadelphia Road Church, Ramble On Inn, LLC
Hunter Foundation Philadelphia Hill Road Church- Approved
Ramble On Inn – reviewed application, completed SEQR
Lanesville Permanent Airstream Site Plan reviewed application.
Haines Falls Fire District Site Plan reviewed updated site plan

The next meeting of the Town of Hunter Planning Board will be October 3, 2023, at 6:30PM

IT

M. Czermerys states S. Pellizzari wishes to have a laptop which he estimates will cost between \$1200-\$1400 and L. Hamrah-Poladian’s computer requires more ram. He adds the funds can come out of the IT budget. Also, the Wi-Fi is all set in the Highway garage.

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged receipt of \$36,300 to offset cost of repairs to parking lot after installation of emergency tower.
Councilman Legg contacted Central Hudson and they are not set up to find underground wires, the town will have to contact a private company. Suggestion made to call 811- Call Before You Dig – to have this mapped out.
Town Board to review paving bids that were received at the next workshop meeting.

LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS/AWSMIP Grant

Awarded for Lanesville. Contract & Insurance documents sent to Leslie Zucker
Discussion on tasks needed prior to first meeting of LFA Committee
S. Pellizzari states the fully executed agreement with the engineer will be reviewed by the Town Attorney and she would like to see it signed at the next Town Board meeting.

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

RESIGNATIONS

Acknowledged receipt of resignations from Ciaran O’Rourke, FT Ambulance. He requests to remain on Part-Time status.

NYS DEC

Acknowledged receipt of letter regarding routine safety inspection at South Lake Dam

NYS OPRHP

Acknowledged receipt of notice The Alpine listed on national register eff 8/4.

2024 BUDGET -1st workshop takes place 10/4/23 at 6pm

CORRESPONDENCE – Acknowledged:

- a)MT TOP CARES Ack letter of support sent to NYS office of addiction services & support
- b)ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION Ack rec’d letter regarding our local programs and services
- d)NOTICE for public hearing in the Town of Catskill to change town codes.
- e)Ackn. rec’d thank you note from J. Ainsworth, Twilight Park
- f)DEPT OF PUBLIC SERVICE a)Ack rec’d filed amendments for Central Hudson

TRANSFERS/ BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to approve the following Transfers/Budget Modifications all effective 6/1/23.

- a)Bdgt Jrl Entry to transfer \$35k from DA5142.21 to DA5140.2 to account for deposit of generator funds reassigned to purchase excavator.
- b)Gen Jrl entry to Dbt A9060.8 & Cr A9050.8 by \$700.to cover unemployment expense
- c)Bdgt Jrl entry to Dbt A2705 & Cr A3120.2 by \$5,000. to show revenue/expense for tasters
- d)Gen Jrl entry to Dbt A1220.4 & Cr A1410.4 by \$668. to adj copier expense
- e)” “ “ Dbt A1410.4 & Cr A4540.4 by \$119.to adj Sharp expense

Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 9:06 PM to discuss Personnel. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

C. P and L H-P excused.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 10:26 PM.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION Ciaran O’Rourke is now Part-Time status effectively immediately with no health insurance benefits. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION that Sarah Pellizzari is to go to Part-Time status working five hours a week at the hourly rate of \$25.00 coupled with an hourly calendar she will submit at the end of each month. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to amend the above stating the calendar will be submitted biweekly to payroll. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

****Town Clerk Note**** Hourly rate for S. Pellizzari to be amended at the next meeting, see minutes for 10/10/23.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to waive the building permit fee for the Town Hall Offices. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to cover the cost of Officer Amy Weiland's educational costs of \$5,000 over the next five years in increments of \$1,000 per year. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

NEW HIRE

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire James Baltz as a Part-Time Court Clerk effective 9/28/23 at \$20.00 per hour for 17 ½ hours per week with no benefits and a six-month probationary period with no buyout. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 10:29 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter