

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 AT 7:00PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Daryl Legg	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Sean Mahoney	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk

Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to Supervisor
	Larry Gardner	Town Attorney
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Erika Bain	Hunter Area Ambulance
	Allison Curran	Hunter Area Ambulance
	Plus, all names on attached listing.	

Absent:	Raymond Legg	Councilman
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6:45PM Special Meeting to discuss Investing

Joel Friedman with NYCLASS gives presentation.

Investment program only for municipalities, fire and school district. They offer daily liquidity and the rates compound daily. No minimum investment and unlimited sub-accounts. Their holdings include treasury bills, overnight repurchase agreements, letter of credit to the Federal Home Loan Bank. They have been in business for thirty years.

Special meeting closes at 7:01 PM.

Regular Meeting.

Supervisor Legg opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:01 PM.

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

General Fund (TW) Voucher #115 through #160 in the amount of \$31,046.98

General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1015 through #1017 in the amount of \$2,161.28

Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #43 through #55 in the amount of \$15,438.61

Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1003 through #1016 in the amount of \$47,345.77

Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #26 through #31 in the amount of \$2,907.05

PUBLIC HEALTH: Kimberly Kaplan presentation

Supervisor Legg states that there are many camps in the Town of Hunter.

K. Kaplan states that camps are regulated by the NYS Department of Health through the Oneonta office.

Discussion about the Measles vaccine.

Discussion regarding an existing camp in the town that has existing health and safety issues.

K. Kaplan advises the Town Supervisor to contact her if the town has specific camp issues and she can contact the NYSDOH.

Supervisor Legg states that there are camps in the town that bring in children from all boroughs of New York City and all over the world. He states that all these children for example share a playground and adds that he doesn't want the town to have any problems.

K. Kaplan informs the Town Board that if they suspect any unregulated camps that they should contact NYSDOH in Oneonta.

GRANTS/HISTORIAN- presentation from GPI tabled from March

Fred Mastriani with GPI states that the business is an engineering firm that has been around since 1966.

Discussion – Bike and pedestrian trails and bridges.

F. Mastriani states that they put together the grant and they don't charge for the grant writing services. He adds that the grant includes them being part of the project.

Acknowledged receipt of \$1,100.00 from William G. Pomeroy Found. to install a Legends & Lore marker.

Acknowledged receipt of letter from Western Catskills in response to letter sent in February.

Supervisor Legg states that Councilman Legg will be speaking with Jeremy Constable to begin work as soon as possible.

HUNTER TANNERSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Michael Pascucci introduces himself to the board and the public present stating that he is running for a seat on the Hunter Tannersville Central School District Board of Education.

MINUTES

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to approve minutes of Regular meeting of 3/19/19, Public hearing 3/19/19 Draft Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 7:39 PM.

Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:02 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

AMBULANCE-Monthly report acknowledged (no electronic copy provided)

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to authorize the supervisor to sign Intermunicipal Agreement: Towns of Catskill and Windham. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to approve payroll/proposal tabled from March hourly rate and shift pay. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

NEW HIRE-AMBULANCE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to Hire Kristin Olufsen as an EMT/driver eff 4/16/19. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-4- Noes-0- Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize purchase of “When to Work “schedule program at an annual cost of \$200.00. Seconded by Supervisor Legg.

Ayes-4- Noes-0- Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION expend up to \$200.00 for EMS Day at HTC. Seconded by Supervisor Legg.

Ayes-4- Noes-0- Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Acknowledged receipt of donation in memory of Elizabeth Kornell.

E. Bain states that five members of the ambulance service will be attending EMS day and that four members from Hunter Area Ambulance will be receiving the Lifesaver Award.

POLICE -Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

March 2019

Calls for service:	88
Arrests made:	3
Criminal charges levied:	5
Criminal complaints:	9
Non-criminal complaints:	50
Assists to other agencies:	9
Uniform traffic tickets:	23
Parking tickets:	0
Accidents investigated:	5
Report requests:	3 = \$30.00
Property checks:	55

Sgt. Haines states he is actively searching for a full-time police officer to replace the position vacated by Storm Benjamin.

Discussion on pay rates and working on a step program for pay.

ASSESSOR-Monthly report acknowledged.

MEMO TO: Supervisor and Town Board

FROM: The Assessor’s Office

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

DATE: April 16, 2019

The report for March was Mistakenly sent out for April’s report.

Property transfers from Greene county were not received as of 4/16/2019

There were 0 Parcel Transfers this month. 0 were Arm’s length Sales listed below.

0 Parcels Combinations.

0 Parcel Splits.

0 Lot Line Adjustments.

0 Grid Changes.

Parcel Revisions.

Update photos are being taken at this time.

Information for the new STAR requirements is available in my office.

Data for the 2019 Assessment Roll is being collected at this time

Exemption applications are being processed at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT-Monthly report acknowledged.

TOWN OF HUNTER

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES MARCH 2019

3	Building Permits Issued
0	Building Permit Renewals
8	Certificate of Occupancy Searches Performed
1	Certificates of Occupancy Issued
4	Certificate of Compliance Issued
0	Sewer Inspections
1	Notice of Violation / Stop Work
0	Sign Permits Issued or Renewed
0	Demo Permits Issued
0	Complaints Received
0	Timber Harvesting Permits
0	Small Scale Mining Permits
0	Fire / Property Maintenance Inspections

PLANNING- no April meeting

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Public hearing open

Acknowledged comments received.

Discussion on postponing adoption to review these comments and to seek funding from the County and State for the Mountain Top Historical Society.

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to close Public Hearing. Seconded by Supervisor Legg.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Acknowledged receipt of Greene County 239 approval

Town Board reviewed SEQR Part II & Part III of the FEAF. Supervisor Legg reads through each impact item and states that there is no impact on any of the items.

Councilman Semenza offers RESOLUTION # 3 of 2019 Negative Declaration – Type 1 Action – Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

HIGHWAY

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize attendance and costs for annual Highway School. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Daniel Smith, a Land Acquisition Specialist with Saturn Power speaks to the board about battery storage facilities. He states that the company he is with is looking to acquire three sights with one of those sights being in Greene County. He states that the main purpose of these storage facilities is to provide power during peak electric usage and to mitigate brownouts and blackouts.

Phoebe Potter informs the board that she is opening a small storefront on main street in the Village of Hunter where the old liquor store was on May 1, 2019. The store will be a pay what you can thrift store and will offer art-based workshops and gatherings.

SOLAR PROJECT/LANDFILL

Acknowledged receipt of notice of investor approval waiting on utility approval.

Acknowledged receipt of drafts of Unified solar permit and proposed new solar energy law. Councilman Mahoney states that he has made changes in the fee schedule and will send out the revised draft.

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged CWSSI proposed 2020 plan

Acknowledged receipt of resolution #61-10 authorizing County assist w/costs unsafe building laws auth. demos

COUNCIL OF THE ARTS Acknowledged receipt of request for contribution for Sprouts

GREENE COUNTY EMS Acknowledged receipt of notice of denial of 5th medic truck and site for Medic location

Supervisor Legg states that no vote has yet occurred on this topic.

Acknowledged receipt of notice of Recognition Night on 5/23/19 @ Anthony's Banquet Hall

Acknowledged notice of 9TH Annual Senior Citizens Day 5/17/19 12 – 4 pm “Salute to the USA and Military”

UNSAFE BUILDING

Board discussion – old Pete's Place building on Rte. 23A between Tannersville and Hunter. Councilman Kukle states that there is a large hole in the roof and trees are growing through the building.

Supervisor Legg states that the owner applied for a demolition permit at which time was informed that the building contains asbestos. The owner informed the Code Enforcement Officer that they didn't have the funds at this time for asbestos abatement. The Town Board will be following the steps in their Unsafe Buildings Law regarding this property.

GREENE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION/WAP

Acknowledged receipt of newsletter with update on activities improving mountain top.

NYCDEP

Acknowledged receipt of Local Consultation/Parcel #4131 for Land Acquisition Project.

Acknowledged receipt of agenda: Committee review NYC DEP Watershed Protection on 5/13 – 5/15 @ Hunter Base Lodge

Acknowledged receipt of DEP project for Tannersville sewer crossing improvements

Acknowledged receipt of Negative Declaration for proposed amendments to Chapter 18 of Title 15 Watershed Regs.

SCHOHARIE WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to appoint Councilman David Kukle and Councilman Sean Mahoney. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

CWC

Acknowledged receipt of Resolutions #'s 3442 -3448 & 3450, 3474 – 3480, & 3483 – 3492 & 3497.

CHARTER COMMUNICATION/SPECTRUM

Acknowledged receipt of 4th quarter 2018 franchise fees \$15,298.29

JUSTICE COURT -Monthly report acknowledged (no electronic copy provided)

BUDGET/BOOKKEEPING

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize attendance/costs for finance conference. Seconded by Supervisor Legg.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

CONTRACTS

Acknowledged receipt of a fully executed contract from Mountain Top Golden Ages Club.

RESIGNATION

Acknowledged received resignation from Storm Benjamin for full time position eff. 4/1/19 remaining as part time.

CORRESPONDENCE – Town Board acknowledges the following;

Receipt of Kaaterskill Clove Working Group meeting 5/11/19 @ 10:15am at MT Library

Received CWT minutes for Feb. mtg. and Flood Comm. Reports for Ulster 3/18/19

Received MSMA Agenda for 3/25/19 meeting and notice of 4/22/19 meeting

Received from Dept. of Army notice of Gooseberry Creek Revitalization Strategy not a regulated activity

NYCLASS

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize investing \$250,000 from the General Fund and \$250,000 from the Highway Fund with NYCLASS. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Councilman Semenza offers RESOLUTION #4 Municipal Cooperation resolution with NYCLASS, upon Larry Gardner's approval. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes-4-

Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

HEALTH INSURANCE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION TO RESCIND the following motion made at the March 19, 2019 regular town board meeting:

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that sometime ago, the Town Board sent out a retirement incentive to employees, it contained information that effective December 21, 2014 the Town would no longer reimburse the Part B, however a motion was never made. She adds that if this is still the case, the Town Board needs to make a motion.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION in reference to the above adding from this day forward. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Discussion

Councilman Mahoney questions the process.

Supervisor Legg states that the Town used to pay Part B, the reason it was paid recently was to entice people to retire. He adds that nobody bit on it so now the Town is just going to say that they will not be paying Part B Medicare anymore which is \$135.00 per month.

Councilman Kukle adds that this would be for new retirees.

Supervisor Legg calls for a vote which was recorded in the Town Clerk's notes as 5 Ayes and 0 Noes. In light of a telephone call from Councilman Mahoney on 3/20 stating that he did not audibly vote Aye and a corresponding email the vote will be recorded as 4 Ayes and 0 Noes. The Town Clerk heard no audible Aye, Nay or Abstention from Councilman Mahoney. As the removal of his Aye does not change the outcome of the vote, it will be recorded as follows.

Ayes-4- Noes-0-

Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes-4- Noes-0-

Absent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:25 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes-4- Noes-0-

Abent-1- (Councilman Legg)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter