

MINUTES OF TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD VIA ZOOM
ON TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020 AT 7PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A
IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK

Present:	Dolph Semenza	Councilman (Deputy Supervisor)
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Sean Mahoney	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
	Marc Czermerys	IT/Planning Board
	Russ McCabe	Hunter Police Department

Present via Zoom: John Farrell Superintendent of Highways
M. & J. Nihan, C. Arleo, E. Martocci, M. Ryan, R. Bates

Absent: Daryl Legg Supervisor

Deputy Supervisor Semenza opens the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SCRAP PROCESSOR

Councilman Semenza states that the Code Enforcement Officer has some questions. He adds that since he could not attend, and Supervisor Legg is not in attendance the license will be extended.

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to extend the Conditional Scrap Processor License for Rory France until our next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

Councilman Kukle states that this motion should include extending the time frame in which Rory France has to mark his vehicles.

Councilman Mahoney reads the wording from the existing conditional license.

This license is a conditional license, conditioned upon its holder clearly marking its vehicles as to whether they are for scrap or for sale, with those that are scrap being then located behind the holder's fence. This condition shall be enforced by the Town of Hunter Code

Enforcement Officer based upon his findings, with said condition lasting until July 28, 2020.

This license is effective from the 1st day of July 2020 until the 30th day of June 2021.

Discussion: Items for retail marked with an implied warranty, other items marked with a grease pen and vehicles there for service do not require a marking.

Councilman Mahoney states that scrap and junk vehicles should be behind the fence and anything else marked for sale, except those there for service. He adds that Haines Falls Auto needs to understand this is the status that the Town Board expects.

He adds that at which time these conditions are met it is no longer a conditional license and becomes a full permit.

Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Supervisor Legg)

KAATERSKILL CLOVE-TOWING-IMPOUND LOT-POLICE

Deputy Supervisor Semenza states that the situation has gone beyond what the Town is capable of handling adding that there can be seven police officers in the clove at any given time.

Councilman Legg states that he has spoken to the State Police and they are prepared to begin towing all illegally parked vehicles however the side parking lot at the Town Hall would need to be turned into an impound lot, locked with the State Police overseeing. Someone from the Town would have to collect money and any vehicles left at dark would be towed back to the lot of whichever tow company towed it to the impound lot at the Town Hall.

Discussion on logistics – fencing, tablet, and reader purchase with AT&T cellular access.

Councilman Semenza states a fence would need to be installed with a locking gate and an officer from Hunter Police Department would be collecting the money.

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that whoever is collecting fees needs to be bonded.

Discussion on ability to have people pay their tickets online.

Discussion on PREED – a web-based system that would associate tickets with vehicle registrations.

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize Sgt Haines to apply for this program to see what it is about and get the ball rolling. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Supervisor Legg)

Discussion cost versus revenue

J. Farrell asks approximately how many cars would be towed to the impound lot.

Unknown

J. Farrell states that the parking lot will need modifications so this could not be done by this weekend, possibly by next weekend.

Deputy Supervisor Semenza states that this impound lot would run through Columbus Day with the gate open during the week and manned by police on the weekends.

Discussion on press release needed and message boards.

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to purchase an APPLE iPad with cellular data with AT&T and set up an account with SQUARE or whichever company Marc Czermerys recommends for a POS account. Also, a new checking account shall be set up with the Bank of Greene County for transactions. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to bond with the insurance company selected members of the Hunter Police Department, dependent on scheduling with Sgt. Haines. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Discussion on wording of parking tickets with a court date clearly specified and handwriting tickets versus electronically.

Office McCabe states that so far for the month of July 830 parking tickets have been issued in the Clove. He adds that the State Police are handling the people who are stopping in the roadway to unload their vehicles.

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize Sgt. Haines to purchase a system, and all the necessary start up equipment, to get an electronic ticketing system off the ground. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

PHONE REPAIR

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that the company we use for our phone system is coming on Thursday to see if repairs can be made. She asks if the board could make a motion not to exceed \$5,000 should the system need to be replaced as it would need to be done immediately.

Town Board wishes to wait until the repair company has a chance to look at the system and if necessary, a special meeting could be held.

ZOOM

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to set up a paid ZOOM account. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:55 PM to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

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

C. Pascucci excused.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:12 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize Attorney Larry Gardner to retain special counsel to represent the Town of Hunter in connection with a tax certiorari proceeding just commenced against the Town of Hunter. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -3- Noes -0- Abstains -1-(Councilman Mahoney) Absent -1-
(Supervisor Legg)

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter