

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD
VIA ZOOM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 AT 7:00 PM.**

Present at Town Hall

Daryl Legg	Supervisor
David Kukle	Councilman
Raymond Legg	Councilman
Sean Mahoney	Councilman
Dolph Semenza(7pm)	Councilman

Larry Gardner	Town Attorney
Marc Czermerys	IT

Others Present via Zoom:

Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Town Clerk
Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
Susan Graham	Office Assistant

Martin Mathis, R. Bates, Stephanie Scarth Kourtis, Sanket Kolte

PUBLIC HEARING -Continued 5/26/20 Scrap Processor License

Supervisor Legg opens the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

Supervisor Legg states that one comment was received – see below.

Attention: Daryl Legg, Supervisor Town of Hunter,

During the May 26, 2020 ZOOM Town Board Meeting one of the topics of discussion was the consideration of hiring an independent inspector to handle large projects such as junkyards, scrapyards and facilities in the Town of Hunter. Since the public is not allowed to speak during ZOOM meetings, I am writing this email. At the August 15, 2017 Town Board meeting Councilman Legg made a Motion, seconded by Councilman Semenza that addressed this very issue. The Board approved the Motion with 5 Ayes and 0 Noes. The minutes from that meeting are attached and this is the Motion that was unanimously approved: **"EXECUTIVE SESSION.... NEW HIRE... Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to hire an independent inspector to handle large projects such as junkyards, scrapyards and facilities in the Town of Hunter. Seconded by Councilman Semenza. Ayes-5-Noes-0-"**.

I have looked through my file and did not find a reversal of this Motion. If you know of one please let me know.

Unfortunately, almost 3-years have gone by without the board taking action to hire the independent inspector that was vitally needed at that time. Today more than ever the Board needs to hire an independent inspector who can objectively determine if the Town junkyards and scrap facility are operating in a safe manner and meeting industry standards. Also, it would be helpful to provide the independent inspector, the Board and the public with a clear

statement and/or map delineating which HFA properties relate to each of the businesses and what vehicles are allowed on each of the properties.

I strongly suggest that the Board take the time to read the attached minutes that address this matter and many other related issues.

I would appreciate a response to this e-mail, and thank you and the Board for your service to the community.

Respectfully,

Jim Nihan

(Excerpt from minutes of Regular Town Board meeting held on 8/15/17)

NEW HIRE

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Ayes-5-

Noes-0-

7:00PM AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Legg opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Legg speaks to Mr. Nihan's above statement that the public is not allowed to speak. He states that the Town Board has not eliminated the public's right to speak. They have asked that the public email ahead of time their question(s) and what topic they would like to speak on. He adds that with the meetings being held via Zoom they cannot have multiple people talking over one another so if they email ahead of time, he can call upon speakers one at a time.

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

General Fund (TW) Voucher #148 through #198 in the amount of \$15,758.92

General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1012 through #1013 in the amount of \$5,924.69

Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #57 through #69 in the amount of \$12,587.44

Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1012 through #1031 in the amount of \$58,500.41

Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #30 through #37 in the amount of \$7,674.92

MINUTES

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve minutes of Regular meeting of 5/12/20; Special meeting of 5/15 and Workshop 5/26/20. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

AMBULANCE

Monthly report acknowledged.

HUNTER AREA AMBULANCE

PO Box 70 / 5742 Rt. 23A Tannersville, NY 12485

518-589-4045

BOARD MEETING REPORT

40 Calls in May – 2020

Hunter Mountain – Tannersville – 18 Windham-2
 Haines Falls– 3 Hunter – 10 Catskill- 1
 Elka Park – 4 Lanesville- 2

Dr. Schneider’s –

CMH – 5 CPR Death: No Transport- Kingston – 3
 Albany Med- 5 Unattended- St Peters - 2
 VA – 4 No Patient Found- 7 Canceled - 4
 RMA – 8 Stand By – 1
 Helicopter – 1 ALS- 15

Erika - 16 Kristin- 1 Butch-
 Barbara - 9 Aaron- 7 Tr. Runs Scott- 10
 Melissa- 6 Ariel- 12
 Venessa- 10 Dean- 2
 Jim- 6 Brandon-
 Bruce- 6 Isabella- 3 (1 EMT Tr. Run)
 Mileage 84-1: 50,794 Mileage 84-2: 50,020

Acknowledged donation and thank you sent
 Supervisor Legg reads a letter from E. Bain for the record.

BID OPENING notice for removal of furnace/install of new Hot Dawg LP furnace.
 No bids were received.
 Supervisor Legg asks that this bid be placed one more time.

POLICE
 Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

May 2020

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Calls for service:	122
Arrests made:	0
Criminal charges levied:	0
Criminal complaints:	6
Non-criminal complaints:	75
Assists to other agencies:	25
Uniform traffic tickets:	15
Parking tickets:	180
Accidents investigated:	3
Report requests:	1 = \$10.00
Property checks:	141

Discussions: towing contract; speed limit reduction Platte Clove Rd; Executive Session

Towing Contract:

Supervisor Legg advises that regarding the towing contract; however, Sgt. Haines wishes to proceed is okay with the Town Board.

Sgt. Haines reports that the one tow company that has responded to calls in the past has requested to be the only two company by contract. He adds that he would like to see the contract specify a set rate and should also specify that the tow company must release the vehicle immediately upon request from and payment by the owner.

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that in the past the town received a portion of the tow cost and that there needs to be an accounting of this and that should be specified in the contract.

Supervisor Legg feels that the town should not receive any of the money from the tow call.

The Town Board asks Sgt. Haines to draw up a contract for them to review and ask him to investigate the scanners again.

Speed Limit Reduction:

Sgt. Haines urges the Town Board to put in place a speed limit of 25mph on the town portion of Platte Clove Road.

Supervisor Legg directs Sgt. Haines to write a letter to the Town Board specifying where this should start and stop.

Discussion on signage on the mountain road to notify people who to call if their car has been towed.

Supervisor Legg states that NYSDOT has informed them that they will not allow such signage.

Councilman Kukle suggests checking with NYSDEC about same.

ASSESSOR Monthly report acknowledged.

MEMO TO: Supervisor and Town Board

FROM: The Assessor's Office

SUBJECT: Monthly Report April & May

DATE: May 11, 2020

- There were 57 Parcel Transfers this month. 30 were Arm's length, Sales listed below.
- 0 Parcels Combinations.

- 0 Parcel Splits.
- 0 Lot Line Adjustments.
- 8 Grid Changes.
- 8 Parcel Revisions.
- Update photos are being taken at this time.
- Information for the new STAR requirements is available in my office.
- The 2020 Tentative Assessment Roll was filed on May 1, 2020.
- The Board of Assessment Review meet on May 26, 2020. They Had 11 Complaints

1. 164.05-4-3
2. 164.14-1-8.205
3. 164.11-1-14.1
4. 164.14-1-8.312
5. 164.10-2-6 ALS
6. 148.17-1-13
7. 164.05-1-31 ALS
8. 164.11-3-10 ALS
9. 164.10-2-11 ALS
10. 181.08-3-15 ALS
11. 181.12-5-38 ALS
12. 181.08-2-8.2 ALS
13. 181.11-1-4 ALS
14. 167.00-4-12
15. 164.00-2-41
16. 166.19-1-10 ALS
17. 180.00-2-10 ALS
18. 181.00-2-5.2 ALS
19. 216.01-7-9 ALS
20. 149.04-1-5 ALS
21. 166.00 4-15 ALS
22. 182.07-2-5.1
23. 164.58-2-3
24. 167.00-2-7.21
25. 182.00-3-19.2
26. 180.00-3-25
27. 180.00-3-34
28. 180.00-3-37
29. 180.00-3-38
30. 148.00-4-14 ALS

31. 181.16-3-3
32. 180.00-2-46 ALS
33. 164.09-6-14
34. 182.00-4-17
35. 164.73-8-3 ALS
36. 208.00-1-5
37. 206.00-4-8
38. 206.00-4-9
39. 206.00-4-9 2nd
40. 217.00-1-16.1
41. 216.01-6-28 ALS
42. 181.12-5-37 ALS
43. 163.08-1-12 ALS
44. 164.09-2-6.2 ALS
45. 150.03-3-8 ALS
46. 210.00-1-20 ALS
47. 180.00-2-25
48. 180.00-3-34
49. 180.00-3-37
50. 180.00-3-38
51. 167.00-3-22 ALS
52. 216.01-6-11 ALS
53. 166.19-1-27 ALS
54. 166.19-1-28 ALS
55. 166.17-4-7 ALS
56. 166.00-5-12 ALS
57. 181.11-1-14 ALS

BUILDING/Code Enforcement - Monthly report acknowledged:

TOWN OF HUNTER

OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

P.O. BOX 70 TANNERSVILLE, N.Y. 12485

(518) 589 – 6150 Ext. 307

May 2020 Monthly Report

5/1/2020- Met with Ed.A, checked out his progress. So far so good.

Scott Hanna- working alone,said roof is leaking. Emergency

Danielle, asked about lot in Lanesville.

5/4/2020- Complaint by Schauger about neighbor Ed.A.

Hi-Mark Builders- Needs blower door test at Minwawa Rd.

Josephine, question about garage BP.

Met with Liz about lot in Lanesville

5/6/2020- Vicky called about Ed.A foundation and Demo Permit

Steve- Guinea Woods Rd, question about neighbor air BNB

Frank Groff- Needs Demo Permit for garage removal

Bob- 699 Scribner

5/8/2020- Took off because of office cleaning due to virus

5/11/2020- James Kilfoyle called about property

Cell tower fixed raise to 10 feet tall,will inspect

Dennis called from centerline communications

Troy Grant called about Jacobs job

5/12/2020- Town Board meeting

5/13/2020- Spoke with Edwin Benjamin about fire in Lanesville

Steve electrical inspection info

John Condon, question about his property

Ed Gillespie- Contractor wants to start footing, 1 worker

5/13/2020- Inspected cell tower fence its 10 feet tall, added 2 feet

5/15/2020- Bill Wallace- Chatham Architect called about project

Called several Engineering firms to do junkyard inspection

Rory France spoke with him about inspection

Edwin Benjamin- met with him about fire in Lanesville

Met with the Schaugers to talk about neighbor

5/18/2020- Keith Hall- Dropped off plans for house porch

Called Timothy J about complaint about him logging

John Bower- dropped off plans

Jeremy – Inspected siding job-looks good

5/20/2020- Scott Kasselmann- solar project permit

Inspected Grandison insulation- okay to rock

Spoke with Todd- forester from DEP

Inspected Gillespie Rd job-Okay to continue foundation

5/22/2020- Off Day

5/25/2020- Off- Memorial Day

5/27/2020- Shane 239 Pine Lane -needed electrical inspection

Bert stern Need new C of O for cell tower

Joel Weinstock- Question about camp opening

Keith Hall- Picked up permit

Complaint about 25 Ski Bowl Rd- Not legal for residence

5/29/2020- Tom Kirk- called let a message,called him back left message

NYS Board of Health called me about Machne Tashbar

Shane Ready- Architect for McCaffrey project

Phil Lane question about property.

Inspection at 239 Pine Lane for electric mast

Inspection at 60 Cabbage Patch – Okay to insulate

Inspection at Haines Fall Auto,Scrapyard,Junkyard-Okay

PLANNING-Monthly report acknowledged:

Town of Hunter Planning Board

Monthly Report

JUNE 2020

At this time there is NO Planning Meeting scheduled for June.

All pending applications, renewal of approvals, etc. shall be extended until the next Planning Board Meeting.

Should there be an urgent need for a project under OLD Business needing immediate attention a meeting will be scheduled and notice given.

The July 7th, 2020 meeting will be as scheduled. The time and how presented will be discussed and clarified in the upcoming few weeks.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sarah Rose Basagic
Planning Board Chairperson

Second Zoom session begins.

RESIGNATIONS

Acknowledged receipt of resignation from Andrew Dale (Planning)

TOWN HALL

Discussion on memos re: Plexiglass; Phase 2 reopening/contact tracing sample form (C. Pascucci)

Phase 2 reopening and contact tracing sample form were not discussed.

Supervisor Legg states that the windows have sliding glass so why can't we put a piece of wood in the track to allow the window to only open an inch.

C. Pascucci feels that this does not resolve the issue of face to face as the opening of the window would be vertical instead of horizontal. She adds that her thought was a piece of plexiglass to be screwed to the window frame with a horizontal opening at the bottom of the window to allow for transactions. She feels that plexiglass would be a more cost-effective option as opposed to purchasing free standing barriers.

Councilman Legg states that he will take care of this for all the departments.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to surplus an HP Officejet 5610 fax machine. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

C. Pascucci states that the board had made a motion in May of 2018 authorizing the purchase of a new machine to replace this one as it was not working properly. She was able to get it working again but now the carriage has broken and it cannot be fixed. She will replace it with an existing all in one machine that is not currently being used.

Supervisor Legg asks her to let the Town Board know if this machine does not fit her office's needs and they will authorize the purchase of a new machine.

PAYROLL

Discussion on S. Basagic's memo, she has advised the board that she wishes to go with proposal one (Paychex Flex) at this time which does not include the time clock and timekeeping options.

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign contracts (switch ADP to PAYCHECK) for Paychex Flex – Proposal #1. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

NYS RETIREMENT

Councilman Mahoney offers RESOLUTION #3 of 2020 Standard Workday Resolution for Employees. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

SCRAP PROCESSOR LICENSE

Discussion on application for renewal.

Supervisor Legg states that this license is not due until the end of June so this will be revisited at the next meeting in two weeks. He adds that the board will then have a report from the Code Enforcement Officer.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to keep the public hearing open and table the Scrap Processor License renewal application for Haines Falls Auto until June 23, 2020 at 6:45 PM. Public comments in writing are due by 4PM on June 22, 2020 via drop box or email to the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

GREENE COUNTY SOIL & WATER

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize MOU for SMIP & Local FHM. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

NYS DEC

Acknowledged permit received for Article 15 Stream Disturbance (Creighton Manning) Hunter Branch Rail trail

CONTRACTS

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize contract with Mt Top Historical Society (\$5,000) subject to a little redrafting by the Town Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

PEDDLERS PERMIT- Application from Tim Morley (Ice Cream Truck)

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to approve a Peddlers Permit for Tim Morley for an ice cream truck. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Supervisor Legg states that Mr. Morley has requested this permit as North/South Lake is not currently allowing vendors within the park.

C. Pascucci states that she has received Mr. Morley's \$50.00 application fee however she cannot issue the permit until she receives payment for the \$2.00 per week of operation fee.

Supervisor Legg states that he will inform Mr. Morley of this.

DISCUSSION OF ROADS**Road regulations**

Supervisor Legg states that there are a lot of projects in the wings and the town needs to be sure that all the road regulations are in place.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no requests to speak were received. Supervisor Legg states that requests must be received in writing by 4PM the day before a meeting.

SCHOOL SENIOR BANNERS

Supervisor Legg asks L. Hamrah-Poladian or C. Pascucci to notify John Farrell that some of these banners are in danger of falling down if he could correct this and also ask him to take the Christmas wreath down from the front of the Town Hall.

The Town Board wishes to thank Ashley Cameron and other involved parties for their hard work in getting these banners to celebrate the Hunter Tannersville Central School District Class of 2020 graduates made and the highway department for getting them hung.

ROAD NAMING

Supervisor Legg states that the Town Board has received a request via email (see below)

June 9, 2020

Periklis Kourtis
34-58 200th Street
NY 11361
561-7891
spkourtis@aol.com

Bayside,
Phone: 917-
email:

To Whom This May Concern,

My name is Periklis Kourtis. This letter is about the naming of the roads Veria Road and Naoussa Drive. From the asphalt to the top at the fork, it's Veria Road. Mr. Scano who has a home on the right, once you enter Veria Road, liked the name and so did another 8-9 property owners. My address there is 544 Naoussa Drive, Haines Falls, 12436. That is the address on my Central Hudson account.

Also, at the top of the road, where it forks off to the left and to the right, the road to the left is Naoussa Drive. The road to the right is not named. You can name the road to the right, and leave the road to the left as Naoussa Drive. We'd appreciate that because the roads have already been named this way for 15 years.

We have already submitted the signatures for the approval of the naming of the roads at a previous Town Hall Meeting.

Thank you for your time, and hope that you take this into consideration, since many of the owners agreed to this as well over the past 15 years.

Thank you and anticipate your response,

Periklis Kourtis

*****You will also receive an email picture of the surrounding properties. The properties that are shaded are those who signed and agreed to the names of the roads: Veria Road and Naoussa Drive.**

Town Board members state that they do not wish to revisit this topic, a lot of time was spent on this approximately a year ago and they made their decision at that time.

L. Gardner asks that the minutes of the road naming motion referenced above be emailed to him.

TRANSFERS

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to approve effective 3/31/20

Jrl entry dbt A2610 & Cr A5010.4 by \$3140. to show revenue & expenditure for insurance recovery

Jr entry dbt A1990.9 & Cr A7410.4 by \$1000. For library budgetary expenditure

Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

CORRESPONDENCE – Town Board acknowledged:

Thank you recd for budgetary funding: Tannersville Area Health

Thank you received for John Farrell & Hwy dept for landing zone winter maintenance from Haines Falls fire Dist.

Census info rec'd and requested to post on TOH website

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:52 PM to discuss the hiring of a particular person. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

ZOOM ended.

As per Supervisor Legg the following action was taken.

NEW HIRE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to hire Travis Rinaldi as a Part Time Police Officer. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

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

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter