

WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021, AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Daryl Legg (left 7pm)	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Sean Mahoney	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk

Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	John Farrell	Superintendent of Highways
	Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman Elect
	Plus, all names on attached listing.	

Absent:	Raymond Legg	Councilman
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Supervisor Legg calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**BUDGET**

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that a half percent reduction in contractals to General Fund A, DA and DB resulted in a reduction of \$4,415.00. She adds that the changes last meeting calculated the tax cap at \$43.00 away from staying under and not having to override. The tax rate now is an increase of 13 cents in the Village and a decrease of 39 cents in the Town. The law need not be rescinded.

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to pass the 2022 Budget as presented with .5% cuts to remain under the tax cap. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -4-	Noes -0-	Absent -1- (Councilman Legg)
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**SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to declare the paper shredder in the Town Clerk's office as surplus property (to be discarded). Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -4-	Noes -0-	Absent -1- (Councilman Legg)
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**GREENE COUNTY SOIL & WATER**

Councilman Mahoney offers RESOLUTION #8 of 2021. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

**TOWN OF Hunter**

**RESOLUTION # 8 of 2021**

**SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM**

*78 Goodrich Lane, Hunter, NY 12442*

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hunter is subject to flooding that can damage property, close roads, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

**WHEREAS**, at the request of local communities, funding support from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) is being made available to help property owners who meet eligibility criteria in two flood buyout program categories – 1) recommended within a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) and 2) outside a LFA that meets criteria for one of three sub-categories – Erosion Hazard, priority stream restoration project, and inundation hazards, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has been approached by the homeowner at 78 Goodrich Lane, Hunter, NY in the Town of Hunter, tax parcel # 164.00-3-14.1, requesting consideration for a voluntary flood buyout given the hazardous nature of the home on an eroding stream bank, and

**WHEREAS**, site visits from the Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Catskill Watershed Corporation and NYSDEC have occurred over a number of years and have documented the steady advancement of the eroding hillside, most notably within the last few months, warranting an imminent threat to the home, and

**WHEREAS**, the risk level in the last two months increased from moderate to severe with significant documented property loss putting the home in greater jeopardy as the eroding streambank steadily worsens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hunter in using the guidance from the technical agencies to establish the severity of the erosion hazard approves the property owner to enter the NYCFBO and defers to the NYCDEP to own the property should it go forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Town of Hunter supports working with the NYCDEP, GCSWCD and the homeowners of 78 Goodrich Lane, Hunter, Christine and Brian Nolan/Nolavic LLC, to apply for assistance in the NYCDEP-sponsored Flood Buyout Program to permanently remove this flood hazard.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Councilman Legg)

**HUNTER BRANCH RAIL TRAIL**

Meeting to award bids will be held on 11/23/21 at 11:00 AM immediately following the bid opening.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Supervisor Legg makes a MOTION to reschedule the Public Hearings for proposed local laws: Subdivision and Marijuana sales to 12/13/21 at 6:00 and 6:15 PM. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

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

**HANDBOOK**

Pg. 29 Scheduling – remove sentence that states Such leave must be requested at least 24 hours prior to taking and then only on agreement of the leave by the Department Head.

Pg. 30 – Add elected officials. L. Hamrah-Poladian states there is no health insurance buyout for elected officials. She will confirm the language for Town Officers. Discussion about employees being offered different options at retirement and all the details about health insurance in retirement need to be spelled out in the handbook and it needs to be uniform. Medicare Part B discussion.

Disability – To be discussed in January.

Pg. 33 Item 1 – (Question, Applicable to elected and appointed?) The answer is yes and elected. Item 5 – change Town will to Town may.

Pg. 35 – add annual training for harassment and add Code of Conduct.

**WORKPLACE VIOLENCE ADVISORY TEAM**

Change Police Chief to Supervising Police Officer. Discussion about weapons policy including court officers such as Judges.

E. Gold to be asked to attend a Handbook meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:22 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

L. H-P excused.

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 7:51 PM. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

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

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION for payroll clarification that seven-hour workday employees be compensated 7 hours for a holiday, not 8. Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

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

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to change the following employee's status from salaried to hourly for payroll purposes (C. Pascucci, M. Hommel, L. Hamrah-Poladian and Lisa Hommel).

Seconded by Councilman Mahoney.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Supervisor Legg)

Councilman Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Supervisor Legg)

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Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter