

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022, AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present: Sean Mahoney Supervisor
Raymond Legg (ZOOM) Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza Councilman

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian (Zoom) Secretary to the Supervisor
Larry Gardner Town Attorney
John Farrell Supt. of Highways
Erika Bain Hunter Area Ambulance
Marc Czermerys Planning Board Chairman
Sarah Pellizzari Code Enforcement Officer
Sgt. Robert Haines (ZOOM) Hunter Police Department
Merrick? (ZOOM) Mountain Top Coalition
Plus, all names on attached listing.

Absent: David Kukle Councilman

AUDIT – The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment by the Town Board:
General Fund (TW) Voucher #94 through #139 in the amount of \$46,809.75
General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1006 in the amount of \$2,593.00
Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #41 through #59 in the amount of \$49,972.91
Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1012 through #1023 in the amount of \$21,338.18
Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #16 through #23 in the amount of \$14,205.09

MINUTES

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to approve regular meeting 3/8/22, workshop 3/15/22.
Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

PLAQUE PRESENTATION-Presentation of plaque for Audrey Benjamin
Supervisor Mahoney on behalf of the Town Board of the Town of Hunter presents a plaque in appreciation of Audrey Benjamin’s 19 years of service to the Town of Hunter as Assistant to the Court Clerk and Assistant to the Town Clerk.

POLICE- Monthly report acknowledged.
Town of Hunter Police Department
Monthly Report

March 2022

Calls for service:	74
Arrests made:	4
Criminal charges levied:	6
Criminal complaints:	8
Non-criminal complaints:	43
Assists to other agencies:	18
Uniform traffic tickets:	34
Parking tickets:	0
Accidents investigated:	7
Report requests:	2= \$20.00

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to declare items on list from Police Dept as surplus.
 Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

Town of Hunter Police Department
 Po Box 70 Tannersville, NY 12485
 518-589-7200

TO: Town Board
FROM: Sgt R. J. Haines
DATE: Friday, March 25, 2022

I respectfully request the following items be declared surplus property for disposal from the Town of Hunter Police Department.

- 1) Dell Vostro all in one computer and monitor with a keyboard
- 2) Dell Optiplex 9020 with keyboard and mouse
- 3) Havis dock for Toughbook
- 4) Motorcycle saddlebag
- 5) Patrol vehicle parts/ Shotgun mount and armrest mount
- 6) Lifepak defibrillator AED
- 7) 2 Brother pocket jet printers
- 8) Universal patrol vehicle armrest
- 9) Universal vehicle dock for a laptop
- 10) Army radio
- 11) Desk phone
- 12) Law book set
- 13) 1 portable radio: Motorola HT1250 w/ 6 batteries and 2 mics
- 14) 4 Radar Units
 - a. Decatur Genesis 1 S/N G26665 w/ ant 06045 and remote

- b. Kustom KR10SP S/N 30004 w/ ant 35772
- c. Kustom Hawk S/N HH10699 w/ ant 12702
- d. Kustom KR10SP S/N 34823 w/ ant 29348

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to declare old ballistic vests as surplus property. They will be delivered to the Greene County Sheriff’s Department who will then ship them to Ukraine to be used in the war. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

AMBULANCE-Monthly report acknowledged.

HUNTER AREA AMBULANCE
 PO Box 70 / 5742 Rt. 23A Tannersville, NY 12485
 518-589-4045
 BOARD MEETING REPORT
 43 Calls in March– 2022

Hunter Mountain – 15	Tannersville - 13	Catskill-
Haines Falls– 4	Hunter – 5	Windham-
Elka Park –	Lanesville- 5	Ashland-
Dr. Schneider’s –		Ulster County- 1
CMH – 4	CPR Death: No Transport- 1	Kingston – 16
Albany Med- 4	Unattended-	St Peters - 5
VA –	No Patient Found- 2	Canceled - 5
RMA – 2	Public Assist- 1	Stand By – 2
Helicopter – 1		ALS- 14
Erika- 27	Allison-	
Venessa- 6	Aaron- 2	
Scott- 8	Brooke- 1	
Ciaran- 21	Gary- 10	
Jim- 8	Jesse- 2	
Ariel-3		
Mileage 84-1: 74,376	Mileage 84-2: 74,989	

ASSESSOR-Monthly report acknowledged.

MEMO TO: Supervisor and Town Board
 SUBJECT: Monthly Report

FROM: The Assessor’s Office
 DATE: April 1, 2022

- There were 23 Parcel Transfers this month. 12 were Arm’s length (ALS), Sales listed below.
- 0 Parcels Combinations.

- 1 5 Lot Subdivision.
- 0 Lot Line Adjustments.
- 7 Grid Changes.
- 4 Parcel Revisions.
- Data Collection for the 2022 Assessment Roll is in progress currently.
- Update photos are being taken at this time.
- Information for the new STAR requirements is available in my office.

1. 164.14-1-8.408
2. 163.08-2-22 ALS
3. 163.08-2-23 ALS
4. 164.58-5-1 ALS
5. 164.06-1-34
6. 164.06-1-31.12
7. 164.06-1-35
8. 164.06-1-36
9. 164.14-4-3
10. 164.10-5-8
11. 164.05-7-9 ALS
12. 164.11-2-6.2 ALS
13. 209.00-1-32
14. 164.73-16-7
15. 166.20-2-14 ALS
16. 167.00-5-13 ALS
17. 216.01-7-23 ALS
18. 209.04-1-7 ALS
19. 209.04-2-18
20. 181.00-4-9 ALS
21. 164.00-3-14.2 ALS
22. 182.07-3-14
23. 164.65-3-6 ALS

Town Board to reschedule the May workshop meeting due to Grievance Day being held on the 4th Tuesday in May.

BUILDING/Code Enforcement-Monthly report acknowledged.

The Board tells Sarah that her reports are very well detailed, and they appreciate her open line of communication with them.

S. Pellizzari thanks Bob Cologero for teaching her his great note taking skills. She states that Fire and Safety Inspections stopped during Covid, she asks the Town Board if they are ready to have

these begin again with her entering buildings. She will compile a list and a timeline for the Town Board.

Acknowledged receipt of UNSAFE BUILDINGS report.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize parcel ID 181.00-4-12 as an unsafe structure to be condemned. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize parcel ID 181.07.3-1 as an unsafe structure to be condemned. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

PLANNING-Monthly report acknowledged.

**Town Of Hunter Planning Board
Monthly Meeting report
April 5th,2022**

Board Member Present

-Marc Czermerys
-Nicole Benjamin
-Doug Senterman
-Caroline Riggs
-Susan Kukle
-Susan Freidmen at 6:45 PM

Absent Members

-Max Oppen
-Penny Spring Zoom
-Charlie Knopp
-Brian Walsh

Public Present

Ted Johnson
Tim Richmond
Sean Mahoney
Ricky Brooks

Public Hearing Open @ 6:33Pm

T-Mobile Elka Park Site Plan Review Parcel ID # 210.00-1-10.11, Platte Clove Rd, Elka Park

- No public comment on the T-Mobile Cell Tower
- Public Hearing closed @ 6:39Pm on a motion from D Senterman seconded by S Kukle approved 4-0

Regular Meeting opened @ 6:40Pm

Approval of March minutes

1st) D.Senterman 2nd) C.Riggs approved 5-0

Special Presentation by Ted Johnson On the Greene County Emergency Communication Tower on town property

Ted Spoke about where the tower would be placed and offered a few different options to make sure the towers presentation is as natural looking as possible as to not disturb the present look of the town. The Planning board discussed these options with Ted and agreed on a PVC Black chain link fence with the possibility of privacy screening & plants being added on later. Discussed need to coordinate use of the access area during construction with Impound Lot.

T-Mobile Elka Park Site Plan Review Parcel ID # 210.00-1-10.11, Platte Clove Rd, Elka Park Unlisted Action T Richmond presenting

Ackn Rcv'd Greene county 239 review NYS DEC lead agency response
 T.Richmond Presenting brought everyone up to speed on what is happening and where the towers would be placed.
 SEQR Reviewed ,Negative Declaration
 1st) D. Senterman 2nd) S. Friedman 5-0
 Site Plan Approval
 1st)S.Freidmen 2nd) D. Senterman 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Scribner's lodge-Lot line adjustment ID#164-2-56,164.58-6-4,164.58-6-3

Scribner hollow Road Hunter New York SEQR type II action - R Brooks Presenting
 Ackn rcv'd Application, SEAF, maps letter of intent
 R.Brooks Presented with maps to show us that they lot will be going for 5 lots currently to 2 lots after the lot line adjustment is approved. R. Brooks to the planning board they are making this adjustment so Scribner's can fix the current water issues on the properties.
 Lot line adjustment was approved
 1st)S.Friedman 2nd)D.Senterman 5-0

Entered Executive Session at 7:40PM to discuss the employment history of a particular individual on a motion from D Senterman and seconded by C Riggs 5-0
 Exited Executive Session at 7:45PM on a motion from D Senterman seconded by C Riggs 5-0
 Meeting closed @ 7:45PM on a motion from S Friedman seconded by D Senterman 5-0

M. Czermerys informs the Town Board that the Planning Board is looking for a new member, any interested parties should contact him directly.

RESIGNATION – PLANNING BOARD

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to accept the resignation of B. Welch from the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

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

HIGHWAY

Salary discussion to be held in Executive Session.
 Cornell Local Roads Annual Highway School-Supt. Farrell attending June 5th -8th

J. Farrell states the back mountain will hopefully be open by 4/26/22. Supervisor Mahoney will put this notice on the Town’s website.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Councilman Semenza states he attended a CWC meeting where the issues of septic haulers who have agreements with NYCDEP haul septage from within the watershed was addressed. He adds that DEP is now limiting them to 3500 gallons per week which is one day of work a week which is hurting their business. Town Board to continue addressing this issue.

FEE SCHEDULE

S. Pellizzari discusses fee schedule with the board for miscellaneous structural changes and deferring to a cost of construction scale in certain circumstances.

CONTRACT

Mt. Top Golden Agers -Acknowledged receipt of letter requesting funds. Funds already in the budget.

Councilman Reale makes a MOTION to authorize supervisor to sign 2022 contract with Mountain Top Golden Agers. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

HBRT

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize signature OCS Industries Contract. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

NYS DOT

Acknowledged Supervisors’ letter sent RE emergency road work & acknowledged receipt of correspondence from NYS DEC and NYS DEC on Rte 214 bank stabilization.

TOWN OF HUNTER

P.O. BOX 70, 5748 ROUTE 23A, TANNERSVILLE, NY 12485
518-589-6150 PH/FAX

Sean Mahoney
Town of Hunter Supervisor
5748, Route 23A
Tannersville, NY, 12485 April
1st, 2022

Stephen Clinton PE
Regional Director of Operations
New York State Department of Transportation – Region 1
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Dear Mr. Clinton,

As Town Supervisor, I recently spoke with a group of residents in Lanesville relating to their concerns arising from the emergency work being completed along NYS Route 214 in Lanesville near the Ulster County line.

Yesterday on March 31st, I visited the site along with Town of Hunter Highway Superintendent John Farrell, and Town of Hunter Highway employee Michael Siatkowski along with Josh Woolheater, a Lanesville resident and officer of the Stony Clove Rod and Gun Club which is located on the opposite side of SR 214 where this work is being completed.

Upon arrival we spoke with Bob, a NYS DOT employee who appeared to be the work foreman at that location. He was very helpful explaining the emergency work that was done by Reale Construction and overseen by NYS DOT.

The purpose of this letter is to address our concerns that the approach being taken here is one of repeated temporary solutions and not designing or addressing a long-term solution. With repeated emergency fixes taking place, this inconveniences our community on a regular and ongoing basis and disrupts a major artery between our community and Ulster County, negatively impacting our residents and local businesses.

After inspecting the work that was done, The Town of Hunter has the following questions that we hope you can answer.

1. How many emergency contracts do you have on file that have been issued to repair that stretch of state highway along SR 214? Our recollection is that there have been several.
 - a. Can you please supply copies of these dated emergency work orders to us?
2. We noticed several downed trees laying across the Stony Clove Creek that would appear to impede the flow of water when water levels will inevitably rise and possibly cause the stream to jump the stream bank again. See supplied photos.
 - a. We were told that emergency repair workers were told not to remove those trees, and we are wondering why?
3. The concrete double culvert that runs underneath SR 214 looks very old and it is our opinion this will also impede water flow during times of heavy rain and runoff. Our opinion is that a box culvert or something wider would serve this area much better.
4. We were told that the rip rap stone that is meant to armor against erosion alongside SR 214 was not “keyed” in, and only laid over the top of the finer gravel which seems to us to be less than ideal and less secure during times of heavy flooding.
5. Has NYSDOT, NYS DEC or NYC DEP ever studied the flow of water along that stretch that abuts SR 214 in the time after Hurricane Irene?
 - a. If so, has there ever been discussion of V-Bars being placed within the stream corridor to better control the flow of the Stream?

The goal of this letter is to better understand the situation on SR 214 and to protect the health, safety and property of our Lanesville residents, along with the critically important connection that SR 214 provides between the Town of Hunter and the Town of Shandaken in Ulster County.

I would like to thank your team, and Reale Construction for the professional work that they did and accommodating our visit yesterday.



One of several trees appearing to impede water flow across Stony Clove Creek where work was completed.



I appreciate your response to these questions and our concerns and would be happy to meet with you and other stakeholders in person to discuss further.

Sincerely,



Sean Mahoney

Town of Hunter Supervisor.

Cc: Demassio, Steve (DOT), Denison, Charles (DOT), Clinton, Steve (DOT), Miles, Dan (DOT) John Farrell

– Town of Hunter Highway Superintendent, Larry Gardner – Town Attorney, Shaun Groden – Greene County Administrator, Town of Hunter Town Board, Michelle Yost – GCSWD, Patrick Ryan – Ulster County Executive, Peter DiScifani – Town of Shandaken Supervisor

Supervisor Mahoney states as per NYSDOT they were told not to touch the trees in the stream bed and NYCDEP states they told NYSDOT to remove the trees.

This road is a main access point into and out of the Town of Hunter and a road closure could cut residents off from emergency services.

TOWN CLERK

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize attendance at the NYS Clerk’s Association on 4/24 to 4/27/22. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Kukle)

TOWN HALL-GENERATOR

Acknowledged receipt of estimate from Wennstrom Electric

J. Farrell will draw up specifications to put this out to bid. Councilman Legg states there could be a delay due to the availability of generators which could be a 4-6 month wait.

MTN TOP COALITION

Acknowledged receipt of request for Narcan kits to be located at our facility.

Merrick of the Mountain Top Coalition is looking for permission from the Town Board to place a Narcan kit at the Town Hall to be attached to the outside of the building. The Coalition would publicize the location, and they would refill, as necessary.

The Town Board suggests it be located at the ambulance building. They will meet with the Ambulance Administrator and Councilman Legg and will be back in touch with the Coalition.

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged notice from Legis. HAZARD MITIGATION plan expires appoint town representative.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to appoint Ernest Reale as the Town of Hunter Representative. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Kukle)

FINANCE OFFICER

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize expenses related to AOT annual finance school May 2022. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

BOOKKEEPING

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to re-classify DB3501 PAVE NY (\$7,000) as DB3502 PAVE NY (\$7,000) in 2022 Budget. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

RESIGNATIONS

Town Board acknowledged receipt of resignations from Barbara Lacitignola-Ambulance, Allison Curran EMT/Driver, and Brian Welch-Planning Board.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Acknowledged receipt of 4th quarter of 2021 franchise fees \$13,447.87.

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #2

Acknowledged signed contract sent to Village of Hunter for execution.

NYS COMPTROLLER Homeland Security single audit certification form rec'd & sent 3-28-22.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged notification sent for Supervisor Mahoney to NYS DOT & Charter Comm.Re: wires down in the clove.

Acknowledged receipt of thank you letter for Annual Budget Allotment from Tannersville Area Health Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:15 PM to consult with counsel. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

Supervisor Mahoney asks J. Farrell to attend.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:27 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

PAY RATE CHANGES- Highway

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to give a \$2.00 per hour raise to Roy Kenyon, John R. Farrell, and Michael Siatkowski. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to pay Wayne Walley (Auto Mechanic) an additional \$6.00 per hour as he will now be working part-time, one day per week with no benefits. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to give Robert Blain a \$2.75 per hour raise and the title of Deputy Superintendent of Highways. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:29 PM. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Kukle)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter