

**MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022, AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.**

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| <b>Present:</b>        | <b>Sean Mahoney</b>         | <b>Supervisor</b>                  |
|                        | <b>David Kukle</b>          | <b>Councilman</b>                  |
|                        | <b>Raymond Legg</b>         | <b>Councilman</b>                  |
|                        | <b>Ernest Reale</b>         | <b>Councilman</b>                  |
|                        | <b>Dolph Semenza</b>        | <b>Councilman</b>                  |
|                        | <b>Corina Pascucci</b>      | <b>Town Clerk</b>                  |
| <b>Others Present:</b> | <b>Lara Hamrah-Poladian</b> | <b>Secretary to the Supervisor</b> |
|                        | <b>John Farrell</b>         | <b>Supt. of Highways</b>           |
|                        | <b>Marc Czermerys</b>       | <b>Planning Board Chair</b>        |
|                        | <b>Sarah Pellizzari</b>     | <b>Code Enf. Officer</b>           |
|                        | <b>Robert Haines</b>        | <b>Hunter Police Dept.</b>         |

**AUDIT**

The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment by the Town Board:  
**General Fund (TW) Voucher #231 through #277 in the amount of \$48,989.23**  
**General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1020 through #1022 in the amount of \$156.36**  
**Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #82 through #91 in the amount of \$7,401.72**  
**Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1056 through #1063 in the amount of \$8,942.58**  
**Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #41 through #52 in the amount of \$9,826.86**

**POLICE RECRUITMENT**

Sgt. Haines states the department needs more potential recruits. He has given out background packets to six individuals, one has been returned.  
Discussion on contractualized employment and reimbursable expenses.  
Supervisor Mahoney will review with the Town Attorney.  
Sgt. Haines will obtain estimated costs of attending the police academy and at budget time would like to discuss the hourly rates for part time officers.

**CLOVE UPDATE**

Supervisor Mahoney states the NYSDOT will be putting up signs that they will pick up from the Town Hall offices.  
Discussion with Sgt. Haines regarding tow truck breakdowns, cars parking on homeowner's lawns (one lawn had up to sixty cars parked on their lawn without their permission) and trash.  
Sgt Haines states that the Hunter Police Department is spread very thin and the process of releasing a car to an individual is labor intensive on there have been occasions where the individual is not a licensed driver in which case the car cannot be released to them.  
He adds that there is a lot of community support of the towing efforts.  
Sgt. Haines states that over the past weekend there were four emergency calls at the Kaaterskill Falls area and EMS has a tough time getting through sometimes.

Supervisor Mahoney states that the trolley service has increased their ridership numbers. He adds that the owner wants to put trash bins at Moore's Bridge, Molly Smith parking lot, ice climber lot and at the trolley stops which he will have emptied every night.

Councilman Kukle asks if this mixes the message of carry in, carry out. He adds that visitors need to be educated on this message.

Councilman Reale adds that garbage might also be placed in these bins as people exit the town after a weekend rental.

Supervisor Mahoney adds that this is not a town road. There would be a lot of overhead involved and the Forest Rangers may disagree with the idea.

### **SHORT TERM RENTALS** – Update

Supervisor Mahoney states there is no draft at this time, the board is gathering information and he will forward his notes to the board.

Site Plan versus permit discussion.

Insurance – Supervisor Mahoney states that if the town is named as an additional insured, then the town would be notified if the homeowner's coverage ceased to exist.

Questioned if the town can mandate that someone carry insurance with the consensus being yes because these homes are not owner occupied.

L. Hamrah-Poladian will contact the town's insurance broker regarding short term rental insurance.

Supervisor Mahoney states that Sgt. Haines had reported to him that there was a number of incidents/calls this past weekend about large, short-term rentals. He adds that he will ask the Assessor for a copy of the list of short-term rentals he has compiled.

### **GREENE COUNTY**

Supervisor Mahoney states that towns in Greene County can apply to the county for \$100,000 for an approved use. Discussion on making this request for a reval or contracting with an engineer to determine the lifespan of the town's Quonset hut.

Councilman Legg states he had started the Quonset hut conversation already with an engineer and he will reach out to this engineer again.

Supervisor Mahoney states that the roof is leaking.

L. Hamrah-Poladian states that reval costs may not qualify for use of ARPA funds, she will look into this.

### **CLEANING PERSON**

Supervisor Mahoney states the town has been without a cleaning person and some of the staff have stepped in to take care of the cleaning of the Town Hall. He adds that he will send an email to all employees stating that everyone needs to share in this responsibility.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to post a help wanted ad for a cleaning person on Indeed and to interview the candidate who applied. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

### **SIGNAGE**

Discussion on the trolley sign located on Rte. 23A.

S. Pellizzari will forward them a sign application.

Board states the Boathouse portable/temporary signs in the town should come down.

**HAINES FALLS AUTO**

C. Arleo ask if the inspector/engineer knew about the tires stored in the Reen house as this building is not part of the business. She adds that Rory is using it as part of his business.

S. Pellizzari states that Rory approached the town asking to amend his site plan.

C. Arleo states that he is then using it before he has permission to.

M. Czermerys states that the tires have nothing to do with the Junkyard or Scrapyard license.

Supervisor Mahoney states that a question has been asked as to the use and the experts are handling it. He ads that at the time of the independent inspection there was no violation.

J. Nihan asks if the town is named as an insured.

S. Pellizzari states yes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-                      Noes -0-

C. Pascucci and L. Hamrah-Poladian excused at 8:20 PM.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:29 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-                      Noes -0-

**TOWN HALL – NEW HIRE**

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to hire student, Saleema Poladian effective 06/30/22 at \$13.00 per hour not to exceed 12 hours per week. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-                      Noes -0-

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

Ayes -5-                      Noes -0-

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Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC  
Town of Hunter