

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON NOVEMBER 28, 2023 @ 7pm AT THE
TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW
YORK.**

Present:	Sean Mahoney David Kukle Raymond Legg Ernest Reale	Supervisor Councilman Councilman Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian Jason Kovacs Sgt. Robert Haines Marc Czermerys Robert Blain James Baltz Plus, all names on attached listing.	Secretary to the Supervisor Town Attorney Hunter Police Department Planning Board Chairman Superintendent of Highways Clerk to Town Justice
Absent:	Dolph Semenza	Councilman

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to approve reg. & budget mtg. 10/24/23; Public Hearing on Local Law to override the tax cap and Budget Workshop on 11/2/2023. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No speakers.

RENOVATIONS

Councilman Legg states the State Police have received the funding approval for the work to be done in that office, now waiting on Spectrum to move lines.

KSA Presentation

Catherine Legg states the Kaaterskill Snowmobile Association has started back up; they are looking for a letter of support from the Town Board to get reinstated with New York State. Councilman Reale recuses himself as he is a member of the KSA. Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to send a letter to New York State in support of the Kaaterskill Snowmobile Association. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -3- Noes -0- Recuse -1- (Reale) Absent -1 (Semenza)

AMBULANCE -Monthly report acknowledged.

HUNTER AREA AMBULANCE
 PO Box 70 / 5742 Rt. 23A Tannersville, NY 12485
 518-589-4045
 BOARD MEETING REPORT
 31 Calls in October-2023

Hunter Mountain – 3	Tannersville -12	Catskill- 1
Haines Falls- 3	Hunter – 3	Windham District-
Elka Park – 2	Lanesville-1	Ashland District-
Dr. Schneider’s –	Coxsackie-	EMS Coverage-1
CMH – 5	CPR Death: No Transport-	Kingston – 7
Albany Med- 2	Unattended-	St Peters -
VA –1	No Patient Found-6	Canceled -
RMA –4	Public Assist-	Stand By –1
Helicopter –	N. Dutchess-	ALS-13
Erika-12	Aaron- 4	David-
Venessa-2	Rachel- 2	Stacy-2
Ciaran-	Melissa-	
Thomas-9	Barb-1	
Jim-11	Chris- 1	
Gary-3		
Ariel- 4		
Mileage 84-1:94,318		Mileage 84-2:1,976.6

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize signature on LOS for a permanent Certificate of Need to operate an ambulance Ashland. Seconded by Councilman Reale.
 Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Semenza)

POLICE- Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department
 Monthly Report
 October 2023

Calls for service:	106
Arrests made:	2
Criminal charges levied:	6
Criminal complaints:	4
Non-criminal complaints:	58
Assists to other agencies:	36
Uniform traffic tickets:	40
Parking tickets:	50
Accidents investigated:	9
Report requests:	4 = \$40.00

Acknowledged submitted cost estimates for Laurel House Rd. Detail.

Acknowledged received revised police contracts.

ASSESSOR- Monthly report acknowledged. (no electronic copy provided)

Councilman Kukle offers RESOLUTION #5 of 2023 to adopt for Town to use States definition/matching Greene County’s for Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption Max Income Limits. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Authorizing the maximum limit for the Senior Citizen’s Tax Exemption for Town Tax purposes for the year 2024

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hunter has unanimously voted to adopt the provisions of Real Property Tax Law Section 467 Paragraph 1 (b) (1) and Section 459-c Paragraph 1 (b) which is known as the “sliding scale” options.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The resultant exemption percentages will be as follows:

Maximum Income Limit	\$35,100.00	For		50%
	\$35,100.01	To	\$36,099.99	= 45%
	\$36,100.00	To	\$37,099.99	= 40%
	\$37,100.00	To	\$38,099.99	= 35%
	\$38,100.00	To	\$38,999.99	= 30%
	\$39,000.00	To	\$39,899.99	= 25%
	\$39,900.00	To	\$40,799.99	= 20%
	\$40,800.00	To	\$41,699.99	= 15%
	\$41,700.00	To	\$42,599.99	= 10%
	\$42,600.00	To	\$43,499.99	= 5%

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

Supervisor Mahoney asks that the Assessor reach out to the school district.

LIQUOR LICENSE – Acknowledged receipt of a liquor license for Ze Wine Bar at Jagerberg,.Ltd. This business is in the Village of Hunter and the proprietor has been notified they need to notice the Village.

BUILDING/Code Enforcement- Monthly report (no electronic copy provided)

R. Santiago states the Short-Term Rental Law needs some revision. She will work with the Town Attorney to redraft, and a Public Hearing will be held on the revised law.

Acknowledged receipt of letter from John Glennon Re: Certificate of Occupancy. R. Santiago to research and resolve the issue.

CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION

Acknowledged receipt of resolutions 5055 through 5078.

PLANNING-Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Planning Board Monthly Report October 2023

The Town of Hunter Planning Board met on November 6, 2023.

Summary of activities:

Old Business

- 1 Conditional Subdivision Approval Extended
- 2 Public Hearings.
- 3 Site Plans reviewed with no action taken

New Business

- 3 Site Plan reviewed, incomplete, no action taken

Roundup

Public Hearing was held for Latvian Camp Garage and Stoney Clove LLC Event Space and STR Extension Granted for Cortina Mountain Estatic Conditional Subdivision Approval
Latvian Camp Garage application reviewed, awaiting comment letter from NYS DEC
Peace Village Garage Plan reviewed and determined was ready for Agency Circulation and Greene County Review
Stoney Clove Creek STR and Event space reviewed, needs response to DEP comment letter
We had sketch review for four new site plans- McGrath/Shefflo Ground Mount Solar, Trup STR, Williams Lumber new pole barn and Hunter Mountain Resort B and E lift replacement/relocation.

We also received a letter of resignation from Doug Senterman and will be looking to replace him as both deputy chair and member.

*The next meeting of the Town of Hunter Planning Board will be **MONDAY** December 5, 2023, at 6:30PM*

Town Board and Planning Board to consult on the Stoney Clove short term rental with a non-compliant septic currently under Planning Board review.

HAZARD MITIGATION

Supervisor Mahoney offers RESOLUTION #6 of 2023 to adopt 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan. Seconded by Councilman Reale. Attorney Kovacs to review.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF Hunter

Resolution Adopting the 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan

Date: November 28, 2023

WHEREAS the Town of Hunter Town Board recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Hunter; and

WHEREAS the Town of Hunter has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan (hereinafter the “Plan”) in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Hunter from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town of Hunter demonstrates the Town’s commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the as 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hunter hereby adopts the 2023 Greene County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Plan may be edited, or amended, after submission for review, but the Plan will not require the Town of Hunter to re-adopt any further iterations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this only applies to this specific Plan and does not absolve the Town of Hunter from updating the Plan in five (5) years.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged receipt of Greene County Real Property Senior citizen & Disabled Tax Exemption Maximum Income Limits
Acknowledged receipt of Resolution No. 331-23 to Establish Equalization Rates
Acknowledged receipt of Memo from GC Re: Countywide Ambulatory System
Acknowledged receipt of Resolution No. 365-23 Authorizing Distribution of Mortgage Tax \$66,416.92 projected

GREENE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER

Acknowledged received from GCSW regarding the 2024 Schoharie Watershed Summit
Acknowledged receipt of letter from MTSM sent re: M. Yost

NYS DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Acknowledged receipt of concerns about public use at Fawn’s Leap. Supervisor Mahoney states the Town Board asked for additional manpower to police the area and signage warning of risks. He adds the state is contemplating making it a violation of law to cliff jump at Fawn’s Leap. He states this is not what the Town Board asked for and has asked for a meeting with NYSDEC.

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 1990

Discussion on Automatic fire alarms law of the Town of Hunter, whether to revise or repeal the law. The Town Board asks the Code Enforcement Officer to see what is in the state building code. Town Board to review and revisit.

RESIGNATIONS

Acknowledged receipt of resignation for Gary Cook Ambulance.

Acknowledged receipt of resignation for Doug Senterman from the Planning Board.

HUMANE SOCIETY

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize signing of 2024 contract with the Columbia Greene Humane Society. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

The contract was reviewed by Bruce Feml, DCO.

TOWN HALL-Meeting dates

Regular December meeting and Year End Meeting scheduled for December 27, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Organizational meeting scheduled for January 2, 2024, at 5:30 PM.

Discussion on Plaques- Supervisor Mahoney feels the retirement plaques on display in the courtroom should not be kept by the town, he feels they should be kept by the employee or their family. He and the Town Clerk have discussed ordering one main plaque with multiple plates to list retirees' names, titles, and dates of service. He adds the employee will still get a retirement plaque, but it will go to them directly, and will not be kept by the town. He asked the Town Clerk to order nice paper and he will draft a letter to each retiree or their family thanking the retiree for their years of service and notifying them they can pick their plaque up at the Town Hall.

Board authorizes a plaque to be ordered for John Glennon, past Supervisor, Town Justice, and Councilman.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Acknowledged received Hunter youth program expenses & listing w/ 3 additional campers-new total 26. Discussion on paying \$300.00 per camper or paying the bill in full. Supervisor Mahoney states to pay what was budgeted and he will negotiate a new fixed price with the Village and any carryover balance due will be paid in 2024.

JUSTICE COURT-Monthly reports acknowledged. (In pdf format, unable to insert into minutes)

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged receipt of letter to remind town to assign a delegate and alternate to attend Annual Business Meeting

Acknowledged received from Town Clerks Association newly elected Town Officials School

Acknowledged materials from NYS Dept of Public Service to assist w/ utility bills.

Acknowledged receipt of Hunter census bureau profile

TRANSFERS/BUDGET MODIFICATION

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize the following:

Eff. 9/30/23

1)Budget Jrl entry to transf \$24694.37 from DB5112.4 TO DB5112.41 to cover paving expenses

Eff. 10/1/23:

2) Budget Jrl entry to transf \$390.34 from DB5110.4 TO DB5110.2 to cover October abstract expenses

3) Budget Jrl entry to transf \$12,612 from DA5120.4 to DA5140.2 to cover purchase of bucket truck

4) Budget Jrl entry to increase A9015.8 by \$152.00 by dbt A9060.8 & cr A9015.8 for Retirement

5) Budget Jrl entry to increase A9040.8 WC by \$63.00 by dbt A9060.8 & cr A9040.8 for workers com. Over exp

6) Budget Jrl entry to dbt A9060.8 & cr A9010.8 by \$8,149.00 to cover retirement shortfall

7) Budget Jrl entry to dbt DA9060.8 Cr DA9010.8 by \$3,134.00 to cover Retirement shortfall

8) Budget Jrl entry to dbt DB9060.8 & Cr DB9010.8 by \$3,134.00 to cover Retirement shortfall

9) Budget Jrl entry to dbt B9060.8 & Cr B9040.8 by \$1,154.00 to cover retirement shortfall

Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize a transfer of excess chips/state funding to be used for the purchase of a GMC 2024 Sierra pick up & any related expenses (plow/radio/wiring, etc.). Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

HIGHWAY

R. Blain states three equipment pieces listed on auction have not reached their minimum bid price.

Town Board states to let it go to the end of the auction and can re-list with a lower minimum bid price if necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:42 PM to consult with Counsel re: employment history of a particular person. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

C. Pascucci and L. Hamrah-Poladian excused.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:17 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

No action taken.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:17 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter