

MINUTES OF TOWN OF HUNTER
REGULAR/YEAR END MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 27, 2023 @ 6 PM AT THE
TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Ernest Reale	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci(arriv. 6:20)	Town Clerk
Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
	Jason Kovacs	Town Attorney
	Robert Blain	Superintendent of Highways
	Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairman
	Robert Cologero	Building Department
	Rose Santiago	Building Inspector
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
Absent:	Dolph Semenza	Councilman

Supervisor Mahoney opens the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

AUDIT – The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment:

General Fund (TW) Voucher #457 through #496 in the amount of \$9,253.77

General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1059 through #1073 in the amount of \$1,843.74

Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #165 through #193 in the amount of \$36,893.90

Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1093 through #1099 in the amount of \$32,151.66

Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #93 through #100 in the amount of \$5,708.15

MINUTES

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve reg. mtg. 11/28/23; Workshop, Public hearing for RPT exemption & Budget Workshop all held 11/14/23. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

POLICE-Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

November 2023

Calls for service:	81
Arrests made:	2
Criminal charges levied:	2
Criminal complaints:	6
Non-criminal complaints:	35

Assists to other agencies: 32
Uniform traffic tickets: 8
Parking tickets: 33
Accidents investigated: 6
Report requests: 3 = \$30

AMBULANCE - Monthly report acknowledged.

NEW HIRE

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire Brianna Stevens as a Part-time EMT at the standard part-time EMT rate effective 12/26/2023. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize Supervisor to sign Certification Statement for Medicaid billing. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

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

Acknowledged receipt of email Rural Ambulance Task force-follow up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

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

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 6:41 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

No action taken.

ASSESSOR - Monthly report acknowledged.

Acknowledged received from Greene County income limits for seniors and disabled persons for tax exemption.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to adopt the Senior and Disabled Persons Tax Exemption sliding scale as presented by Greene County. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

Supervisor Mahoney asks for this to be forwarded to the school district.

BUILDING/Code Enforcement - Monthly report acknowledged.

R. Santiago states she has completed half of her training and is officially a Building Inspector. She will be taking a Civil Service Exam on 1/13/24 and has six weeks of Code Enforcement training to complete.

Discussion on building fees. Supervisor Mahoney asks for this information in a spreadsheet format for discussion at the regular January meeting.

Acknowledged receipt of copy of Judge Mott's order Re: property @216.00-3-16 on 214 to be served by attorney Kovacs.

PLANNING-Monthly report acknowledged.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:01 PM to consult with Counsel. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

JUSTICE COURT -Monthly report from Justice Prince Walsh acknowledged.

HIGHWAY

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go with Greene County winning bids for blacktop services. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

Acknowledged receipt of memo re: C. Wrynn returning to temp-full time from 12/18/23 to 1/25/24.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no public present.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

Supervisor Mahoney states no date yet from Granicus for being up and running, he is working on getting a 6-month credit from the company. He adds that the Town has not yet been assigned a Project Manager.

R. Santiago feels that if Granicus is not doing a notice to apply letter, then her office could do it. She and the Supervisor will work on the wording for the letter and on the distribution.

Discussion on illegal Air B & B advertising signs. The Building Department will call the number on the signs to inform them that they are illegal signs.

SHORT TERM RENTAL EXTENSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to extend the grace period for coming into compliance with the Town’s Short Term Rental Law to June 26, 2024. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

CWT- Acknowledged receipt of request for Board of Directors nominee, tabled to January for further clarification.

ARPA FUNDS- Acknowledged letter sent to GC Admin Groden re: status of ARPA funds.

Supervisor Mahoney states funds not yet sent, discussion on hiring data collectors to look at all parcels and report back to the Assessor. He adds this process could take up to one year.

ANNUAL REPORTS: All revenue collecting depts reports are DUE on or before 1/22/24.

GRANTS

Councilman Reale makes a MOTION to authorize Supervisor signature on Grant disbursement agreement with NYS Dormitory Authority for ADA access to HBRT. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

Councilman Reale makes a MOTION to authorize Supervisor signature to hire Creighton Manning for design aspects to make the Hunter Branch Rail Trail ADA compliant. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

GREENE COUNTY EMS

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize signing of contract for 2024 for paramedic coverage \$41,102.00. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged receipt of 2nd payment Mortgage Tax rec'd \$66,416.92.

HD LANE FIRE COMPANY

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to approve application for membership David Abreu. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

TOWN HALL

Discussion/review Covid leave policy.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to remove the existing Covid Leave Policy. Should an employee feel ill, they are to use sick time accruals. If an employee is ill and still needs to work, it is highly suggested they wear a mask and maintain social distance.

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

MOTION DOES NOT CARRY – Item tabled, Councilman Reale will contact the NYS Association of Towns.

CODE OF ETHICS

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to revise the Town of Hunter Code of Ethics to increase limit for gifts according to GML 805A to \$100.00. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

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

L. Hamrah-Poladian points out that General Municipal Law 805A states \$75.00.

Discussion on establishing an ethics board tabled.

ORGANIZATIONAL MTG-Tues. January 2, 2024 @5.30pm

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize signing contract for Employee Assistance Program to include full roster of Ambulance and Police departments, all employees Full Time and Part Time and elected officials at the cost of \$750.00 per year plus an additional \$23 for each additional employee over the current thirty-two. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Discussion on 2016 Ambulance status on Govdeals. A bid of \$17,500 was received but not accepted. Supervisor Mahoney suggests using traditional selling methods such as Facebook Marketplace as the Town has fulfilled the obligation under state selling laws with the auction. Councilman Legg to speak with Thorpes GMC to see if they can sell it on their car lot for the Town.

J. Kovacs agrees this is acceptable.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize Councilman Legg to meet with Thorpes GMC for possible negotiation of the sale of the surplus ambulance. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Acknowledged receipt of 2023 control report.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged receipt of NYS Rural Ambulance Task Force

Acknowledged receipt of Mountain Top Cares Coalition Mental Health First Aid

Acknowledged Kaaterskill Snowmobile Association letter of support sent by Supervisor Mahoney

TRANSFERS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION effective 8/31/23 for the following:

1)Transfer \$1,000.08 from B9060.8 to B8010.4 to cover anticipated over expenditures AND \$489.12 for August over expenditures

2)Transfer \$291.12 from B9060.8 to B8010.2 to cover anticipated over expenditure for Dell computer purchase

3)Transfer \$221.28 from A1410.2 to A1410.4 for over expenditures AND \$450.08 from A1410.2 to A1410.4 for anticipated over expenditures

4)Transfer \$91.68 for Aug. over expense Payroll staff and \$5,602.89 for anticipated over expense SAA by Dbt. A9060.8 & Cr A1430.1

Plus. any addition as needed to put accounts in good standing.

Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:44 PM to consult with Counsel. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:19 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Semenza)

No action taken.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:19 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.
Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Semenza)

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter