

MINUTES OF REGUALR TOWN BOARD MEETING OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024, AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON
RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK

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

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

MINUTES

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve minutes of Organizational meeting 1/2/24 & Regular meeting 1/23/24. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

POLICE-Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

January 2024

Calls for service:	148
Arrests made:	3
Criminal charges levied:	6
Criminal complaints:	10
Non-criminal complaints:	80
Assists to other agencies:	47
Uniform traffic tickets:	62

Parking tickets: 0
 Accidents investigated: 15
 Report requests: 7 = \$70.00

AMBULANCE- Monthly report and 2023 yearly total of calls acknowledged. (no electronic copy provided)

Motion needed to authorize new hire Heather Hanzl (EMT/driver). The Town Board tabled until the Ambulance Administrator was present as she was out on a call.

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

Acknowledged receipt of member lists: Haines Falls, Hunter, Tannersville Fire/Rescue & Lanesville Fire companies.

NYS TAXATION & FINANCE Acknowledged receipt of 2024 Tentative Special Franchise Full Values

BUILDING/Code Enforcement - Monthly report acknowledged.

ATTN: Town Board									
Monthly Report									
Jan-24									
Permits	Total	Amount	Certificate of Compliance	2					
Building	2	\$670.00	Certificate of Occupancy	1					38 Mattice rd
STR	11	\$7,275.00	Inspections	15					
Demo	0		Violations	0					
Sign	0	\$0.00	Site Plan Permits	0					
Flood	0		Site Plan Approvals	4					
Muni Searches	4	\$300.00							
Total		\$8,245.00							
			Violation Letters Sent:	0					

Discussion on increasing building fees and R. Santiago states the letters to the Short-Term Rental owners is in the works.

Suggested fee changes as per discussion:

Comm .75 sf
Res .60 sf
SFD 2,000 sf \$1,200
Com 10,000 sf \$7,500
C of C \$125
C of O TBD
Renewal \$250
Minimum \$125

The current building permit fees are part of Town law, so the law needs to be amended with a Public Hearing.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION for the Deputy Supervisor to authorize the Town Attorney to look at the Building Permit Fee Law and draw up a draft revised law. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Town Clerk Note – No date or time set for a Public Hearing.

PLANNING -Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Planning Board

Monthly Report February 2024

The Town of Hunter Planning Board met on February 6, 2024.

Summary of activities:

Old Business

1 Public Hearing.

1 Site Plan and Sub Division Extension granted

1 Site Plans approved

2 Site Plans Reviewed

3 Site Plans tabled due to waiting on applicants to complete submission

New Business

None

Roundup

Public Hearing was held for Yeutushenko STR

Cortina Mountain Conditional Sub Division extended 90 days and Site Plan extended 1 year.

STR for Yeutushenko in Haines Falls approved

Catskill Mountain Cannabis Site Plan reviewed

Dutcher Hollow Event Space Site Plan reviewed

*The next meeting of the Town of Hunter Planning Board will be **Tuesday March 5, 2024,**
at 6:30PM*

JUSTICE COURT-Monthly report acknowledged.

TOWN OF HUNTER COURT

P.O. BOX 70

TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK 12485

518-589-5882 ext. 306

TO: Supervisor and Town of Hunter Town Board

FROM: Hon Kimberly A Prince Walsh

DATE: February 26th, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for January 2024

105 New cases for January 2024

0 Hunter P.D. Parking Tickets in January 2024

0 Forest Ranger Parking Tickets in January 2024

64 Closed cases in January 2024

For the Month of January 2024 total amount collected \$6,092.00

The court is now in session the 3rd and 4th Wednesday month for Hon.
Kimberly Prince Walsh.

Working on record retention.

(Every case file must be pulled & updated)

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Kimberly A Prince Walsh.

TOWN OF HUNTER COURT P.O. BOX 70 TANNERSVILLE, NY 12485 518-589-5882 EXT. 305

TO: Supervisor and Town of Hunter Town Board

FROM: Hon. MarySusan E. Timpson

DATE: February 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for January 2024

10 New Cases for January 2024

0 Hunter P.D. Parking Tickets in January 2024

0 Forest Ranger Parking Tickets in January 2024

47 Closed Cases in January 2024

For the Month of January 2024 total amount collected \$4,815.00

The court is now in session the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of the month for the Hon. MarySusan E. Timpson

(Every case file must be pulled & updates)

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. MarySusan E. Timpson MET/jpb

HIGHWAY

Acknowledged request from Superintendent of Highways for sealed bids for rental of excavator & operator to be rec'd 3/12/24 by 3pm.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize the Highway Superintendent to place an ad for sealed bids for rental of excavator & operator to be received by 3PM on 3/12/24, bids to be opened on that date at 6pm. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Mahoney)

Councilman Semenza offers RESOLUTION #1 to approve Resolution Amending Town of Highway Road Inventory 11 roads. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -4-

Noes -0-

Absent -1- (Mahoney)

RESOLUTION #1 of 2024 OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF Hunter

Resolution Amending Town Highway Inventory

Date: February 27, 2024

The Town Board (hereinafter “Town Board”) of the Town of Hunter (hereinafter “Town”), duly convened in regular session at Town Hall, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, New York State created and funded the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), and

WHEREAS, CHIPS provides State funds to municipalities to support the construction and repair of highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings, and other facilities that are not on the State highway system, and

WHEREAS, individual apportionments to municipalities for CHIPS are calculated annually according to a formula, several other factors are considered (municipality “funding levels” and historical percentages for counties, cities, towns and villages), but a major factor for a town in this allocation process is the local highway inventory (LHI) mileage, and

WHEREAS, the LHI is an inventory of town-maintained roads/highways, and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent has determined that the Town of Hunter’s LHI is not complete and needs to be amended to include the following eleven roads:

Name of Road	From	To	Approximate Length (in miles)
Bloomer Road	Platte Clove Road	Route 23A	1.1
Byrne Road	Platte Clove Road	Dead End	0.68
Camp Meadowbrook	Dead End	Hunter Village Line	0.30
Haines Road	Glen Park	End	0.40
Janssen Road	End	NY 214	0.28
Meadowbrook Drive	Jenson Road	Dead End	0.22
Mink Hollow Road	Dead End	End	1.60
Mountain Brook	Spring Street	Cul-de-sac	0.42
Notch Inn Road	NY 214	Dead End	0.25
Platte Clove Road	Bridge CR 16	Ulster County Line	1.7
Wase Road	Dale Lane	Dead End	0.45

And said roads are under the jurisdiction of the Town, and the Town hereby accepts full legal responsibility and maintenance for said roads, and that they are unrestricted and open to the public 24/7/365; and therefore

IT IS RESOLVED THAT; the Town hereby amends its LHI to include the above listed roads and their correct lengths; and be it further

RESOLVED THAT, the Highway Superintendent is authorized to take such action necessary to amend such LHI, including but not limited to notifying Greene County and New York State; and their respective applicable departments; and be it further

RESOLVED THAT, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2024 at the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hunter.

Motioned by: Councilman Dolph Semenza

Seconded by: Councilman David Kukle **All in Favor:** **All Opposed:**

Sean Mahoney, Supervisor	Absent	_____
David Kukle, Councilman	Aye	_____
Raymond Legg, Councilman	Aye	_____
Ernest Reale, Councilman	Aye	_____
Dolph Semenza, Councilman	Aye	_____

Acknowledged dash cameras installed on 12 vehicles. Discussion on storage needed and the downloading of video every other day.

Attorney Kovacs states the Town needs an archival policy for dash camera video retention, he suggests a two-year retention.

To be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

Update: new plow truck. R. Blain states if ordered through Peterbilt the truck could be delivered by July of this year, all other vendors cannot deliver until next year. He adds this would be purchased through Sourcepro which is like a state contract.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – no speakers

GRANTS

Elaine Warfield, author of The Fenwick Lumber Company in the Northern Catskills, Edgewood – Almost Forgotten 1906-1917, states she has contacted NYS to have a historical marker placed along Rte. 214 where this lumber company was originally located near Myrtle Brook in a state

right of way. She would complete all the necessary paperwork for the grant with the Pomeroy Foundation who would pay for the signage if the grant were approved. She adds she needs sponsorship from the Town of Hunter to proceed with the grant which she is still researching. Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to sponsor Pomeroy Foundation grant application. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize signature on letter of commitment form for CREATE Council of the Arts. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

CONTRACTS

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize signature on Mt. Top Golden Agers 2024. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize signature on Catskill Fish & Game 2024. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

NYS DEC

Acknowledged receipt of Emergency Action Plan for South Lake Dam, Haines Falls

GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged receipt of Resolution # 9-24 SEQRA Dec & approve recommendation land into Ag District # 124, Resolution # 20-24 Authorizing Municipalities to participate in County Highway purchases, Resolution 44-24 Authorizing obtaining and furnishing of election related services and materials.

TOWN HALL

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize eliminating ability to make international calls. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

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

Town Bord will revisit if it becomes a problem and staff find they need to make international calls.

RESIGNATIONS

Acknowledged received from Catherine Ann Wrynn: highway dept.

Acknowledged received from Venessa Richards: as Administrator & FT EMT, remaining at part time EMT.

FINANCE OFFICER

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize investment of \$120,000 of Good Neighbor Funds into NY Class. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

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

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize \$6,000.00 transfer from General MMKT savings to General checking acct. code B8020.44 to cover grant writer expenses. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -4- Noes -0- Absent -1- (Mahoney)
Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to increase Highway investment to NY Class by \$250,000 to \$500,000 and to increase General by \$250,000 to \$750,000. Seconded by Councilman Kukulie.

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

CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION

Acknowledged receipt of Resolution #'s 5149 – 5166 5171 – 5172
Acknowledged ballot sent 2/14/24 for Board of Directors Election (Thomas Hoyt) postmarked by 3/18/24.
Acknowledged receipt of annual meeting notice on 4/2/24 at 1:00 pm

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged receipt of notice of 53-mile Manitu's Revenge Ultramarathon trail race on 6/22 - 23/2024

TRANSFERS/BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize all the attached # 1-38 to put accounts in good standing.

Seconded by Councilman Legg.

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

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

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

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter