

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

Present: Sean Mahoney (arriv. 7:05pm) Supervisor
David Kukle Councilman
Raymond Legg Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza Councilman

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian Secretary to the Supervisor
Sgt. Robert Haines Hunter Police Department
Ariel Woolheater Ambulance Administrator
Robert Blain Superintendent of Highways
Jason Kovacs, Esq. Town Attorney
Rose Santiago Code Enforcement Officer
Plus, all names on attached listing.

Councilman 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 regular meeting 6/25/24, workshop 7/9 and Special meeting 7/16/24. Seconded by Councilman Reale

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

POLICE-Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

June 2024
Calls for service: 111
Arrests made: 5
Criminal charges levied: 7
Criminal complaints: 12
Non-criminal complaints: 59
Assists to other agencies: 35
Uniform traffic tickets: 52
Parking tickets: 55
Accidents investigated: 2
Report requests: 0

Discussion about decreasing the size of the impound lot and trash on the mountain road.

Vehicle Bids – Sgt. Haines has received state contract pricing for three Durangos \$42,300, \$41,000 and \$40,464. Also pricing for a Tahoe \$62,040.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve the purchase of a new 2023 leftover Durango from Robert Green at a price not to exceed \$41,000. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Bodycams – Sgt. Haines has received three quotes adding that there are only two vendors for this item.

Amazon \$135(Sgt. Haines states they are not compatible with their current equipment)

Axon \$5308.87 per year for a five-year contract. Cloud storage included and compatible with current tasers.

ProVision \$600 per camera (total cost \$35,094), does not include storage fees which would be utilized through the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Haines was informed that compartmentalizing Hunter PD data from Greene County data would be difficult or impossible.

Supervisor Mahoney states the Hunter PD received a grant to help cover these costs. Town Attorney to review all contracts.

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to go with Axon for a five-year contract for four body cameras not to exceed \$27,000. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

AMBULANCE- Monthly report acknowledged.

HUNTER AREA AMBULANCE

PO Box 70 / 5742 Rt. 23A Tannersville, NY 12485

518-589-4045

BOARD MEETING REPORT

47 Calls in June 2024

Hunter Mountain –	Tannersville -13	Catskill- 3
Haines Falls-9	Hunter –10	Windham -
Elka Park –1	Lanesville-3	Ashland -
Dr. Schneider’s –	Coxsackie-	EMS Coverage-9
CMH –2	CPR Death: No Transport-1	Kingston –13
Albany Med-3	Unattended-	St Peters -2
VA –	No Patient Found-2	Canceled -4
RMA –10	Public Assist-2	Stand By –11

Helicopter –	N. Dutchess-	ALS- 19
Ariel-13	Brianna-7	Dave-1
Barb-5	Stacy-3	
Tom-8	Nick-4	
Erika-17	Chuck-5	
Jim-16	Venessa-	
Missy-14	Chris-4	

Mileage 84-1:

Mileage 84-2:

ASSESSOR - Monthly report acknowledged.

MEMO TO: Supervisor and Town Board

FROM: The Assessor's Office

SUBJECT: Monthly Report July

DATE: 7/23/2024

- There were 22 Parcel Transfers this month. 11 were Arm's length (ALS), Sales listed below.
- 0 Parcels Combinations.
- 0 Subdivisions.
- 0 Lot Line Adjustments.
- 0 Grid Changes.
- 0 Parcel Revisions.
- The Final Assessment Roll was filed on July 1, 2024.
- Preparation for the 2025 Assessment Roll started July 10, 2024.
- Update photos are being taken at this time.
- Information for the new STAR requirements is available in my office.

1. 167.17-2-8 ALS
2. 164.64-5-8 ALS
3. 164.72-1-7
4. 181.16-2-3
5. 164.09-6-14
6. 182.07-4-5
7. 166.00-3-27 ALS
8. 206.00-4-5 ALS
9. 166.00-3-27 ALS
10. 206.00-4-3 ALS
11. 182.00-3-30
12. 216.01-5-2
13. 164.05-7-22
14. 164.11-1-4 ALS
15. 164.11-1-4 ALS
16. 164.05-7-10 ALS
17. 164.14-1-8.321
18. 164.06-1-30
19. 163.08-1-16.2 ALS
20. 148.18-1-9.1 ALS
21. 148.18-2-26
- 181.12-5-37

NYS Taxation/Finance acknowledged receipt of letter re: data collection for 2025.

GRIEVANCE BOARD

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to re-appoint John Ferguson to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of 10/1/2024-9/30/2029. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

BUILDING/Code Enforcement- Monthly report acknowledged.

Monthly Report		June	2024						
Permits	Total	Amount	Renewals	2				Cos	
Building	9	\$2,434.85						3	
STR	4	\$1,750.00	Inspections	8					
			STR	5					

			Unsafe Building Letter sent	1					
Demo	0	\$0.00	Violations	1				Property Maintenance	
Sign	2	\$50.00	Site Plan Permits		1				
Flood	0								
Muni Searches	2	\$150							
Total		\$4,384.85							
	Solar	1							
	SFD	1							
	Renewals	1							

J. Kovacs sent R. Santiago a draft letter for STR violations, he is researching if fines can be imposed for failure to obtain a building permit and if unpaid fines can be relieved on the property tax bill. R. Santiago would like to get the STR violation letters out certified return receipt by 8/1/24. She adds that each week a fine for non-compliance would be added.

J. Kovacs states fines are set by the court.

Acknowledged receipt of Wastewater Treatment review comments from SLR for Ramble On Inn.

GREENE COUNTY acknowledged receipt of memo/resolution re: costs for demo of unsafe buildings. Discussion – Zaharatos property, Supervisor Mahoney to reach out to Sean Grodin at the county to see what the next steps are for removal of unsafe building.

PLANNING- July meeting was cancelled.

JUSTICE COURT – Monthly reports 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: July 22nd, 2024
SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 2024
98 New cases for June 2024
58 Hunter P.D. Parking Tickets in June 2024 (between both judges)
10 Forest Ranger Parking Tickets in June 2024 (between both judges)
48 Closed cases in June 2024

For the Month of June 2024 total amount collected \$5,260.00

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: July 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for June 2024

52 New Cases for June 2024

58 Hunter P.D. Parking Tickets in June 2024

4 Forest Ranger Parking Tickets in June 2024

24 Closed Cases in June 2024

For the Month of June 2024 total amount collected \$3,150.00

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 - Some roads being prepped for oil and stone. R. Blain states he has bid notice prepared for the newspaper for paving Town Hall parking lots.

TOWN HALL PAVING

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to accept sealed bids for paving at the Town Hall building (side and front). Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Discussion on digging prior to paving to lay conduits, digging a shallow trench across the parking lot. Councilman Legg to get the map and go over with R. Blain.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR- No speakers

NOISE ORDINANCE (John Aizstrauts presenting)

J. Aizstrauts states over the 4th of July holiday weekend a local venue near his home was rented out. The renters brought in sound equipment and were unacceptably and obnoxiously loud, the windows in his home were shaking. He has since reviewed many area town's Noise Ordinances

including the Town of Hunter's. He submits a letter with his concerns and suggestions. **see attachment. He would like to see the time moved up as people who have to go to work go to bed earlier. He feels the excessive noise in the town is making this area become less desirable and references the Town of Hunter's Comprehensive Plan, which discusses the ruralness and aesthetic nature of our area and feels these should be safeguarded. He feels in a residential area a noise ordinance should be in effect 24/7 and would like to see more teeth in the town's noise ordinance. He adds that the noise diminishes his quality of life.

Discussion on difficulties with enforcement of a noise ordinance.

Supervisor Mahoney states we must be cognizant of the nature of doing business to allow business owners to make noise outside of the noise ordinance hours. He adds the Town Board will review sample laws and will discuss them at a workshop meeting in the near future.

RESIGNATIONS

Acknowledged received from Andrew Poladian- Police Officer, effective 6/24/24.

Acknowledged received from Richard J. Ryan Police Officer, effective 7/12/23.

Acknowledged received from Joseph Murray Police Officer, effective 7/15/24.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS-Acknowledged receipt of 2024 1ST Quarter Franchise fees \$12,156.65

ARPA FUNDS/GREENE COUNTY

Acknowledged letters to/fm Sean Groden re: Financial Assistance for Youth and Veterans Programs/Kaaterskill Rail Trail

NYC DEP - Acknowledged Town of Hunter comments sent 7/16/24: Land Acquisition project #9831.

H. D. LANE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve Marquis Williams for active membership. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

TOWN HALL

Discussion on placing an ad to hire staff for future retirements.

NYMIR - Acknowledged fully executed agreement & Certificate of Insurance w/HF Fire District to park truck in dry storage garage.

CORRESPONDENCE

Acknowledged received Thank you letter & request for funds in 2025 from Mt. Top Historical Society

Acknowledged receipt of guide to solar facility development for local governments in the Catskills

Acknowledged received Town of Saugerties zoning law pertaining to lodging and events.

V of Tann. COLD SPRING-HCR notice of intent to request release of funds.

TRANSFERS – Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION effective May 2024

1)Gen'l Jrl entry to transfer \$652.66 from A1410.2 to A1410.4 to show town clerk equipment expenses accurately

2)Budget Jrl entry to transfer \$750.00 from A1355.42 to A1355.11 to adjust coding for grievance board members expenses

3)Budget Jrl entry to transf \$203.95 fm A6989.4 to A7550.4 to cover Memorial Day celebration expenses

Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:46 PM to discuss personnel. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 9:48 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

No action taken.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:48 PM. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter