

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024, AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Sean Mahoney David Kukle Raymond Legg Ernest Reale Dolph Semenza	Supervisor Councilman Councilman Councilman Councilman
Others Present	Marc Czermerys Ariel Woolheater Rose Santiago Susan Graham Robert Blain Sgt. Robert Haines Plus, all names on attached listing.	Planning Board Chairperson Ambulance Administrator Code Enforcement Officer Office Assistant Superintendent of Highways Hunter Police Department
Absent:	Corina Pascucci Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Town Clerk Secretary to the Supervisor

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIT – The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment.
General Fund (TW) Voucher #281 through #329 in the amount of \$19,974.14
General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1031 through #1033 in the amount of \$411.69
Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #135 through #155 in the amount of \$15,302.82
Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1070 through #1074 in the amount of \$3,872.96
Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #59 through #72 in the amount of \$23,837.69

GREENE COUNTY/ARPA

Councilman Kukle offers RESOLUTION #4 to use GC ARPA funds for Capital projects that benefits youth and Veterans. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Resolution #4 of 2024 of the

Town of Hunter

Accepting Greene County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the capital projects that benefit youth and Veterans.

WHEREAS; The Town of Hunter received a memo from the Greene County Administrator on May 10, 2024 offering County ARPA funds to local municipalities that focus on youth sports and recreation or Veterans benefits; and

WHEREAS; The Town of Hunter is working on a multi-use trail plan designed to connect Kaaterskill Falls with Hunter Mountain in the Village of Hunter; and

WHEREAS; The Town of Hunter submitted a proposal for \$25,000 to assist with 1) resurfacing the Kaaterskill Rail Trail (KRT, phase 1) for sections that have become muddy and inaccessible during rain events; 2) improving drainage along low sections of the KRT; and 3) constructing footbridges and purchasing additional surface material for the KRT 3 extension, which will connect Haines Falls to Tannersville; and

WHEREAS; The Town will provide documentation to the county upon completion showing funds were used solely for this purpose; and

WHEREAS; The Town of Hunter looks forward to working with Greene County to develop and maintain these trails, ensuring that the KRT trail has a firm, solid walking surface making it more enjoyable for youth, Veterans and the visiting public.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that:

Sean Mahoney, Supervisor of the Town of Hunter, is authorized to work in cooperation with the Greene County Financial Assistance project to upgrade sections of the Hunter Regional Trail system including the Kaaterskill Rail Trail phase 1 resurfacing and the KRT 3 section trail development which will enhance outdoor recreation throughout the Town.

Resolution offered by Councilman David Kukle Seconded by Councilman Dolph Semenza

In Favor -4- Opposed -0- Abstained -0- Passed

Deadline for town ARPA funds 12/31/24 -plan for usage must be submitted if funds are not expended. Discussion on cell signal in Lanesville. S. Graham gathering further information.

SHORT TERM RENTALS

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize the Supervisor to sign a renewal agreement with Granicus pending Town Attorney review. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Town was given 100% credit from Granicus for 2024, and the hotline number is now live. The letter module is not up and running and Granicus is unable to send letters certified return receipt. The letters for non-compliant STRs were produced in house and mailed certified return receipt. The Town will not be paying for any services until Granicus is providing 100% of the services.

R. Santiago asks the Town Board if it is possible to charge non-compliant parcels that have been rented without a permit for the past year the back fee from the previous year. The Town Attorney had previously replied that the town can but doesn't need to amend the local for that, a resolution amending the fees for an STR permit to raise the fees for those who have been renting for one year plus after the adoption of the town's str law but without applying for a permit would suffice.

R. Santiago adds Granicus has the data to document these STRs were renting for that year, she would like the fee to be a flat rate. Discussion on flat rate or charging the original fee they would have paid had they registered in a timely manner.

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION amending fees for STR permit to raise those renting (w/out a permit) for 1+yr after adoption of law (doubling the annual rate based on occupancy). Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

HIGHWAY Discussion on capital projects.

Supervisor Mahoney states the highway garage is the highest priority. Discussion on shearing off the roof of the Quonset hut and framing a new peaked roof, also potentially adding more bays which would include space where offices are currently located. The police department would move into the ambulance building which would be retrofitted and then only administrative staff would have to move to a new building. The board feels this is the most cost-effective plan based on preliminary discussions and this would be a multi-year plan. Councilman Legg states this building contains sixty years of addons, feels maybe an entirely new building would be needed. The board has discussed carving out a footprint for a joint fire station on town property.

LANDFILL

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize Rennia Engineering to increase frequency of lab testing as per their recommendation. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

VILLAGE OF TANNERSVILLE: Dissolution meeting #2 August 20th at 6pm (Zoom available), preregistration is required.

FEATURE FILM

Acknowledged receipt of schedule of dates/locations in the village and town September 7, 17,18,19. Supervisor Mahoney asks department heads present if any permits are required from the town and states there will be possible road closures, one may be Rte. 23A in the Village of Tannersville on Labor Day weekend to film a parade scene. Councilman Semenza points out that when filming takes place in the Village of Saugerties the roads are shut down which cuts off businesses and they bring in their own food trucks.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Robert Janiszewski states the area has lost their pharmacy which causes a serious problem with the absence of public transportation and fixed income seniors. He feels the town needs to have a pharmacy and asks the Town Board how to do that. He suggests TOPS hosting a pharmacy within their store as they do at some of their other locations. Councilman Semenza states that during past discussions they have shown no interest in adding a pharmacy to their Tannersville location. He adds this was years ago and possibly many corporations ago.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:30 PM to discuss the employment of a particular individual. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 PM with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

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