



# Town of Hurley

## TOWN BOARD MEETING

Town Hall

10 Wamsley Place

February 27, 2024

**Minutes - DRAFT**

**Presiding:** Supervisor Michael Boms

**Attending:** Councilmembers Diana Cline, Debra Dougherty, Tim Kelly

**Also present:** Deputy Supervisor John Perry, Town Clerk Tracy Kellogg, Town Attorney Matt Jankowski

**Absent:** Councilman Gregory Simpson

### **Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Supervisor Boms**

Supervisor Boms says financial report for January 2024 and minutes from last two Town Board meetings (Jan. 23, 2024, and Feb. 13, 2024) are delayed; says January and February financial will be presented at a Town Board meeting in March 2024.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Phil Sinagra Sr.** – Wants crews to tend to messy lawns and add charges to property owners' taxes; opposes making Schoolhouse Lane a one-way street; suggests Stop sign at Schoolhouse Lane and Russell Road.

**Kathy Donlon** – Asks board to make solving water and drainage problem a priority.

**Julian Shapiro** – Expresses concerns about safety of pedestrians, including youngsters waiting for school buses, on Zandhoek Road.

**Peter Humphries** – Favors free Transfer Station permits for Town committee volunteers but says program should start until 2025; expressed concern regarding staff; notes that Town Recreation Committee hasn't "always been" going on, as stated in resolution.

**Meg Carey** – Speaks in favor of Zero Waste initiative.

**CLIMATE SMART/ELECTRIFICATION PRESENTATION.** Kristen Schara made a presentation and discussed funding sources prior to introducing Tom Konrad, who provided a presentation on alternative heat sources and available funding/Central Hudson grants. Additional information and opportunity to schedule a consult is available at [NYCleanpower.org](https://NYCleanpower.org). Community Solar is available as well. (Video of presentation posted at [tinyurl.com/heat-present](https://tinyurl.com/heat-present).)

## REPORTS

**Highway Superintendent Mike Shultis** – Says department is transitioning to construction season, salt shed needs to be refurbished, trees will be trimmed on roads to be paved, unhappy with new shipment of blacktop, favors blacktop plant proposed for Route 28, hoping for spring weather early, has given preliminary contract for new Highway Garage to Town Board (wants new garage to last at least 50 years), says Town Planner Bonnie Franson is on board with garage plan, hopes to have 284 Agreement for Town Board at next meeting.

**Joan Paccione, Chairperson, Conservation Advisory Council** – Received a grant for \$36,000 from the DEC and Hudson River Estuary program to help with the creation of a Natural Inventory part of this will be developed thru a survey which will be included on the Town website and postcard mailing by end of 2024.

## RESOLUTIONS (text of each posted at [tinyurl.com/022724-reslist](https://tinyurl.com/022724-reslist))

- #\_\_\_Appoint Samantha Mort as Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Appoint Liston Freeman to Zoning Board of Appeals through Dec. 31, 2027 – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Authorize Highway Superintendent to list vehicle with Auctions International – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Authorize Supervisor to sign contract with Crawford & Associated – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Authorize Supervisor to sign contract with UHY for in-house audit – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Approve formation of Safety Committee – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Approve Transfer Station free passes for committee volunteers – **TABLED**
- #\_\_\_Accept resignations of Deputy Clerks Wendy Trojack as of Feb. 27, 2024, and Doreen Meyer as of March 8, 2024 – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Appoint Wendy Trojack as Senior Account Clerk – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Re-establish Recreation Committee – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Authorize Supervisor to open new General Fund check and savings accounts with Bank of Greene County – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)
- #\_\_\_Authorize the supervisor to open a NYCLASS checking account – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)

## NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Boms says the Town Board meetings on the second Tuesdays of October and November will be in the Town Hall instead of the West Hurley Firehouse.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Anne Kelly** – Asks Town Board to send letter to Pine Street residents about lead contamination of water.

**Peter McKnight** – Urges caution on siting of new Highway Garage.

**Pete Humphries** – Asks for specifics about proposed location of new Highway Garage.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Re litigation and disciplinary matter(s)

#### **RESOLUTION (see text below)**

- #\_\_\_ Authorizing a settlement of outstanding Escrow funds with Southern Development and Realty LLC for \$5000.00 dollars – Approved 4-0 (one member absent)

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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