

pay for the mower out of unexpended balance, Scott brought this up and Scott is of the mind lets pay cash when we can, so we will pay when we can, the bond is for \$265,000.00, the truck will be less than that, so what ever the amount is the bond will less. On the Board of Assessment Review we have only had one person who express interest and we will make and appointment there very soon.

Councilman Gutekunst state James Carney from Highland Lake, he is moving up full time and has changed his residency and has expressed interest.

Supervisor Boyar states the C.O.E. has sited a home on Seitz Road and I would like the Board to look at before we get the whole formal procedure going. I am going to try and get in touch with the property owner. I did go look at the property, the garage shed and the our building are dilapidated, the house is empty of its contents, it is boarded up I don't think there is an immediate threat but we don't want it to go much longer.

R37. MOTION BY Councilperson Scully to request the "OF Council" assistance of Helen Slottje Esq. and David Slottje Esq. in the review and formulation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan, and any Zoning modification pertinent thereto, seconded by Councilperson James Gutekunst.

R38. MOTION BY Councilperson Hallock to support for Eagle Scout project at site of New Highland Fire Department as proposed by Peter Vorstadt of Boy Scout Troop 102 in Glen Spey seconded by Councilperson Scully discussion motion carried all ayes.

R39. MOTION BY Councilperson Gutekunst for support for local control, Natural Gas Exploration and Extraction (as per Association of Towns)

Whereas , the Town of Highland, Sullivan County NY is responsible for providing services to their residents to promote the health, safety and welfare of the community, including the regulation of land use: and

Whereas, by delegating land use authority to local governments , the State Legislature has recognized that local governments are in the best position to respond to the needs of residents who are uniquely affected by projects that impact their community an quality of life; and

Whereas , the exploration, drilling and extraction of natural gas and oil can have significant impacts on local communities and raise numerous concerns about surrounding land uses and the overall quality of life within the community; and

Whereas, the scope of local land use authority under Article 23 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), which regulates the testing, exploration, drilling and extraction of natural gas and oil, has been called into question; and

Whereas, other states , including Texas and California, have expressly preserved local zoning and land use authority over the sighting of natural gas and oil testing, exploration, drilling and extraction; and

Whereas, the importance of retaining local land use authority in this area is affirmed by the express preservation local zoning and land use over the sighting of mines and mineral extraction;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Town of Highland calls upon Governor the members of the State Legislature and the Department of Environmental Conservation to amend the Environmental Conservation Law to expressly preserve local and use authority and promote police power objectives relating to the safety and welfare of its citizens, encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the municipality, conserving the value of property, minimizing overcrowding an traffic congestion, an providing adequate open spaces.