

Village of Hoosick Falls

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, January 11th at 6PM

IN PERSON LOCATION: VILLAGE HIGHWAY GARAGE

7 WATERWORKS ROAD – HOOSICK FALLS NY 12090

...ALSO VIEWABLE VIA THE ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Roll Call & Public Hearing

- ▶ **Roll Call** by Village Clerk Marie O'Neil

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Announcements

- ▶ A state program provides financial assistance for low income homeowners having trouble paying water and sewer bills due to the economic impact of the pandemic. This is made possible through the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.
- ▶ Upcoming Village Election Reminders: Petitions for the upcoming election need to be in by Thursday, February 3rd at 3:30PM. Open seats include three 2-year Trustee seats open, a single 1 year Trustee seat, and a 4 year Village Justice position.

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Appointments

- ▶ Newly Appointed Officer In Charge: Paul Aleksonis
 - ▶ Beginning at 6PM on Tuesday, January 11th, Mayor Rob Allen will be appointing Officer Paul Aleksonis as the “Officer In Charge” (OIC) for the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Department. Officer Aleksonis has been with the Police Department since 1995, has been OIC many times when the Chief has been on vacation, and is in a position to work several shifts per week.
 - ▶ Officer Bernie Davock, who was appointed Officer in Charge on December 16th, 2021, will be 2nd in the command structure. Officer Davock did a tremendous job stepping in during the time of transition, and we are extremely grateful for his dedication and willingness to take on the responsibilities of OIC.
 - ▶ These appointments will remain in place during the suspension of Chief Ashe.

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Mayor Updates – 1

- ▶ **Copy Machine Issues in the Office:** Our copy machine situation at the Village Office is dire. Our main copy machine went down a month ago, and was unfixable. Our backup machine that the Mayor obtained for free a couple of months ago is barely holding on – it can scan, but there are toner issues, requiring the office to shake the toner to make it work. Our smaller Sharp copier still works, but the scanner on the glass makes uneven scans/copies. On the agenda are some purchase/lease options for a new copy machine; we are hoping to move on this tonight.
- ▶ **Hoosic River Greenway North Trailhead:** The landscaping work was previously advertised, but no bids were received. B&L has put forth a revised and simpler bid package, and is looking to get permission to put this out for bid again on January 12th, with bids due on February 1st so that the bids can be reviewed at the February 8th meeting.

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Mayor Updates – 2

► Woods Brook Buyout Program

Update: Demolition has been completed on 115 Main Street and 7 Hall Street. 3 Hall Street is in process – it's on the ground and we received the waiver from the Department of Labor to continue as a controlled demolition. 100-108 Church Street is down; backfilling is in progress. In the future (and weather dependent), demolition will commence on 5 Hall Street and 27 Elm Street.



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Mayor Updates – 3

- ▶ **Internet/Phone Service at the Water Treatment Plant:** On the agenda we are asking for authorization to sign a modified agreement for internet and phone. This agreement simply adds a phone service and a static IP address to the original plan, and would allow us to schedule the installation with Spectrum.
- ▶ **Carbon Change-out of the GAC Filter scheduled to begin January 18th.**

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People To Be Heard

- ▶ When called upon, begin with your full name and street address
- ▶ Share or speak to what you would like to discuss
- ▶ The Mayor will see how many are here in person and virtually first, and then set a time limit to speak.

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Reports

- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ Police Report
- ▶ Code Enforcement
- ▶ Clerk/Deputy Clerk
- ▶ Highway/DPW
- ▶ Sewer
- ▶ Water

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Reports - 2

▶ Minutes

▶ December 14th Regular Meeting

- ▶ There are no minutes yet for the December 16th and December 30th special meeting – apologies from the Mayor, who didn't get them out in time.

▶ Trustee/Committee Reports

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Old Business

▶ *Transfer Station*

- ▶ **Discussion** regarding price changes for household garbage and adding costs for recycling.

▶ Dog Park – Rules & Regulations

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New Business - #1

- ▶ DISCUSSION regarding ARPA Funds
 - ▶ REVIEW of Quotes for a new Photocopy Machine for the Village Office

- ▶ *NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program*
 - ▶ **MOTION** to authorize submission of the vendor agreement.

- ▶ *Hoosic River Greenway North Trailhead Grant*
 - ▶ **MOTION** to advertise for bids with revised bid package.

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New Business – #2

- ▶ *Spectrum Internet Installation at 13 Waterworks Road*
 - ▶ **MOTION** authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement with Spectrum Internet for internet, phone, and a static IP address at 13 Waterworks Road.

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** delegating to the Village Treasurer the power to authorize the sale and issuance of not to exceed \$163,384 revenue anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of revenue from water bills.

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Executive Session

- ▶ **Anything else from the Board of Trustees?**
- ▶ **MOTION** to enter Executive Session to receive advice from counsel, and to discuss a personnel matter (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session).
- ▶ **Motion to Adjourn.**

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is currently paused while the Board meets in
Executive Session

WE WILL LEAVE THIS MEETING OPEN DURING EXECUTIVE
SESSION, AND WILL RETURN HERE AFTERWARDS