

Village of Hoosick Falls

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, 6PM

IN PERSON LOCATION: VILLAGE HIGHWAY GARAGE

7 WATERWORKS ROAD – HOOSICK FALLS NY 12090

MEETING MAP

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**MOMENT OF
SILENCE:** Please join
us for a moment of
silence as we think
about those who have
gone before us

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Roll Call & Public Hearings

- ▶ **Roll Call** by Deputy Clerk Judy VanDerKar
- ▶ **Public Hearing regarding INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW No. 5 of 2022**, a Local Law authorizing the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor dining and for sidewalk sales displays.
 - ▶ People to be heard.

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Announcements – 1 of 3

- ▶ **Zoning & Planning Board** - We are still looking for one more person for each Board.
- ▶ **Toys For Joy 2022** – The Toys for Joy 2022 drive served over 60 families in the community! The Village Board would like to deeply thank Marie O’Neil for taking the lead, and Mary Jo Charron for assisting in a variety of ways. Marie would like to thank everyone who donated from near and far, and also Carissa Castiglione and Guissepe’s who put boxes out at their restaurant, took cash donations, and were able to purchase bikes for a few families.

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Announcements – 2 of 3

▶ Village Election Information:

- ▶ **The Village Elections** will be on Tuesday, March 21st 2023 from noon to 9PM at the Ann Bornt Municipal Building.
- ▶ The following seats are up:
 - ▶ 2 Trustee Seats (2 year term)
 - ▶ 1 Trustee Seat (1 year term)
 - ▶ 1 Mayor Seat (2 year term)
- ▶ January 3rd was the first date individuals could start gathering signatures. The earliest the petitions can be filed is February 7th, and the last day they can be filed is February 14th at 3:30PM. Petitions are filed with the Village Clerk at the Municipal Building.

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Announcements – 3 of 3

- ▶ **Special Meeting Announcement:** We will have a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 24th 2023 at 6PM at the New Highway Garage.
- ▶ **Request from the St. Patrick's Day Committee** to use the Village/Wood Park on Saturday, March 11th for the Parade (to step off at 1PM), as well as a request for the annual donation.

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Thank You

- ▶ I wanted to take this moment on behalf of my family and the family of Alan Hart to offer our thanks for the condolences and flowers upon learning of the sudden passing of my wife's mother, Dianne Hart. The flowers were beautiful and on display over her casket at the wake and again during the funeral mass. I deeply appreciate everyone who reached out to us.

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Mayor Updates – 1

1. DPW Superintendent update:

- ▶ With current DPW Superintendent Niel Stowell set to retire on January 26th, the appointment of a new DPW Superintendent now falls on the Board.
- ▶ After internal discussions and discussions with our candidate, we are pleased to announce our intention to appoint Ken Holbrook, current Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, as our new DPW Superintendent.
- ▶ He will serve as DPW Superintendent and continue to oversee the Wastewater Treatment Plant, while the Village Board begins looking to hire and train a future Wastewater Treatment Plant employee.

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Mayor Updates – 2

▶ 2. Police Contract Negotiations

- ▶ After several discussions, the UPSEU and Village are in agreement with negotiations for the UPSEU contract. The previous contract ran from June of 2019 to May of 2022. The current contract negotiations, already ratified by the members of the UPSEU, will be retroactive to June of 2022. The Village Board will consider this tonight, with the full support of myself and the Deputy Mayor.

▶ 3. Village Attorney Search Update

- ▶ The Village Board has begun the interview process to replace Village Attorney Andrew Gilchrist (who has graciously agreed to stay on until a replacement is found and assist in the transition). Our final interviews will be conducted later this week, and the Village Board will make the appointment official in a future special meeting in January.

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Mayor Updates – 3

▶ 4. New Water Source/Record of Decision Update

- ▶ The Village is in the process of finalizing an agreement with Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics and Honeywell International for the design and creation of the new water source.
- ▶ The Village, its environmental engineer, and our Water, Sewer, and DPW departments had a successful first meeting with members and engineers from Honeywell and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics to support the planning and design initiatives for the ROD.

▶ 5. Landfill Leachate Update: Attorney Engel will also give a brief update on the Landfill Leachate and the repairs the Village needs to undertake.

- ▶ Environmental Attorney David Engel will give a more detailed update to the Board and public.

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Mayor Updates – 4

- ▶ **6. Bond Resolution/FMBF:** The Village agreed to a settlement regarding our disputed bills with the Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth law firm related to PFOA matters up until April of 2017. The Village is looking to move forward on a Bond Resolution to finance the settlement amount.
- ▶ **7. Restore NY Grant:** The Village continues to work with Jasen VonGuinness and Rensselaer County on the grant opportunity to bring 1 Center Street back into a viable building. After a successful public hearing, the Rensselaer County Legislature is set to complete the foreclosure process and sign over the ownership of the property to Jasen on the evening of 1/10. A resolution below states the Village's support of this process and authorizes the Mayor to execute the Grant Application when it is complete. The deadline for this is Friday, January 27th at 3PM.

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Mayor Updates – 5

▶ 8. Special Meeting:

- ▶ We will have a special meeting on **January 24th at 6PM** at the New Highway Garage. At this meeting, we plan to say goodbye to current Village Attorney Andrew Gilchrist, officially hire our new Village Attorney, and to bid a fond farewell to DPW Superintendent Niel Stowell and celebrate his 35+ years of experience working for the Village of Hoosick Falls as he heads off into retirement.

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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 then set a time limit to speak.

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Reports & Minutes

- ▶ Police Report
- ▶ Code Enforcement
- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ Clerk/Deputy Clerk
- ▶ Highway/DPW
- ▶ Sewer
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Minutes
 - ▶ December 13th Regular Meeting
 - ▶ December 28th Special Meeting
 - ▶ January 3rd Special Meeting (Public Hearing on Restore NY Grant)
 - ▶ January 4th Special Meeting (Executive Session/Attorney Interview)
- ▶ MOTION to Close the Public Hearing
- ▶ Trustee/Committee Reports

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Old Business

- ▶ *ARPA Funds*
 - ▶ Discussion as needed by the Board.
- ▶ **DISCUSSION** regarding the speed limit within the Village.
- ▶ **DISCUSSION** regarding the possibility of a carrier for water and/or sewer samples.
- ▶ **DISCUSSION** regarding parking study and towing

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New Business - #1

▶ *2024 Village Elections*

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** setting the polling place for the 2023 Village Election to be the Village Municipal Building, 24 Main Street, between the hours of noon and 9PM.

▶ Retirement of DPW Superintendent/Appointment of New DPW Superintendent

- ▶ **MOTION** to accept the resignation/retirement of DPW Superintendent Niel Stowell, effective at the end of the work day January 26th
- ▶ **RESOLUTION** authorizing payment of accumulated and unused vacation time
- ▶ **MOTION** appointing Ken Holbrook as the DPW Superintendent, effective the end of work day January 26th.

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New Business - #2

▶ *Contract Negotiations with the UPSEU*

- ▶ *(if needed/requested)* **MOTION** to enter executive session to discuss pending contract negotiations
- ▶ *(if needed/requested)* **MOTION** to exit executive session
- ▶ **RESOLUTION** approving collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Hoosick Falls and the Police Officers' Union UPSEU

▶ *Introductory Local Law No. 5*

- ▶ *(should the Board choose to do so)* **MOTION** to adopt Introductory Local Law No. 5 of 2022 as Local Law No. 1 of 2023 entitled "A Local Law authorizing the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor dining and for sidewalk sales displays."

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New Business – #3

▶ *Landfill Leachate*

- ▶ **MOTION** to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with LaBella for repair work to be done to the Landfill Leachate's Force Main, totaling an estimated \$3,836.

▶ *Bond Resolution/FMBF*

- ▶ **Review** of Bond Resolution process, structure and timing from Mayor Allen and Attorney Gilchrist
- ▶ **RESOLUTION** authorizing the issuance of up to \$450,000 bonds of the Village of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, New York, to pay the cost of a settled claim with Fitzgerald Morris Baker Firth PC, due and payable in the current fiscal year of said Village.

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New Business – #4

▶ *Intersection of Railroad Avenue and Elm Street*

- ▶ **Discussion** regarding safety concerns and the lack of stop signs at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Elm Street.
- ▶ **RESOLUTION** and Order directing installation of Stop Signs (on Railroad Avenue on the north side of its intersection with Elm Street and on the south side of its intersection with Elm Street)

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New Business – #5

- ▶ *Restore NY Communities Initiative Grant Application for 1 Center Street*
 - ▶ **Update** regarding progress on the application, review of the public hearing, and review of the Rensselaer County Legislature's actions regarding the ownership of 1 Center Street.
 - ▶ **RESOLUTION** supporting the rehabilitation of 1 Center Street Property and Corresponding Restore NY Communities Initiative Grant Application
- ▶ **MOTION** to authorize the Mayor to execute the Application for Corrected Tax Roll for 107 Main Street (this was purchased and is owned by the Village and was never placed in the exempt section).

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Executive Session

- ▶ Anything else from the Board of Trustees?
- ▶ **MOTION** to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (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 RETURN TO OPEN MEETING UPON
COMPLETION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION