

Village of Hoosick Falls

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, 6PM

IN PERSON LOCATION: VILLAGE HIGHWAY GARAGE
7 WATERWORKS ROAD – HOOSICK FALLS NY 12090

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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

- ▶ **Roll Call** by Deputy Clerk Judy VanDerKar

- ▶ *Police Academy*
 - ▶ **Review** of interview process, Academy Training, and recommendations from Trustee O'Malley, Deputy Mayor Ryan, and Mayor Allen

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** hiring a part-time Police Officer for the Hoosick Falls Police Department

- ▶ **SWEARING IN**

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Announcements

- ▶ **Welcome** to New Village Attorney **Alaina Finan!**
- ▶ **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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Mayor Updates – 1

1. Route 7 is reopened: After several weeks of round-the-clock construction, NYS DOT has officially reopened Route 7.

- ▶ I would personally like to thank all the various DOT officials who took calls, answered questions, and gave us detailed progress updates. Specifically I wanted to thank Bryan Viggiana (Regional Public Information Officer) and Pat Barnes (Regional Director, Region 1) for the availability and information.
- ▶ I also want to thank Rensselaer County for their assistance, including Jay Wilson and Rich Crist; the Hoosick Falls Police Department for their incredible and consistent response to the situation, the NYSP and Rensselaer County Sheriff's Office for their assistance keeping an eye on Hill Road and Route 22 outside of the Village, and both local businesses JC Tractor and Doug's Oil for offering parking for local residents who lost their on street parking.

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Mayor Updates – 2

2. NY Forward Grant: The Village officially joined with Jasen Von Guinness in submitting an application to **Round 7 of the Restore NY Grant Program.**

- ▶ Jasen, Samantha Graves and Richard Brownell were a great team to work with as we jointly worked on the submission, as was Rensselaer County.
- ▶ We would like to thank County Executive McLaughlin, County Attorney CJ Kempf, County Operations Director Rich Crist, and the entire County Legislature, including Jeff Wysocki and Bruce Patire.
- ▶ It was a solid group effort from all levels of local government coming together to bring improvements to our community and support our local businesses. Thanks to all involved.

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Mayor Updates – 3

3. Woods Brook Flood Remediation Program (\$2 million dollar program awarded in December of 2017 by New York State after the July 2017 Flood. The three tiers:

- ▶ \$1,000,000 Buyout Program;
- ▶ \$900,000 remediation program with the Town of Hoosick to slow upstream waters;
- ▶ \$182,000 to design a flood plain restoration project. Tier 2 has been completed/closed out):

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Buyout Program Update: Fencing is installed!!!



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Mayor Updates – 4

- ▶ Flood Plain Restoration Project Design: We had a meeting with DEC/SLR Consulting to hear updates on the design work going on for possible next steps for flood plain improvements to the Woods Brook area. A new focus includes the Woods Brook area between Elm Street and the Army Corp of Engineers culvert, along Spring Street.
- ▶ With the \$1 million buyout program wrapping up soon, and the Flood Plain Restoration Project Design looking to be finalized, our focus will shift to applying for funding through the CFA program, using the completed design work. Applications are generally due in July of 2023.

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Mayor Updates – 5

- ▶ **Elm Street/Railroad Avenue Stop Signs installed:** Thanks to our DPW Staff for installing the stop signs at this intersection. This effort is the result of citizens speaking out about safety concerns, Trustees doing the research and agreeing with the need of action, and was ordered last month via a Board of Trustees Resolution.
- ▶ **New Water Source/ROD Update**

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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
 - ▶ January 3rd Special Meeting (Public Hearing on Restore NY grant)
 - ▶ January 4th Special Meeting (Executive Session/Attorney Interview)
 - ▶ January 10th Regular Meeting
 - ▶ January 11th Special Meeting (Executive Session/Attorney Interview)
 - ▶ ~~January 24th Special Meeting (Attorney Hire/DPW Retirement)~~
- ▶ 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 parking study and towing

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New Business - #1

▶ *Woods Brook Buyout*

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** authorizing Mayor and Deputy Mayor to execute Grant Agreement Extension on behalf of the Village of Hoosick Falls

▶ Village Election

- ▶ **MOTION** to appoint Joan Rogers, Mary Beth Dickinson, and Susan Coons as poll workers for the Village Election, with a set stipend of \$132 for the day.

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Executive Session

- ▶ **Anything else from the Board of Trustees?**
- ▶ **MOTION** to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and a matter pertaining to possible litigation (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