



Mayor: Robert Allen
Deputy Mayor: Robert Ryan

Trustees: Deb Alter, Robert Decker, Kevin O'Malley,
Doug Sauer, and Dan Schuttig

Tuesday, April 11th, 2023

Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 12th, 2023

Location: New Highway Garage – 7 Waterworks Road

DRAFT AGENDA

6:00PM: Open the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call

PUBLIC HEARING

- **MOTION** to open a public hearing on the tentative budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORESPONDANCES

1. **The Village Elections** were held on Tuesday, March 21st 2023.
 - **Mayor: Robert Allen** (31 votes) was the only name on the ballot, and was reelected. Michael Hickey received one write-in vote.
 - **2 Trustees Seats** (2 year term): **Robert Ryan** (36 votes) and **Doug Sauer** (31 votes) were the only names on the ballot, and were elected.
 - **1 Trustee Seat** (1 year term): **Kevin O'Malley** (35 votes) was the only name that appeared on the ballot, and was elected.
 - There were 36 total votes.
2. The Village is in the middle of its **Spring Brush/Leaf pickup**. It started on April 3rd and will finish this Friday, April 14th. This pickup is limited to leaves, grass clippings, and branches (4" diameter or less only) that fell due to the winter weather. The flyer with all directions and limitations remain online, and published in local newspapers.
3. Request from the **Girl Scouts** (Judy Rancourt, leader) to use the little league field park for June 10th. They have their own insurance.
4. Request from the **Little League** to hold their opening day parade on Saturday, April 29th at 9:45am from Wood Park down to the fields. (Josh Whalen, President)
5. Request from the **Historic Society** to use Wood Park and the property behind St. Mark's Church on May 20th as part of their civil war reenactment unit portion of the May 20th event in the Village. This will include setting up tents, but not shooting off weapons.
6. Our **annual hydrant flushing** will be happening in early June. We will have firm dates on the May meeting agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Megan Albert** – discuss the creation of a Historic Preservation Commission.

MAYOR UPDATES

1. **Wood Park Tree Removal** – The Village, in conjunction with Rensselaer County Highway Department (Spicer Road Division), will be taking down two very old/dead trees from Wood Park soon, possibly as soon as this week. The two trees in question (one in between the Gazebo and Eberly Way, the other closest to Walgreens) have been dropping bark and limbs. We will be replanting in the near future.
 - a. There are 5 trees in the property behind St. Marks that will also becoming down in the next couple of years for similar reasons. The Village is looking into doing these gradually over the next 2 to 3 years, which will also allow for time for the new trees to grow.
2. **Special Meeting Wednesday, April 26th** – The Mayor will be asking the Board to set a Special Meeting for Wednesday, April 26th at 6PM at the Highway Garage. This will serve two main purposes:
 - a. **Organizational Meeting:** it will contain the annual Organizational Meeting, which includes various appointments and annual renewal of policies, etc.
 - b. **Budget Discussions and possible Adoption:** it will allow the Board to use the evening to discuss and make changes to the Tentative 23-24 Fiscal Year Budget with the hope of adopting it. The deadline for Village in NY to adopt their tentative budget (with whatever changes are decided by the Board) is May 1st.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

REPORTS

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

MINUTES

The minutes available for review/approval are for the following:

- March 4th Regular Meeting
- April 6th and April 10th Budget Workshops

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

(the Board has the option to close the public hearing, if they have not already).

OLD BUSINESS

Wood Park - Trees

- **Discussion** regarding a request that has come in from the Sutton/Brewster families. They would like to put a tree and bench in or near Wood Park in honor of Leslie Sutton, who passed away in 1975.

NEW BUSINESS

Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

- **Review** of proposed changes discussed in the two Budget Workshop meetings.
- **Discussion.**

Street Light Project – Real Term Energy

- **Discussion** regarding decorative lighting fixtures and color temperatures.

Parking Study

- **Review** of recent quotes for a parking study.
- **Discussion.**

CRRB

- **Discussion** regarding CRRB law.

MOTION to adjourn.