

Village of Hoosick Falls

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees Wednesday, August 16th, 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

▶ ANNOUNCEMENTS & COORESPONDANCES

- ▶ Jim Monahan of the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad will give an update to the Board.

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Mayor Updates

▶ 1. Landfill Leachate

- ▶ Two-part plan is in motion to install screens around the Leachate Pump to protect it from grit (which has led to operational issues)
- ▶ Work was scheduled for August 10th 2023, after the originally scheduled August 9th meeting. Motion is on the agenda to approve the work retroactively.

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- ▶ **2. New Wells and Water Supply** (*OU-2, as required by DEC's Record of Decision*)
 - ▶ DEC issued a fact sheet regarding the work today:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/442046ou2cubegins.pdf>
 - ▶ Mayor received 1st round of updates from Sasa Jazic of Honeywell on 4/14; 2nd round of updates on 8/15



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the [DECinfo Locator](#) and at these location(s):

Village of Hoosick Falls Library
73 Classic Street
Hoosick Falls, NY 12090
(518) 686-9401

Key project documents and project summary also are available on the NYSDEC website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/108791.html>

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project-Related Questions

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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Saint-Gobain McCaffrey St.
14 McCaffrey St
Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer
County, NY, 12090

SITE No. 442046 (OU-2)
NYSDEC REGION 4

August 2023

Preliminary Remedial Actions to Begin at State Superfund Site

Construction Actions are beginning in order to provide an alternate water supply for the Village of Hoosick Falls in Rensselaer County. The alternate water supply is necessary based on contamination related to the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street site ("site") located at 14 McCaffrey Street, Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, which is being remediated under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location and the project area. These activities will be performed by Honeywell International and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) pursuant to a legal agreement with the companies.

These preliminary activities are expected to begin in August 2023, and last about two months.

- The PRAP and other project documents are available online through the [DECinfo Locator](#): <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/442046/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

Highlights of the Upcoming Actions: The goal of the actions in the project area is to protect the two test wells located at the LaCroix Property. The action is in preparation for the water main and pumphouse construction, which is part of the Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) remedy selected by the NYSDEC in the December 2021 Record of Decision (ROD). The key components of the construction are:

- Excavation of the existing riverbank and riprap protection measures through the installation of 555.2 cubic yards (cy) of material below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM).
- Grading and installing a geogrid and placing heavy stone riprap (stone) of which 463.5 cy will be installed below the OHWM, to create a stable slope and well protection.
- Installing and maintaining erosion and sediment control measures in accordance with the New York State Standards and Specifications for Erosion and Sediment Control (cofferdam or equivalent).

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Mayor Updates

▶ **NEW WATER SOURCE – PIECE #1 – Bank Stabilization**

- ▶ Part of the river bank near the LaCroix site/new well field required some additional stabilization, about 7,3000 feet total.
- ▶ Work required design, review by Village, review/approval by DEC, and permit from ACE.
- ▶ Work would include work in the river that must be done by September 30th; work on land to be done by October 30th.

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▶ **NEW WATER SOURCE – PIECE #1 – Bank Stabilization**

- ▶ **4/14 Update**: Goals to have 60% design by mid-May, 100% Design by mid June, RFP, pre-screening done, and be in the field in mid-August
- ▶ **8/15 Update**: On schedule, permits in hand. Will finish river-related work by September 30th (due to fish spawning deadline), with all work to be done by end of October.

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- ▶ **NEW WATER SOURCE – PIECE #2 – Well Development and Property Purchase**
 - ▶ **8/15 Update**: Two wells are being developed on the LaCroix property, everything is going well (quality, volume).
 - ▶ Companies working with owner to acquire this property, likely closing in mid-fall. No time delay thus far.

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▶ **NEW WATER SOURCE – PIECE #3 – OVERALL PROJECT**

- ▶ Overall project will feature two new wells, piped up Rt 22 and then under river (not across/under bridge by Tops), then hooked into Water Treatment Plant/existing lines.
 - ▶ Well 7 will remain as a backup, Well 3 and 6 will no longer be operational.
 - ▶ Sentinel (Observation) Wells developed around new wells to test regularly for possible migration.

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▶ NEW WATER SOURCE – PIECE #3 – OVERALL PROJECT

▶ 4/14 Update:

- ▶ 30% Design by June 2023, comments from DEC within a couple of weeks; further review by DEC and Village
- ▶ 90% Design by end of Oct 2023, including all specs completed; comments from DEC/Village after
- ▶ 100% Design by end of 2023
- ▶ Bids out in late 2023/early 2024
- ▶ Contracts in early 2024

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- ▶ **NEW WATER SOURCE – PIECE # 3 – OVERALL PROJECT**
 - ▶ Bids out in late 2023/early 2024
 - ▶ Contracts in early 2024
 - ▶ Spring 2024 – begin work
 - ▶ Summer/Fall 2024 – complete all construction
 - ▶ End of 2024 – New Water Pumps/Equipment is operational and online

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- ▶ **NEW WATER SOURCE – PIECE # 3 – OVERALL PROJECT**
 - ▶ **8/15 Update:**
 - ▶ Everything remains on or ahead of schedule
 - ▶ Mid October – 60% design will be complete
 - ▶ Mid August – goal of 90% design
 - ▶ End of December – goal of 100% design/specs
 - ▶ Bids in early '24, Construction in Spring/Summer '24, hope to be online and operational by end of 2024.

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- ▶ **3. Former Oak Mitsui/First Street site** – Village's intention to pursue acquisition of the property

- ▶ **4. Veteran's Banner's in the Village of Hoosick Falls** – The Village is teaming up with Kevin Miller of Rensselaer County Veteran Affairs to work towards getting Veteran Banners hung within the Village. Trustee Bobby Decker is taking this on for the Village, with our thanks and support.

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- ▶ **5. Former Monolith Solar/now SunLight General Solar Panels** – informational update
- ▶ **6. Water Infrastructure Grant Applications with Delaware Engineering** – the grant applications have been submitted to both the DWSRF (Drinking Water State Revolving Fund) and the WIIA (Water Infrastructure Improvement).

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▶ 7. Murphy Building/Senior Center –

- ▶ All correspondences regarding the situation are available for review at the meeting and remain available on the Village website, including the Inspection Report on the building that Rensselaer County leadership continues to misrepresent in social media posts.
- ▶ Apart from any information that the County posts on their social media page, the Village has no further information or updates on the Murphy Building. The County has signaled via social media that they hope to reopen the downstairs as soon as next week, but that remains their decision. Any questions regarding the condition and a re-opening of the downstairs should be directed to Rensselaer County.
- ▶ The County has stated they are now focused on bringing a state-of-the-art facility to the newly purchased former Dollar Tree in the Town of Hoosick.

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- ▶ **8 (added). DRAFT SPDES Permit**
 - ▶ DEC has released its draft SPDES Permit for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, with a public comment period open and ending in mid-September
 - ▶ The Village's Environmental Attorney (Dave Engel) and Engineering Consultant (Mark Millspaugh) are reviewing it at this time.
 - ▶ It is available on the DEC website, and will be passed around in the room.

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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
 - ▶ July 12th Regular Meeting
 - ▶ August 7th Emergency Meeting
- ▶ Trustee/Committee Reports
 - ▶ Trustee Alter
 - ▶ Trustee Decker
 - ▶ Trustee O'Malley
 - ▶ Trustee Sauer
 - ▶ Trustee Schuttig
 - ▶ Deputy Mayor Ryan

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Old Business

- ▶ **Discussion/Review** of ARPA fund status.
 - ▶ Discussion regarding Cheney Library's request for funding from the June meeting.
 - ▶ Discussion/review of possible other projects.

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New Business - #1

▶ *Water Supply Development*

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** authorizing the payment of invoices through a third-party funded escrow account pertaining to the development of new water supply wells and associated infrastructure for the Village
- ▶ *Note: this is the 2nd resolution using this approach to pay for Engineering and Legal fees specific to the Village's review and participation in the production of two new wells and a new water supply line required by DEC's Record of Decision. These payments come out of an Escrow Account funded by Honeywell and Saint-Gobain, as per an agreement between the Village and the companies from May of 2023. The previous resolution was at the 7/12 Meeting.*

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New Business - #2

- ▶ **Motion** to authorize the Mayor to sign and send a letter to NYS Office of Cannabis Management in support of Loving Buds LLC, for a Cannabis Growers Showcase on August 26th in Wood Park as per the Cannabis Growers Showcase Guidance policy, retroactive to August 10th, 2023 (*note: when the originally scheduled August 9th Board Meeting was moved, it was moved past the August 10th deadline for the letter to be received*)
- ▶ **Motion** to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the Village, LaBella, and Sterling Environmental to authorize work on the Landfill Leachate pumps estimated to cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000, retroactive to August 9th, 2023 (*note: LaBella and Sterling Environmental were ready to move forward after the originally scheduled August 9th Board Meeting, and waiting to the newly schedule August 16th Regular Meeting week would have caused even longer delays*)

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New Business - #3

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** authorizing the sale of certain surplus village equipment.
- ▶ **DISCUSSION** about Holiday Decorations (Trustee Alter)
- ▶ **MOTION** to schedule a Special Meeting for Wednesday, August 30th at 6PM.
- ▶ **MOTION** to reschedule the public hearing related to the unsafe structure at 18 John Street to Wednesday, August 30th at 6PM at the Village Highway Garage.

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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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Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

is currently paused while the Board meets in
Executive Session

WE WILL RETURN TO OPEN MEETING UPON
COMPLETION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION