

# Village of Hoosick Falls

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 & HFPD Updates

## ▶ Roll Call

## ▶ Appointment of Officer in Charge

▶ With former Hoosick Falls Police Chief Tim Colaneri's resignation and retirement effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, **HFPD Sergeant John Hudson** was appointed **Officer-In-Charge** of the Hoosick Falls Police Department by Mayor Allen, effective January 1st, 2024.

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# Part-Time Police Officer Appointment

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** hiring a part-time Police Officer in the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Department (S. Surdam Jr.)

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# PRESENTATIONS

- ▶ **Charles “Chuck” Marshall from Stewart’s Shop** will discuss a possible Stewart’s Shop move/expansion in the Village and a request to the Village Board to modify the existing Zoning to extend the Commercial-Industrial zone.

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December 11, 2023

Hon. Robert Allen, Mayor  
Village of Hoosick Falls  
24 Main St.  
Hoosick Falls, New York 12090

As you are likely aware, Stewart's Shops has placed two properties under contract for the relocation of our existing store in the Village. For your reference, those two properties are: 131 Church St (SBL: 27.19-13-2) and 129 Church St (SBL: 27.19-13-1). As we began the due diligence process for developing a Site Plan, we encountered that the zoning of the two properties is not the same. As indicated in the pasted image below, the zoning for 131 Church St is Residential-1 (R1) while the zoning for 129 Church St is Commercial-Industrial (CI).



As you can see from the image above, the CI district extends north and south from Hoosick Street to River St and elements from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Church. However, the district does not extend onto 131 Church St despite 129 Church wrapping around it. Stewart's believes homogenous zoning would benefit both Stewart's and the Village in this instance. To achieve this, we are requesting the Village entertain a changing of zoning for 131 Church St. Should Stewart's be successful the revised zoning map in this proximity would be similar to image above, furthest to the right.

For your convenience, a copy of the proposed Site Plan along with associated elevations are provided in addition to the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF).

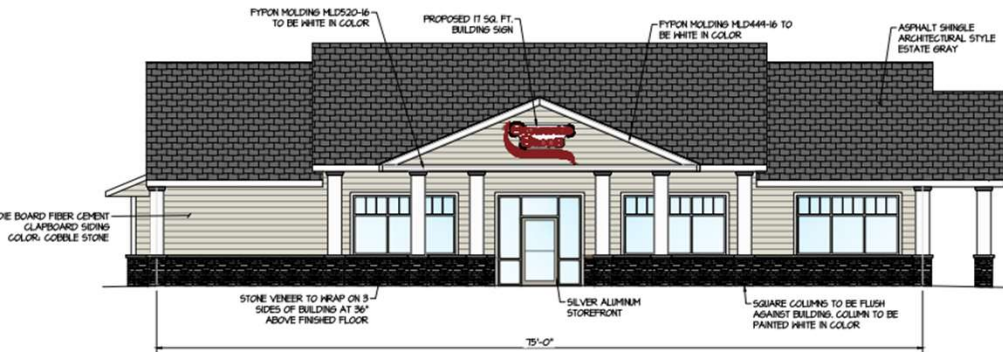
We appreciate your consideration in this matter and look forward to the opportunity of investing and remaining an integral part of the Village. Should you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach me at (518) 581-1201 ext 4435.

Respectfully,

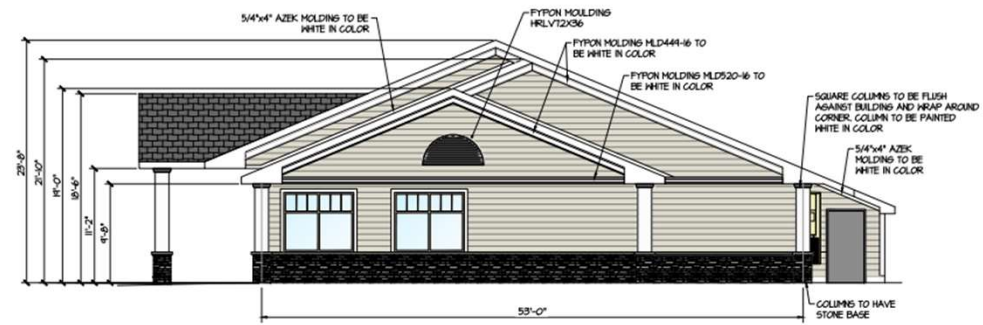
Charles "Chuck" Marshall  
Stewart's Shops Corp

# PROPOSED STEWART'S SHOP

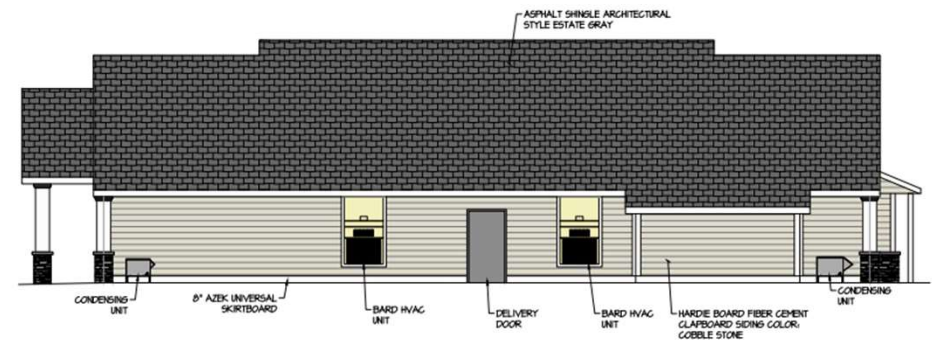
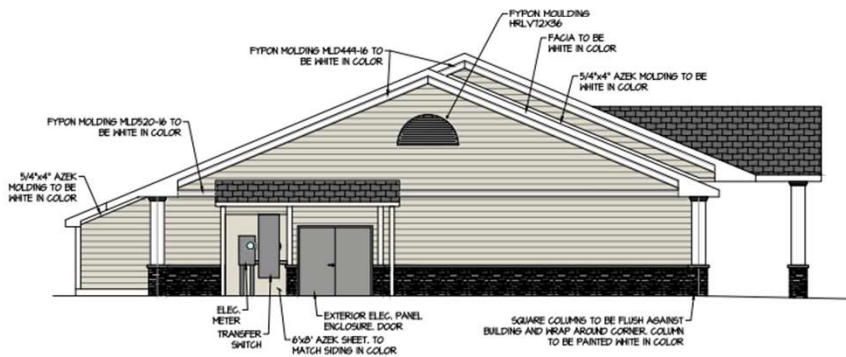
129 CHURCH STREET  
HOOSICK FALLS, NY 12090

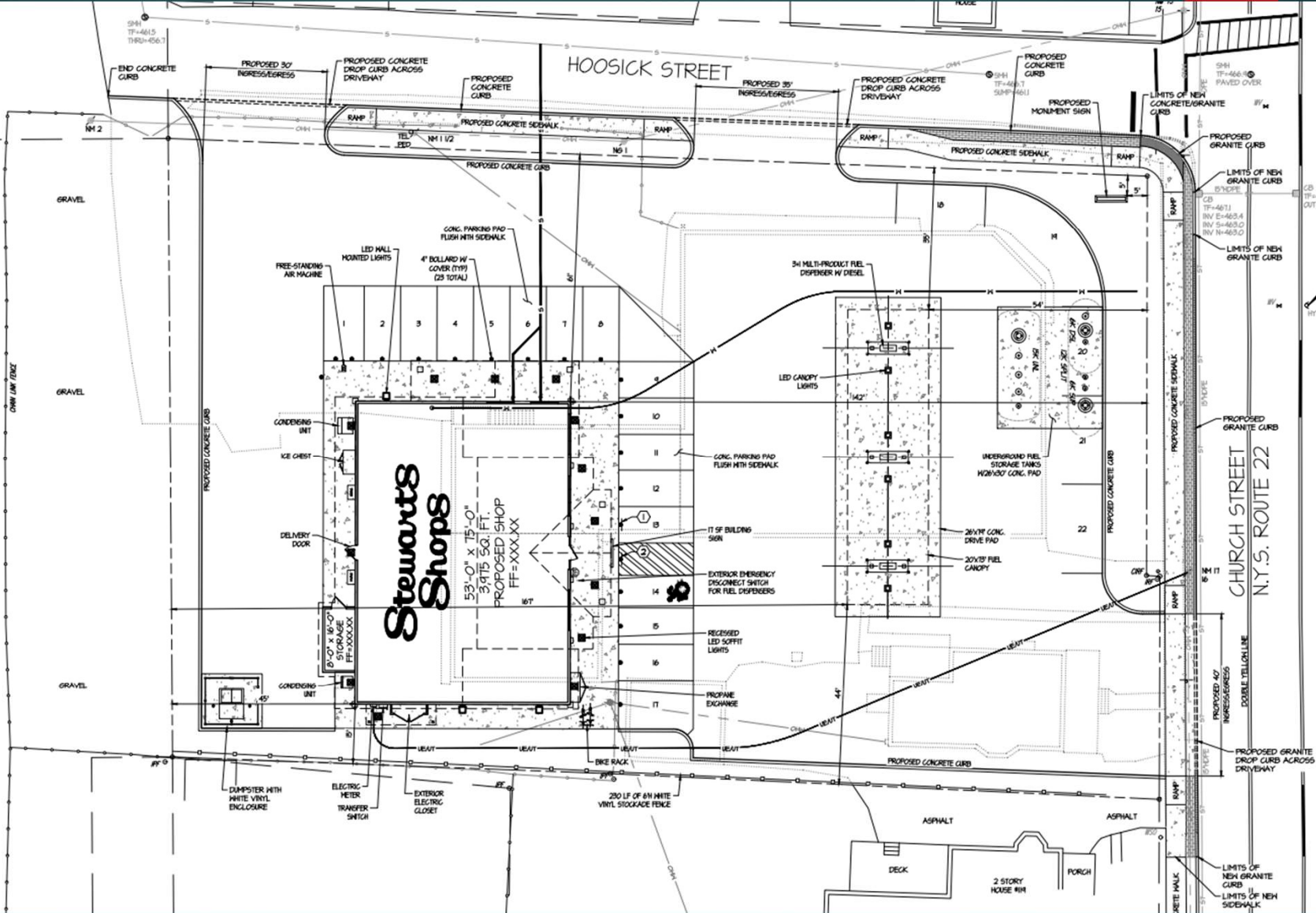


EAST BUILDING ELEVATION



NORTH BUILDING ELEVATION





BENCHMARK  
HYD-NHOA  
ELEV. = 410.27

**Stewart's  
Shops**

53'-0" x 19'-0"  
3,415 SQ. FT.  
PROPOSED SHOP  
FF=XXXX

HOOSICK STREET

CHURCH STREET  
N.Y.S. ROUTE 22



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# Announcements & Correspondences

- **Village Election Information:**
  - **The Village Elections** will be on **March 19<sup>th</sup> 2024** from noon to 9PM at the Ann Bornt Municipal Building.
    - 4 Trustee Seats are on the ballot, all for 2 year terms (Alter, Walraed, O'Malley, Schuttig)
    - Individuals may now sign independent nomination petitions and must be filed by February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **Jackie Houghton** requested a discussion about consistent power outages in the Rogers Avenue area of the Village, and what could be done about it.

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# MAYOR UPDATES

1. A changeout of the carbon for the **GAC system** has been scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
2. The Village is in the process of incorporating Board Meeting documents, such as minutes, agendas, reports, and slideshows, to our **Village website**. We have made progress on the past few years of documents and will be continuing to add more documents there.
3. Thanks to all who were involved in the **NY Forward Applications**. It was an honor to represent all the incredible application team members and our entire community at Governor Hochul's announcement/ceremony in Lake George NY on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This community should be proud of the award, the vision for our growth and economic development, and especially and most importantly, proud of the amazing team that worked on both rounds of the application.

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# Reports & Minutes

- ▶ Police Report
- ▶ Code Enforcement
- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ Clerk/Deputy Clerk
- ▶ Highway/DPW
- ▶ Sewer
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Minutes
  - ▶ December 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting
- ▶ Trustee/Committee Reports
  - ▶ Trustee Alter
  - ▶ Trustee O'Malley
  - ▶ Trustee Sauer
  - ▶ Trustee Schuttig
  - ▶ Trustee Walraed
  - ▶ Deputy Mayor Ryan

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# Old Business

▶ (none)

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# New Business - #1

- ▶ **PFOA-related business, including Water Supply Development/ROD**
  - ▶ **UPDATE** from Attorney Engel on various PFOA/water related matters
  - ▶ **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 5<sup>th</sup> Resolution of this type*)
  - ▶ **RESOLUTION** authorizing settlement on litigation.
  - ▶ **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Mayor to execute a retainer agreement for legal services related to settlement claims as it relates to the DuPont and 3M Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF).

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# New Business - #2

## ▶ *Village Labor Counsel*

- ▶ **MOTION** authorizing the Mayor to execute the three-year Retainer Renewal Agreement between the Village of Hoosick Falls and Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP for the term of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, retroactive to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

## ▶ *New Proposed Local Law*

- ▶ **DISCUSSION** regarding a request from Stewart's Shop to amend the Village's Zoning.
- ▶ *(Should the Board move to introduce it)* - **INTRODUCTION** of Proposed Local Law; **MOTION** to set a public hearing (likely for February 14<sup>th</sup>, the next Board of Trustees meeting).

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# New Business - #3

- ▶ ***“Junk Car” and Vacant Property Registry Laws***
  - ▶ **DISCUSSION** regarding implementation of the new laws.
- ▶ ***Historic Preservation Commission***
  - ▶ **Updates** on progress of filling commission and appointments
- ▶ ***Town Assessor***
  - ▶ **RESOLUTION** approving intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Hoosick concerning assessor duties

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# New Business - #4

## ▶ *Hoosick Falls Police Department*

- ▶ Review of various HFPD requests for spending and their alignment with short-term and long-term goals.
- ▶ Review of current quotes.
- ▶ Review of ARPA fund status
- ▶ **MOTION** (as needed).



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# New Business - #5

## ▶ **ERCSWMA (Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority)**

- ▶ ~~RESOLUTION~~ extending the ERCSWMA service agreement one year.
- ▶ MOTION authorizing the Mayor to execute a 1 year extension contract for trash & recycling with County Waste & Recycling, retroactive to September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

## ▶ **Unsafe Structure – 18 John Street**

- ▶ Motion authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Dan's Hauling.

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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.

# Village of Hoosick Falls

## 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