

# **Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting January 11, 2022**

## **In person and via Zoom**

**6:00pm:** Mayor Allen opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

**Roll Call:** Mayor Allen, Dep. Mayor Ryan, Tr. Alter, Tr. Decker, Tr. O'Malley all present, Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed were absent

**Also present:** Atty. Andrew Gilchrist

### **Announcements & Correspondences**

Mayor Allen mentioned a program that is made possible from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. This state program provides financial assistance for low income homeowners having trouble paying water and sewer bills due to the economic impact of the pandemic.

Reminder for the upcoming Village Elections in March that we have open seats that include 3 - 2yr Trustee seats, 1 - 1yr. Trustee seat and 4yr Village Justice position. Petitions for the upcoming election need to be in by Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Village office by 3:30pm.

### **Mayor Updates**

Copy Machine issues in the Village office are dire. The main copy machine went down a month ago, and was unfixable. The backup machine that I obtained for free a few months ago is barely holding on, it will scan, but there are toner issues, requiring the office to shake the toner to make it work. The smaller sharp copier still works, but the scanner on the glass makes an uneven scan/copies. On the agenda later tonight we will look at some options to purchase a new copy machine.

Hoosic River Greenway North Trailhead: The landscaping work was previously advertised, but no bids were received. B&L has put forth a revised and simpler bid package, and is looking to get permission to put this out to bid again on January 12<sup>th</sup>, with bids due back by February 1<sup>st</sup> so that bids can be reviewed at the February 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Woods Brook Buyout Program Update: Demolition as been completed on 115 Main St and 7 Hall St. 3 Hall St. is in the process, it is on the ground and we have received the waiver from the Department of Labor to continue as a controlled demolition. 100-108 Church St is down and backfilling is in progress. In the future and weather dependent demolition will commence on 5 Hall St. and 27 Elm St.

Internet/phone service at the Water Treatment Plant: We need to authorize the Mayor to sign a modified agreement for the internet and phone. This agreement simply adds a phone service and a static IP address to the original plan, and would allow us to schedule an installation with Spectrum.

The Carbon change-out of the GAC filter is scheduled to begin January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **People to be Heard**

Justin Ashe 110 Tabor Lane, Troy NY 12180 handed out a letter and attachments to the board that he read in regards to various situations in the Village regarding the Mayor and several other officers. He stated that he was speaking as a police officer and not his father's son and had several other officers in attendance.

Marion Stevens 63 Wilder Ave. would like the board to look at adding some money into the budget for brush removal for people who do not have access to a truck to get to the transfer station. Also, she and Harold asked about the sidewalk laws and the cleaning of snow.

### **Reports were read and accepted, all attached**

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 14<sup>th</sup> was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed. The minutes for the Special meetings held on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and Dec 30<sup>th</sup> will be submitted for the next meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Old Business**

The discussion regarding the price changes for household garbage and adding costs for recycling at the transfer station was tabled.

Motion to table was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed. The Mayor did mention they have a meeting set up for later this month and hope to have something for the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting!

Dog park rules & regulations were presented and talked over they are going to fine tune a few things and bring back for approval in February then the park will be ready to open once the rules can be posted.

### **New Business**

Discussion on ARPA Funds was had and the board members discussed ideas for the use of the funds and how to get ideas from the community, possibly having a special email set up and then a workshop in the future.

Motion to purchase a new copier as per the state contract from Repeat Business was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed.

Motion to authorize submission of the vendor agreement with the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed.

Motion to authorize B&L to advertise for bids for landscaping on the Hoosic River Greenway was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Spectrum Internet for internet, phone, and a static IP address at 13 Waterworks Road was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed.

Motion to enter Executive Session to receive advice from counsel and to discuss a personnel matter (no business to be conducted at conclusion of Executive Session) was made at 7:45pm by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed.

Motion to adjourn Executive session at 9:47pm made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed

Motion to adjourn at 9:48pm made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed absent Tr. Pine and Tr. Walraed.