

# **Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting March 8, 2022**

## **In person and via Zoom**

**6:04PM:** Mayor Allen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

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

**Also Present:** Atty. Gilchrist

### **Announcements and Correspondences**

Mayor announced that Village Clerk Marie O'Neil has approved the peddlers permit for Mr. Ding a Ling Ice Cream truck to run from April 1- Oct 15, 2022. All the paperwork is in and filed properly.

Reminder that the Village election will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2022 at the municipal Building from noon – 9PM. There are three seats open for a 2-year term Robert Decker, Deb Alter and Daniel Schuttig and Megan Walraed for a 1 year term. Also, there is one seat for Justice for a 4-year term, there are no individuals appearing on the ballot, so votes will need to be a write in on the ballot.

The 31<sup>st</sup> annual St. Patrick's Parade is Saturday March 12, 2022 at 1pm from Wood Park. There will be many activities through out the Village, including the Armory where there will be Irish music, dancers and food.

### **Presentations**

Steve Harriman from Real Term Energy came to present on the LED street light conversion going over all the cost savings and answered many questions from the Board. They will discuss this and get back to him soon on this project.

Amanda Harr and Sara Yetto came to talk about the 5 Little Cheney Libraries that they are proposing to put up around the Village. They shared pictures of the ones being made by the students at the Hoosick Falls Central School; the village crew will assist in the placement and instillation. They should be ready to be installed by late summer before the Centennial Celebration that runs from September 2022 through October 2023.

Bob Murphy from Barton & Loguidice spoke about the progress of three ongoing projects.

1. The Greenway North Trail Head landscaping that will start in the spring
2. The Waterworks Road/Southern Greenway project is waiting on some confirmations of ownership on the property that they are looking at for the Kayak Launch. They may need to reconfigure that if they cannot confirm ownership
3. He spoke to the Board about a NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant

## **Mayor Updates**

The Woods Brook Home Buyout Program is moving along they took down the Elm St. property and the next phase will begin in the spring.

## **People to Be Heard**

Marianne Zwicklbauer from Hoosick Rising spoke about the trees in Wood Park that need to come down before the ground gets too soft. She mentioned that Whipstock would assist with some new plants for the wet areas. Tr. O'Malley is going to check on the budget to see what funds we have to take the trees down.

Harold Stevens from Wilder Ave. voiced his concern for the dates of Mr. Ding A Ling coming into the Village and he also would like the music turned off when they stop, the Mayor indicated that the times were already set.

Cliff Belden from Hoosick Provisions spoke about the signs on lower Church St. in front of the old T-Bone's building and asked why they had to be there and if they can be removed to allow parking. Mayor Allen and Atty. Gilchrist were looking into this and will get in touch with Mr. Belden.

## **Reports were read and approved- all attached**

### **Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting was made by Tr. Pine seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

Still waiting for the Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes.

### **Trustee/Committee Reports**

### **Old Business**

Tabled the discussion regarding the price changes for household garbage and adding costs for recycling was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Allen all in favor none opposed.

### **New Business**

Tr. Decker had a list of ARPA suggestions to discuss with the board and they set a special meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm for public comment on the ARPA funds and the best way to use them. This meeting will be held at the Highway Garage.

Resolution for Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for the NYSLRS was presented for Village Justice Thomas Restino it was presented by Tr. Pine seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed for Village Clerk Marie O'Neil to submit.

Introduction of Local Law #1 of 2022 establishing a Civilian Review and Reform Board in Service to the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Dept. Introduced by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Pine all in favor none opposed.

Motion to set a Public Hearing at 6pm on April 12, 2022 was made by Tr. Pine seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to authorize Mayor Allen to execute the agreement with DEC for the annual flood control maintenance was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Pine all in favor none opposed.

Motion to set a Special Meeting on March 30th at 6pm to discuss ARPA funds and where to use them was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to accept the budget modifications as submitted by the Treasurer Denise McMahan was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session) made at 9:25pm by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Pine all in favor none opposed.

Motion to end Executive Session at 10:32pm was made Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

Motion to adjourn at 10:32pm made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.