

## **Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting April 12, 2022**

**6:04pm:** Meeting called to order by Mayor Allen 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. Walraed and Tr. Schuttig all present

**Also Present:** Atty. Gilchrist and Atty. Engel

Motion to open Public Hearing #1 a public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2022, a Local Law Establishing a Civilian Review and Reform Board in service to the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Dept. was made 6:05pm by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

**People to be Heard** – None

Motion to open Public Hearing #2 a public hearing on the tentative budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 was made at 6:06pm by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

**People to be Heard**

Marion Stevens 63 Wilder Ave. came to speak about adding to the budget funds towards a Spring/Brush clean up. There was some discussion about ideas that could possibly include setting a day Tr. Alter is going to get together with highway superintendent Stowell on some ideas to bring before the next board meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COORESPONDANCES**

Letter from the Louis Miller Museum on their Grand Re-opening on April 30th from 11am – 4PM.

Motion to have the Little League Parade on Saturday April 30th., was made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

The line-up would be at Wood Park at 9:30, with the march to the fields starting at 9:45am.

Hoosick Rising is holding two events this month: Their Spring Mixer on Wednesday, April 13th at 6PM at Browns Brewery. They will be discussing current and upcoming projects and events; light snacks will be served (along with a cash bar).

Village Cleanup is set for Saturday, April 23rd. It will start at 8:30am at the Gazebo in Wood Park. Bring gloves, rakes, brooms, and lots of energy.

Hydrant Flushing Monday May 2nd - Wards 2 and 3 Tuesday May 3rd Wards 1 and 4 5.

Laurie Nagy from Fidelis Care has been at Wood Park in the Village from 9:30am to 11:30am every other Friday, offering health care information for anyone who wants it.

### **Presentations**

Jim Monahan from the Hoosick Falls Rescue Squad came to speak to the rumors that the rescue squad was leaving are untrue. The Rescue Squad is alive and well and have been serving the residents of Hoosick Falls and surrounding areas for 65 years. They are always looking for volunteers even for drivers please contact them if you are interested in becoming a part of the team.

Amanda Harr spoke from the Cheney Library and brought in pictures of the locations to place the 5 little libraries later in the summer.

Erin Bell spoke regarding the multi-site PFAS Health Study being conducted here in Hoosick Falls in conjunction with the University of Albany and New York State Department of Health. More information can be found at [www.albany.edu/sph/pfas](http://www.albany.edu/sph/pfas).

### **Mayor Updates**

A special meeting will be held on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Highway Garage. The main agenda will be the Organizational Meeting and to adopt the final 2022-2023 budget.

Mayor Allen announced the new computers have been ordered and on the way. Computers and some networking changes will be coming in the office.

The Woods Brook Home buyout Program is moving into its final stages, they will be putting up fences on Main St. and Elm St. locations.

### **People to be Heard**

Jacob Andrew a student from HFCS asked a question about the police budget and how it works.

Motion to close Public Hearing #1 made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to close Public Hearing #2 made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

### **Reports- all read and approved (all attached)**

Motion to accept the March 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 Regular meeting was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed. Still waiting for the Dec 16 and 30 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion to go into a private session at 7:29pm was made by Tr. Decker seconded by T. Alter all in favor non opposed, to return and conclude regular meeting business. Came back into regular meeting at 8:45pm.

### **Trustee/Committee Reports**

Tr. Alter asked about the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward playground swings and equipment that has still not been installed.

Tr. Decker mentioned the notes he had sent to the board on the ARPA funds meeting.

Tr. O'Malley spoke about the ADA sidewalks in the downtown area that need immediate attention, and also asked about plans that go out for several years to start and replace some of the old and dangerous sidewalks in the downtown area.

### **Old Business**

Motion to Table the price changes for household garbage and costs for recycling made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to table the discussion on the parking on lower Church St. made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to table the review and update on ARPA funds until further review of spending priorities made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

## **New Business**

Resolution adopting Local Law #1 of 2022, a Local Law Establishing a Civilian Review and Reform Board in service to the Village of Hoosick Falls Police was offered by Tr. O'Malley and seconded by Tr. Decker, was duly put to a roll call vote, Mayor Allen left due to illness before the vote, Tr. Alter and Walraed voted against the Resolution all others voted yes. Resolution adopted 4-2

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (with no business to be conducted at conclusion) was made at 9:10pm by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor, Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made at 10:20pm by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 10:20pm made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.