

Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting May 10, 2022

6:05PM: Mayor Allen opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Mayor Allen, Tr. Alter, Tr. Decker, Tr. O'Malley, Tr. Schuttig and Tr. Walraed present, Dep. Mayor Ryan absent

Also present: Atty. Gilchrist

MAYOR UPDATES

Appointments for the Zoning & Planning Board (subject to Board approval). Mayor Allen will be appointing Megan Albert to the Zoning Board and Larry Watts to the Planning Board. We are still looking for one more for each Board.

Internet/Phone Updates at 7 Waterworks – New Highway Garage at 11 Waterworks – Old Highway Garage at 13 Waterworks work is being done and should be completed within the next few weeks.

Woods Brook Home Buyout Program will have the final closing this week and then they can proceed with the last demolition. Niel is working on getting quotes for the fencing for Elm St. and Main St. should have that for the June meeting.

Woods Brook Drainage Improvement (with Town of Hoosick) the work has been completed on Johnson Hill and the road has opened back up.

First Street/Oak Mitsui Site – DEC announces they will be beginning the cleanup process.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Marion Stevens from 62 Wilder Ave. spoke on would like Zoom meetings available. She also asked about the brush pickup for this season to be in June and in the future, it could be in April.

Richard Hunt 8 Easy St. asked about the 3% water rate increase Mayor Allen explained that the Village needed to add the small increase to keep up with the rising costs to operate. He also asked about the transmitters and what the plan is going forward to replace them, Mayor Allen said that that is something the water department is working on.

Dan and Christine Puza 4 Abbott St. came about the noise from the neighbors and asked about a noise/nuisance law and how it could be enforced. After much discussion about the current local law Mayor Allen said they would be in contact with them in the next week and advised them to call 911 to get the complaints on the police radar.

Jim Martinez 24 Church St. spoke about the propane tanks behind his building and wanted to be sure the barrier that is there is adequate. He was looking for a report from the expert that came out last fall,

Building Inspector Mark Surdam said he has contacted them several times and would reach out again for a report.

Justin Williamson from Easy St. also mentioned that he hears the loud music from the Abbott St. home next to the Puza's and that the kids on bikes have almost run him over several times.

REPORTS: All read and accepted (copies attached)

MINUTES

The minutes available for review/approval are for the April 12th Regular Meeting, the April 25th Special/Organizational Meeting, and the May 3rd Special Meeting. Older minutes include the December 16th Special Meeting and the December 30th Special Meeting.

Motion to accept the April 12 Regular meeting minutes made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to accept the April 25 Special/Organizational meeting minutes made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to accept the May 3rd Special meeting with the time correction of 6:06pm made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE

Tr. Schuttig and Tr. Walraed took a tour of both the sewer plant and the water plant. They were very impressed with the operation of both plants and said with the water filtration at the water plant we have the best water in the State. They did note that the Water Dept. van is in very rough shape and they are going to look into a used truck.

Tr. O'Malley mentioned the town wide tag sale will be Saturday May 28 from 8am-4pm. Also, the annual Memorial Day celebrations will be on Monday May 30th starting at 8am with the service at the bridge and the parade steps off at 10am. The summer is very busy in Hoosick Falls with the band concerts, summer concert series and other activities. Th Hoosick Falls Fire Dept. will have a parade on July 3rd to celebrate 175 yrs. and later that night along with the North Hoosick Fire Dept. there will be fireworks at the athletic field.

Tr. Alter spoke about the transfer station and the current rates and numbers of Village vs Town residents that use the transfer station. She is working with the committee and they are going over different ideas to help make the transfer station profitable and more user friendly.

Tr. Decker brought up the fact that the board still needs to address the appointments of the police review board. This will be addressed at the June meeting.

New Business

Tr. O'Malley asked about why they were approving a change order after the money was spent, and Mayor Allen explained that it was money already in the budget that had to be approved due to changes while on the job.

Motion to authorize Mayor Allen to execute Change Order #3 for the Woods Brook Drainage project for an increase of 25,500 made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Schuttig, Tr. Alter, Tr. Walraed Tr. O'Malley was opposed.

Motion to authorize Mayor Allen to execute Pay App #2 for the Woods Brook Drainage Project made by Tr. O'Malley seconded by Tr. Tr. Alter all in favor Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to advertise for part time summer help for the Highway Dept. made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to use \$7500 of ARPA funds for the purchase of the new office computers, with these funds being taken as a standard allowance under the ARPA rules. (Note: this motion is to confirm and clarify the use of funds that were decided upon in the April 12 regular meeting) made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion for the Mayor to appoint Megan Albert to the Zoning Board made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion for the mayor to appoint Larry Watts for the Planning Board made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Resolution authorizing levy of unpaid water, sewer, refuse collection and unpaid services was offered by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to commence the eminent domain process on tax id parcels: 27-15.2-20, 27-15.2-15 and 27-15.2-3 made by Tr O'Malley seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:39pm to discuss personnel matter (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion) made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to adjourn Executive session at 10:01pm by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr Decker all in favor none opposed. Dep Mayor Ryan absent.

Motion to adjourn at 10:01pm by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed Dep. Mayor Ryan absent.

