

Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting July 12, 2022

6:00pm: 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. O'Malley, Tr. Schuttig, Tr. Walraed all present, absent Tr. Decker

Also present: Atty. Gilchrist

Public Hearing regarding 59 Church St remains open from July 5th meeting

People to Be Heard – None

Announcements & Correspondences

Unity House is hosting two programs throughout the summer

ARTISTS AS ALLIES – for ages 16-24 – Paint a mural with friends that shows the community what healthy relationships look like. Art Supplies and Cavasses will be provided. Operates every Monday through the summer from 1PM to 3PM at Wood Park, beginning July 11th

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD – for ages 12-18 – A team of youth working together to enact change in their community. Operates every Wednesday through the summer from 1PM to 3PM at Wood Park, beginning July 13th.

MAYOR UPDATES

Zoning & Planning Board - We are still looking for one more person for each Board. Also need one person for CRRB board.

Woods Brook Home Buyout Program – 107 Main Street has been taken down; they are going to look into fencing around the area. The mayor brought up that they may want to look into buying a piece of property adjacent to the area but not sure if they have time to complete before the end of August. They will look

into this and they are waiting on a meeting with DEC to see where the next phase of the project will go.

Woods Brook Drainage Improvement (with Town of Hoosick) is complete. Mayor Allen showed some picture of the before and after on the various sites. Ryan Weitz from B&L will be present at the August meeting to go over the. project completion

Phones in Main Lobby/Municipal Building will be arriving and put in place They will also, be installed at the Highway Garage.

Small Projects that Mayor Allen would like to have the board consider

Review of all Village-owned benches in Village and the placement of them as well as to review the garbage cans through the park and around the Village. A committee was set up with Tr. O'Malley, Tr. Walraed and Dep. Mayor Ryan to look at this project.

Modification of Municipal Bathroom/Police Office

Handicap Ramp into Municipal Building to approach from the front of the building as a possibility or to ad the very least make improvements to the current ramp and railings.

Municipal Building AC/Heat System checking to see if the current system in the courtroom could be connecting to the rest of the building.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Sandy Gabriel 6 1st. St talking about a dispute with neighbors who are encroaching on her property where she wants to put a fence. Mark Surdam the Building Inspector is actively working on this complaint.

Ken Dolph Waldron Ave. came about his water bill and the relieves on his property tax bill > He says he has paid receipts and will get with Denise McMahon the treasure to go over these.

Marion Stevens Wilder Ave. asked again about the Village picking up brush at some point. Mayor Allen said they would look at the possibility in the spring to schedule this.

Dan Puza 4 Abbott St. asked about the status of the noise law. Tr. Schuttig said they are still working on the new law.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to close Public Hearing at 7:30pm made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

REPORTS were read and all accepted (reports attached)

MINUTES

Motion to accept the minutes for the June 14th Regular Meeting made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

Motion to accept the minutes for July 5th Special Meeting was made by Tr. Schuttig seconded Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tr. Alter stated that she had started discussions with Treasure Denise McMahon and Town Supervisor Mark Surdam about the costs at the transfer station for Village and Town residents, more information to come soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Sidewalk Safety Issue along Classic St/Route 22. Atty. Gilchrist discussed the status of eminent domain in regards to the property along Classic St. and Rt. 22. He gave the board a draft of a new Local Law that would repeal Local Law #1 of 2008 it would be a Local Law providing for the identification and repair or removal of unsafe building's, structures and sites. The board will look at this and look to adopt this new Local Law.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to reconsider Bond Resolution for the purchase of a Sewer Vac Truck made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed. Village Treasurer Denise McMahon explained the terms to the board, originally passed in August 2021 for \$109,271 over 5 years, goal is change to 15 years.

Resolution amending a bond resolution in connection with the purchase of a sewer vac truck, to be extended the maximum maturity of bonds authorized to be issued beyond five years was offered by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor Tr. Decker absent.

ARPA Funds

The board looked over the different ideas they had discussed for ARPA funds and decided to wait to discuss further at the next meeting when Tr. Decker was back.

Motion was made to accept the bid from JA Bradley to install 7 gfci receptacles on streetlight poles for an amount not to exceed \$3000 made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed.

Discussion regarding the condition of the leachate pump system was had the pump is not working and LaBella had a proposal to remove the old pump and lease a new pump they would be using the existing financing for this and the future of the pump will be discussed with Environmental Engineer Millspaugh at a special meeting next week.

Motion to approve task 1 as set forth from Labella's letter of 7/7/22 and Stirling Letter of 7/12/22 was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed.

Motion to approve the relevy corrections for 10 Rogers Ave. and 14 Madison St was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

Motion to approve a relevy correction on 3 Wall St. made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to allow Mayor Allen to approve the contract for the new phones from Nextiva for the lobby and the Highway garage was made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to have the residential property appraised on Ashley Drive at fair market value the appraisal not to exceed \$1000 made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed.

Motion to accept the resignation of police officer Ryan Ashe was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. O'Malley all in favor Tr. Schuttig excused himself.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matter and pending litigation (with no business to be conducted at conclusion of Executive Session) made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

Motion to end Executive session at 10:31pm made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

Motion to adjourn at 10:31pm made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.