

## **Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting**

**August 9, 2022**

**6:00pm:** 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. Schuttig and Tr. Walraed all present.

### **Public Hearings**

Motion to open Public Hearing 1 regarding Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2022 was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan at 6:05pm seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed.

### **People to Be Heard – None**

Motion to open Public Hearing 2 regarding the Village of Hoosick Falls and the Town of Hoosick's current CDBG project: 546PR31-17, Woods Brook Drainage Improvements, was made at 6:06pm by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Ryan Weitz of Barton & Loguidice spoke on the completion of the project and the close-out procedures.

### **People to Be Heard – None**

### **Announcements & Correspondences**

Due to the recent heavy storm, the Village Transfer Station (located on Walnut Street) will be taking brush (up to 9" in diameter) for free. Please make sure that nothing is longer than 4 feet in length. Normally, the Transfer Station takes lawn clippings and leaves for free, but charges for brush. For this week only, on August 9th and August 13th, the Village will be taking brush for free. As a reminder, the summer hours of the transfer station are 8am to noon on Tuesday and 8am to 2PM on Saturday, and the Village will resume charging for brush after August 13th

### **Mayor Updates**

Zoning & Planning Board - We are still looking for one more person for each Board.

Mayor Allen announced he would be meeting soon with Tom Snow from DEC on the design plans for the Woods Brook Buyout area. He hopes to have an in-person meeting and/or a Zoom meeting in the next few weeks.

## **People to Be Heard**

Elizabeth Medvetz from 18 Tahoe Drive came to request that the Village replace some stone that was scraped off during winter plowing, that she had just replace. The board will take this under consideration and get back to her.

Doug Sauer from 95 Classic St. spoke about adding a fifth person to the CRRB he nominated Mike Milliron.

Motion was made to appoint Mike Milliron to the board upon completion of the confidentiality agreement by Dep. Mayor Ryan and seconded by Tr. Schuttig, all in favor none opposed.

## **Public Hearings Closed**

Motion to close Public Hearing No 1. at 6:45pm made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to close Public Hearing No. 2 at 6:45pm made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

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

### **Minutes**

Motion to approve the July 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to approve the July 5<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to approve the July 19<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to approve the December 16, 2021 Special Meeting made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

Motion to approve the December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Meeting made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

## **Trustee/Committee Reports**

Tr. O'Malley asked for the use of Wood Park for the Walter A Wood Agriculture and Tractor Show on Saturday October 1 from 9am-4pm. Also, Future Farmers of America will be holding a Cow Plop at the Town Athletic Field that same day.

Mayor Allen, Tr. O'Malley and Tr. Walraed will meet to discuss more benches and trash cans and replacement cans throughout the village. They will get back to the board on prices and locations.

Motion made to use Wood Park on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 from 9am-4pm made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Schuttig, all in favor, Tr. O'Malley abstained.

Dep. Mayor Ryan mentioned that he is still working with National Grid to get the buyout terms so the Village can move forward with the Real Term Energy LED lights that will save the Village money over the next 10 years. He hopes to have something in place for the September meeting.

Tr. Alter brought up the different ideas for training for the Zoning and Planning Board members and they are looking to get this set up in the very near future, she will have more information at the September meeting.

### **Old Business**

ARPA Funds were discussed and the board decided to do a few more distributions of ARPA funds.

Motion was made to use ARPA funds in the amount of \$3750.00 to restore the Grama Moses mural, work to be done by Kevin Clark Mural's. Motion made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to use ARPA funds for the Town of Hoosick Community Youth Center in the amount of \$10,000 made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

### **New Business**

Doug Sauer and Jasen VonGuiness along with Tr. O'Malley and Tr. Schuttig talked about the NY Forward Grant, the process, goals, timeline and the letter of intent. They are very enthusiastic and have over 20 community and business members that want to get involved. More information will be forth coming. The letter of intent is ready to be sent once the Mayor signs it to get things started.

Motion to authorize Mayor Allen to sign the letter of intent for the NY Forward Grant was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

The board reviewed the fencing quotes that Highway Superintendent Niel Stowell had obtained, the fencing is for the 115 Main St. area, this is part of the Woods Brook Buy-Out Program. After discussing the various options and heights the board decided to go with the 4ft

ornamental fencing from Sienna Fence. Once the Village receives the time extension to the grant the fence will be ordered.

Motion to approve the 4 ft ornamental fence for \$9500 installed subject to the State approval for the time extension on the grant was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to adopt Local Law #2 of 2022, a Local Law repealing the existing Local Law #1 of 2008 of the Village of Hoosick Falls and enacting a new local law entitled "A Local Law Providing for the Identification and Repair or Removal of Unsafe Buildings, Structures, and Sites. Offered by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor on none opposed.

### **Bond Resolution**

A Resolution Authorizing, Subject to Permissive Referendum, The Issuance of an additional \$60,000 Bonds of The Village of Hoosick Fall, Rensselaer County, New York, to pay the increased cost of improvements to the Leachate Collection and Pumping System at the landfill site in and for said Village. Resolution was offered by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

The Board talked about the Classic St. sidewalk issue and the adjacent Cataneo property and agreed they need to move ahead on the appraisal so they can move on the eminent domain to claim the property. Tr. O'Malley has been working with Atty. Gilchrist and they will continue to work on this.

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session) made at 8:30pm by Tr. Alter seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed.

Motion to end Executive Session made at 9:15pm by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:15pm made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.