

Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022

6:00PM: Deputy Mayor Ryan opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Mayor Allen Absent, Deputy Mayor Ryan, Tr. Alter, Tr. Decker, Tr. O'Malley. Tr. Schuttig and Tr. Walraed all present.

Also present: Atty Gilchrist and Atty Tingley

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COORESPONDANCES

Zoning & Planning Board are still looking for one more person for each Board, please contact the village office if interested.

The Village Office is back to being open 5 days a week Monday through Friday 7:30am to 3:30PM.

There will be brush pickup in April of 2023, which would be a new service offered to village residents. Specific details will be prepared and published in the coming months.

Leaf Pick up starts on October 24th and runs thru November 21st, they will start in 4th Ward, 3rd Ward, 2nd Ward and 1st Ward. Please rake your leaves to the curb and be sure to not have any branches or sticks in the pile. As a reminder you can take leaves and lawn clippings to the transfer station for free, empty your bags and take them with you.

MAYOR UPDATES

On the Woods Brook Buy Out Program, the fencing for 107/115 Main Street has been ordered. After a few conversations with NYS HCR, the village was given approval to order the fencing from Siena Fence (as chosen and voted on by the Board in a previous meeting) using program funds. If the fencing does not arrive in time for installation ahead of the colder temperatures, it will be installed first thing in the spring. The village continues to work with the owner of 20 Elm Street to move forward with the possible acquisition and demolition of this property, using program funds. Mark Surdam and Mayor Allen had a follow-up meeting with NYS DEC and consultant SLR, they were looking at the various possibilities for future flood remediation and the preparation of a 30% design to be used for future grant funding.

The New York Forward Grant Application was submitted on Friday, September 23rd. Mayor Allen thanked everyone involved in the preparation of this grant, especially Doug Sauer, Trish Bloomer and Marianne Zwicklbauer, along with Samantha Graves, who produced a beautiful and stunning looking application. Also, thanks to the dozens of other people - business owners, residents, Trustees, etc. – who offered their time, perspective, even their buildings to the group. An addendum to the NY Forward Grant Application was requested by the state to all applicants, regardless of the content of the original submission. Our addendum was submitted on Friday, September 30th. Both the Application and the Addendum are available in a hard copy here at the meeting for review.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Matt Waytkus from 231 Church St. came to address the issue of commercial vehicles parked on the village streets overnight. He noted that it makes the street basically into a one way, he suggested the village might look into making the street one way from Stewarts up Church St. and Willard and Waldron as well. Dep Mayor Ryan noted that the village is in the process of doing a village wide parking study and that this situation has already been brought up to be discussed.

REPORTS – were read and accepted (Reports are Attached)

MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 13th regular meeting and September 14th emergency meeting was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed, Mayor Allen absent

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tr. O'Malley thanked the Hoosick Falls Police Dept. and the Highway Dept. for all the hard work they did for the Walter A Wood Tractor Show. Tr. O'Malley said it was the largest event so far, many people from in and out of town were in the village for the day and it was a boost to local businesses. This year they added pony rides for the kids, music was back in the gazebo and the scarecrow contest was a lot of fun, Key Bank even entered one that looked like Mr. Leonard. Halloween trick or treating will be on Monday October 31st and on Sunday October 30th the Armory will open at 4pm for cider, donuts and a costume contest followed by the annual parade at 6pm.

Tr. Decker spoke on the proposal for treatment on the Decreeft Statue and mentioned it would be nice to have a path and signage leading to it so more people could see it.

Tr. Walraed gave a report on the Water departments need for a larger dehumidifier and is going to have them get quotes to see about replacing the one they have. They will be replacing some parts at the Rensselaer pump station and are still working on Rogers St. tank to be repaired or replaced. They need to meet with the mayor, treasurer and water dept. to discuss the aging water meters and how to replace and the costs involved. Also, they are in need of a new vehicle for the Water Dept.

Tr. Alter spoke about the planning and zoning class that several members attended and the need for all members to get more class training credits. She is looking into setting up some classes and to see if NYCOM or any other agencies will have classes in the near future for them to get this training.

Tr. Schuttig asked about speed signs that the Sheriffs Dept. is supposed to be putting up on the Hill Road, they discussed that and Officer in Charge Aleksonis is going to check on it. Also, Tr. Schuttig spoke about the possibility of getting special picnic tables for the Kennedy Lane area once the new Local Law is adopted for outside dining.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the need to hold off on any more spending from ARPA Funds for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to remove 107 Main St. from the County Tax roll (the village now owns this property as part of the Woods Brook Buyout Program) was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed, Mayor Allen absent.

Introduction of Local Law No. 3 of 2022, a Local Law authorizing the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor dining and for sidewalk sales displays was made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. O'Malley all in favor none opposed.

Motion to set a public hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2022 for Wednesday November 9th at 6:00pm made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Introduction of Local Law No. 4 of 2022, restriction on discharge of firearms and crossbows in the Village of Hoosick Falls was made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to set a public hearing for Local Law No. 4 of 2022 for Wednesday November 9th at 6:15pm made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to hire Charlie Stowell as a full time MEOL as per the CSEA contract (including a 3-month probationary period with a starting rate of \$15.91/hour, after which the rate will be \$19.01/hour) effective immediately, with an 18-month window to obtain the CDL made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Shutting all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to hire Ethan Elwell as a full-time laborer as per CSEA contract (including a 3-month probationary period with a starting rate of \$15.47/hour, after which the rate will be \$18.59/hour) effective immediately, made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to change the Regular November meeting from Tuesday November 8th due to election day to Wednesday November 9th at 6:00pm made by Tr. Decker seconded Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to approve 50/50 sidewalk work done on 42 1st St. by Edward Grainger Jr. in the amount of \$775.50 made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to use ARPA Funds in the amount of \$2741.50 to have the Jose Decreeft statue cleaned and stabilized by Williamstown Art Conservation Center was made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:15pm to discuss personnel matters and to receive legal advice from counsel (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session) made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to end Executive session at 9:32pm made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr Walraed all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:32pm made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Mayor Allen absent.