

Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting November 9, 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. Decker, Tr. Schuttig, Tr. Walraed and Tr. O'Malley absent.

Also present: Atty Gilchrist

Motion to open Public Hearing regarding Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2022, a local law authorizing the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor dining and for sidewalk sales display at 6:04pm by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor Tr. O'Malley absent.

People to be heard

Tanya Surdam Blair 40 4th St. asked about the trash cans in the village and a pickup schedule which led to a discussion about the trash requirements on the permit for the outdoor dining and that it will need to added to the Local Law.

No one else to be Heard

Motion to open Public Hearing regarding Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2022, a Local Law placing restrictions on the discharge of firearms and crossbows in the Village of Hoosick Falls at 6:13pm by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor Tr. O'Malley absent.

People to be heard

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COORESPONDANCES

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

Leaf pickup has been going fairly smoothly, with the exception of a few days where the equipment was under repair. Leaf pickup will run through November 21st.

Request from the Town of Hoosick Lions Club to use the Village Park on December 3rd and 4th for their annual Christmas Tree Sales.

Motion to have the Lions Club use Wood Park for the annual Christmas tree sale December 3rd and 4th if needed made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor absent Tr. O'Malley.

The Village of Hoosick Falls will sponsor the Toys for Joy 2022 campaign again this year. We will be working with community members, churches, and local organizations to help those in the Village that can use some help this holiday season. The Toys for Joy box will be in the Municipal Building Lobby starting the week of November 14, 2022 through December 10, 2022 for people to drop off new and unwrapped gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Marie O'Neil, Village Clerk at 518 686 7072 or clerk@hfvillage.org.

Motion made for a wedding to be held on December 24 in the gazebo around 6pm was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed absent Tr. O'Malley.

The Village Elections will be on March 21st 2023 from noon to 9PM at the Ann Bornt Municipal Building. The following seats are up: 2 Trustee Seats (2-year term), 1 Trustee Seat (1 year term) 1 Mayor Seat (2-year term). Individuals may start gathering signatures on January 3rd. The earliest the petitions can be filed is February 7th, and the last day they can be filed is February 14th. Petitions are filed with the Village Clerk at the Municipal Building.

MAYOR UPDATES

DPW Superintendent Niel Stowell announces his intention to retire. Niel Stowell has announced his intention to retire in late January of 2023. The Village, is exceedingly thankful for the work and leadership Niel has provided the Village over the past 3+ decades, and will work to solidify the retirement date in a future resolution.

Village Attorney Andrew Gilchrist announces his intention to step down as Village Attorney. Village Attorney Gilchrist, who has served as Village Attorney since October of 2017, has informed the Board that he will be stepping down as Village Attorney. Attorney Gilchrist has been a pillar of knowledge, wisdom, and guidance for the Village, and in keeping with his dedication to the Village, has agreed to stay on while the Village pursues a new attorney. The Village Board has started the process to search for a new attorney, and hopes to be in position to transition to the new attorney at the December meeting.

There will be more said in future meetings as we thank and honor their service to the Village.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – None

REPORTS – Were read and accepted (all attached)

MINUTES

Motion to accept the October 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes was made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed absent Tr. O'Malley.

Motion to accept the October 28, 2022 emergency meeting minutes made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed absent Tr. O'Malley.

Motion to accept the November 1, 2022 emergency meeting minutes made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed absent Tr. O'Malley.

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tr. Decker mentioned he would like to look into the loud horns the trains blow as they move through the village and see if they can have them maybe not be so loud especially late at night. They don't want to jeopardize the safety of the railroad crossings but maybe limit the times?

Tr. Alter mentioned that she is working on looking into online courses or in house training for Planning and Zoning board members.

Dep. Mayor Ryan mentioned that Real Term Energy have been working on the audit and he should have more information at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA funds were updated by Mayor Allen showing what has been spent and what the village still has for future use.

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed a quote for a new PC and installation in the police department, from Diagnostic Services for a HP computer at a cost of \$850.00. Motion to purchase HP computer made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Resolution authorizing agreement with axon enterprise, Inc. for taser services – Police Department was offered by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed, Tr. Schuttig recused and Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion was made to authorize the Mayor/Treasurer to add 2 iPhone 12 phones to the existing Verizon plan for the police department made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed Tr. Schuttig recused himself and Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion to accept the letter of resignation from part time Police Officer Daniel Shameti effective October 17, 2022 made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed Tr. Schuttig recused himself and Tr. O'Malley was absent.

The board reviewed the letter from Barton & Loguidice that had the quotes and recommendations for the remaining grant funds for the Hoosic River Greenway Trail (Northern Trailhead).

Motion to purchase the bike repair station from Dero a Playcore Company with grant funds of \$2289.59 was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor Tr. Decker opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion to purchase the bike rack from Devo a Playcore Company with grant funds of \$193.14 made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion to purchase the Kiosk from Timberhomes Vermont with the grant funds of \$4445.00 made by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Walread all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Resolution Authorizing the extension of the service agreement with The Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management for one year was offered by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr. Walread all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Tabled the Resolution for Local Law #3 of 2022 a Local Law authorizing the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor dining and for sidewalk displays. Motion to table made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Resolution adopting Local Law No.3 of 2022 of the Village of Hoosick Falls a proposed local law placing restrictions on the discharge of firearms and crossbows in the Village of Hoosick Falls offered by Tr. Walread seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion to relevy unpaid 2022 Property Taxes and unpaid outside water/sewer bills to Rensselaer County made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Resolution Adopting Section 504 Grievance Procedure for Disability Nondiscrimination offered by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:39pm to discuss personnel matters and to receive legal advice from counsel (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session) by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion to end Executive Session at 8:37pm made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm made by Tr. Alter seconded Tr. Walread all in favor none opposed Tr. O'Malley absent.