

Village of Hoosick Falls Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 13 th 2022

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

Roll Call: Dep. Mayor Ryan, Tr. Alter, T. Decker, Tr. O'Malley, Tr. Schuttig and Tr. Walraed present.
Mayor Allen Absent

Also present: Atty. Gilchrist

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORESPONDANCES

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

Toys For Joy 2022 – 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

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), and 1 Mayor Seat (2-year term)

Individuals may start gathering signatures on January 3rd and 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 - None

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – None

REPORTS- All read and approved (all attached)

MINUTES

Motion to approve the November 8 th Regular Meeting, the November 21st Emergency Meeting, the November 30th Emergency Meeting, and the December 5th Special Meeting was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor no one opposed.

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tr. O'Malley thanked all those involved in the tree lighting, Arron Buzzinski, Dave Sutton and JC Tractor for driving Santa. Tr. O'Malley said it was well attended and started the holiday weekend off in a great way. He also brought up the parking study for the downtown area as well as an overall study, the board discussed the possibilities that some funds may be available with grants and they are going to look into that. Tr. O'Malley mentioned that the board needs to decide on the Snow Emergency policies and they need to be enforced. They discussed who called the snow emergency the Mayor or the Highway Superintendent. Also, the need to have a tow company that can tow the cars so far only have one that will help in the daytime. Tr. O'Malley also mentioned several lights out one on the corner of John and Main St. and Elm and Church St.

Tr. Decker mentioned that the village should look at a stop sign on the crossroad of Railroad Ave. and Elm St. with more traffic that goes through there between two local businesses, Tr. Walraed is going to check on any Local Laws that may apply to putting up stop signs.

Tr. Schuttig mentioned that the Village is putting in for the Restore NY grant for 1 Center St. which is being bought by Jasen VonGuiness, we will need to hold a public hearing on this grant at the January 2023 meeting.

Tr. Walraed spoke to the water departments need still for a new truck, as well as the need to consider a new more efficient dehumidifier for the plant.

Dep. Mayor Ryan mentioned that Real Term has posted the material bid for the street lights so they are moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Funds nothing new to report on this

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION of LOCAL LAW No. 5 of 2022, a Local Law authorizing the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor dining and for sidewalk sales displays.

Motion to set public hearing for Jan 10th, at 6pm made by Tr. O'Malley seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

MOTION to accept the resignation of David Borge from the Community Review and Reform Board, effective November 11th, 2022 made by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

MOTION to accept the resignation of Dan Merrills, effective December 31st. 2022 made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

MOTION to adjust the 2022 Property Tax Bill for 82 Elm Street (some of the payment was already made, but was accidentally billed) made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed

Tr. Alter spoke regarding the speed limit within the Village and brought up the new law Governor Hochul has put into place for towns and villages, Atty. Gilchrist is sending this information over to Tr. Alter and she will report back at the January 10th 2023 meeting.

MOTION to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (with no business to be conducted after) made at 7:00pm by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

MOTION to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:32pm made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting made at 7:32pm by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed.