



Mayor: Robert Allen  
Deputy Mayor: Robert Ryan, Tr. Alter,  
Tr. Decker, Tr. O'Malley, Tr. Schuttig,  
Tr. Walraed

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## Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting Minutes March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**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 all present. Tr. Walraed absent

**Also Present:** Atty. Finan

**RESOLUTION** for the creation of a new Full-Time Police Officer Position and the Appointment of Two Full-Time Police Officers in the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Department was offered by Dep. Mayor Ryan and seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor, Tr Schuttig recused and Tr. Walraed absent.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & COORESPONDANCES**

The Village Elections will be on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023 from noon to 9PM at the Ann Bornt Municipal Building.

There are two seats for the Board of Trustees for 2-year terms. There are two individuals on the ballot: Robert Ryan and Doug Sauer.

There is one seat for the Board of Trustees for a 1-year term. There is one individual on the ballot: Kevin O'Malley.

There is one seat for Mayor for a 2-year term. There is one individual on the ballot: Robert Allen.

The Hoosick Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade and Irish Fest is this Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 1PM. There will be many activities throughout the Village, including at the Armory, where there will be music, Irish Dances, bagpipes, and lots of food. This will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> Parade/Irish Fest, and the 2023 Grand Marshall is Arthur "Art" Hyde Jr.

The Village Office will be closed on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll be back to normal the following week.

The Village is returning to offering a Spring Brush/Leaf pickup for residents that will run the first two weeks of April (April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup>). This pickup is limited to leaves, grass

clippings, and branches (4" diameter or less only) that fell due to the winter weather. The flyer with all directions and limitations will be published online, in the Eastwick Press, and will be on the Village's social media pages.

Budget season has arrived. When the draft budget is available for review, we will post it on the Village website, have it available at the Municipal Building, and announce budget workshops. This will all happen ahead of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

Motion to allow Fedelis Veggies to use the park for an event on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor.. Tr. Walraed absent

Motion to use Wood Park for a wedding on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 from Sarah Holcolm was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor, Tr. Walraed absent

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Hoosick History & Heritage Committee – a collaboration between the Hoosick Township Historical Society and the Friends of Bennington Battlefield. Phyllis Chapman, Michael Chapman, and Katie Brownell . They discussed some upcoming events and presented a proposal for the placement of lamp post banners within the Village.

Our goal is to celebrate and promote the rich heritage of our community. We are nearing the 250th Anniversaries of several important Revolutionary War battles, including the Battle of Bennington. 2027 will also be the 200th Anniversary of the founding of the Village of Hoosick Falls. It is a time for our community to experience pride of place and appreciation for our unique and important history. With these important historic anniversaries in site we have applied for a Stewardship and Community Engagement Grant to fund and to fund three upcoming events to connect our local community members with their history. This grant does have a 10% community match clause, and we are seeking sponsorship from local businesses and individuals.

Our upcoming events include:

Hoosick History & Heritage Fair will be held on Saturday May 20th at the Armory, and will be an open, inclusive event with the theme "People, Places, and Things." This free family friendly event is an opportunity to bring local history to our community through engagement and interaction. We will also have a Trolly available to shuttle the public up to the Bennington Battlefield so that the battlefield can be more accessible to the community. A stop will be added at John St. and Main St. to promote local businesses and for participation in a historic building scavenger hunt.

Community Picnic and Family Day at Our Battlefield will be on Saturday July 15th. We will be inviting people to bring their picnics to the Battlefield Park where we will offer activities for children and families, guided tours, live entertainment, and historical craft demonstrations.

Voices of the Fallen will be held on August 5th and 6th. It will be an original live action production featuring historically correct costumed actors relating the stories of those who fell during the Battle of Bennington on August 16, 1777. This ticketed event seeks to educate, entertain, and give voice to the diverse experiences of those who gave their lives in the Battle of Bennington.

Motion to put up the banners on the poles in the Village for May was made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor, Tr. Walraed absent.

SVHC Regional Advisory Board (RAB) member Greg Laurin introduced himself and spoke to the board about the existence and purpose of the RAB. He wanted the Board and the community to know they are here and available to help people in the community. Tr. O'Malley spoke to the problem with getting Dr. appointments in the Village and the surrounding area. Mr. Laurin addressed the shortage of medical staffing nationwide and the need to recruit young adults to go into the medical field.

Delaware Engineering – Robert Flores and Kaitlyn Curvin of Delaware Engineering presented information to the Board regarding the various types of water and sewer grant funding that are out there and their various processes (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the CWSRF and DWSRF, NYSEFC Grant Programs including the WIIA, WQIP, CDBG). They also updated the work done regarding an update to the May 18 2022 Engineering Report, including applying for a grant for the Rogers Avenue Water Tank.

**MAYOR UPDATES - NONE**

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – NONE**

**REPORTS ALL READ AND ACCEPTED(REPORTS ATTACHED)**

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meeting made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor.

Motion to approve the minutes from February 2<sup>th</sup> Special meeting made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor..

**TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dep. Mayor Ryan gave an update on Real Term they are waiting for the letter of intent from National Grid to move forward.

Tr. O'Malley brought up the parking study for the Village and that they need to look at this again.

Tr. Alter spoke about ERCSMA and setting up the recycling rates and working with the Town to get rates updated.

Tr. Decker is working on the water rates for the budget and they will be working on rates over the next few weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS - NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Agreement with Robert Flores/Delaware Engineering to assist at the Wastewater Treatment Plant as an independent contractor, to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators as they work to get their Plant Grade 2A certifications.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Village to Enter into an Independent Contractor and Professional Services Agreement. The Resolution was offered by Dep. Mayor Ryan and seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor, absent Tr. O'Malley and Tr. Walraed.

MOTION authorizing the mayor to execute the Property Owner Access Form with C.T. Male regarding access to manholes for collection of wastewater samples for PFAS made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan

MOTION to allow the Sutton/Brewster families to put a bench and plant a new tree in Wood Park in honor of Leslie Sutton made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor

MOTION to allow the Mayor to purchase two motorized projector screens to be located at the Village Highway Garage and the Municipal Building's Courtroom for meetings , the two used screens are available to for purchase (\$150 for both made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed

MOTION to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session).made at 8:30pm by Dep. Mayor Ryan second by Tr.Schuttig all in favor

MOTION to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:24pm by Dep.Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor.

MOTION to adjourn at 9:24pm by Tr. Alter seconded by Tr.Schuttg all in favor.