

# **Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting**

**May 10, 2023**

**6:03pm** 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. Sauer, and Tr. Schuttig all present

**Also Present:** Atty Finan and Atty. Engel

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORESPONDANCES**

The Hoosick Community Garden group has invited Village Trustees to a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, June 3rd at 10am on location at their site by Wilson Hill Road and River Road.

Fidelis Care will hold its "Veggies To Go" program that offers free locally grown vegetables on Thursday, May 18th 2023 at Wood Park. It begins at 3PM and will last until quantities are gone.

## **MAYOR UPDATES**

Agreement with Saint-Gobain and Honeywell – On the agenda is an agreement with Saint-Gobain and Honeywell under which the companies will fund, design, and construct a new water source and associated infrastructure for the Village. The proposed Agreement also requires that the companies perform an analysis to be provided to the Village calculating the costs that will be incurred for the long-term operation and maintenance of the new infrastructure and continued use of the GAC system. Also included in the agreement is an \$80,000 escrow account funded by the companies for the Village of Hoosick Falls to be used for expenses the Village will incur for the Village's environmental consultants to review the engineering plans being developed by the companies' consultants.

Environmental Attorney David Engel will spoke about the agreement and next steps that will be happening in the future.

## **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

Marion Stevens Wilder Ave. asked if the village water taxes would be increased because of this action and the Mayor told her that none of this be put on the taxpayers.

Reports all read and approve ( all attached)

Motion to accept the April 12 2023 regular meeting made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed

Motion to accept the April 26 2023 special meeting made by Tr. Sauer seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor abstained Dep. Mayor Ryan

## **TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dep. Mayor Ryan spoke about the Real Term Energy progress and had a few questions on the decorative poles that the village owns and the ones that National Grid owned. He and Tr. O'Malley spoke about needing a few poles in the area at the end of First street where it is really dark.

Tr. Alter spoke about ERCSWMA and the Transfer Station and the services provided she gave a hand out that highlighted the services provided as a member of the authority and the things that would change if we were not in the authority. She also spoke to the villages current transfer ticket prices and the idea that they would be purchased once a year at the beginning of the year and be valid for the year. They will be meeting further to discuss the current fees and make changes to bring them into line with other communities in the area. She will bring more information to the board at the June 14 regular meeting.

Tr. Alter mentioned that she and Tr. Schuttig are working on the Local Laws that the village currently has and updating all.

Tr. Alter asked on behalf of Cheney Library to have the village crew help with the bucket truck to hand some bird houses, all were in favor of this.

Tr. O'Malley mentioned the community tag sale to be held on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> and that you can contact him to get the area map. The Annual Memorial Day

Parade will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The summer concert season is shaping up to be a lot of fun with at least 6 free concerts in Wood Park. Tr. O'Malley mentioned that fund raising has been slower than past years and if anyone would like to donate to contact him.

Tr. Sauer mentioned he has been in contact with Hoosick Rising and will be working on NY Forward grants that are available and since the Village downtown had already been designated area it will be easier going forward.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tr. Alter discussed ERCSWMA and the transfer station (see Trustee reports)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

After the discussion with Atty. Engel in regards to the agreement between the Village of Hoosick Falls and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics corporation and Honeywell International, Inc. the board presented a resolution.

Resolution authorizing agreement between the Village of Hoosick Falls and Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics corporation and Honeywell International, Inc. was offered by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Sauer all in favor none opposed.

The board discussed the water storage and water main replacement project that Delaware Engineering is working on to move forward the next step is to do the resolution to for a SEQR determination.

Resolution making a SEQR determination regarding the Village of Hoosick Falls Water System upgrades was offered by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

Introduction of Local Law A of 2023, a Local Law establishing a vacant and abandoned building registry. The board discussed the new law and the fee structure as well as non-compliance fees.

Motion to set a public hearing for Local Law A of 2023 to be set at the June 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting at 6pm made by Tr. Sauer seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

Motion to relevel unpaid water usage, water bonds, water fines, sewer usage, sewer bonds, refuse, and all unpaid invoiced for services to properties in the Village made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Decker 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 7:40pm by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed.

Motion to end Executive session at 9:11pm was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:11pm made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Alter all in favor none opposed.