

Wednesday, February 12th, 2025

Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 12th, 2025
Location: Highway Garage – 7 Waterworks Road

MEETING MINUTES

6:02PM: Deputy Mayor Ryan opened the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call was conducted by Village Clerk Olivia Schneider.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Ryan, Trustee Alter, Trustee Schuttig, Trustee Hanselman, Trustee Sauer, and Attorney Aliana.

ABSENT: Trustee Walraed will be late and Mayor Robert Allen will be late.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COORESPONDANCES

1. **Assessor Tiffany McMahon** will present additional data as it relates to the potential Senior Exemption discussion from the two previous meetings. She gave us a spread sheet and explained that in June the revalue will take place and in 2026 the exemption will be put into place. The village will need to make a decision before March meeting, Will hold a special meeting before March to act on this with a decision.

2. **Jonathan Halligan and Donald MacCormack** from the Bank of Green County will present to the Board information on municipal banking. **Treasurer Denise McMahon** will also be present for this discussion. Deputy Mayor Ryan told the guys from Bank of Green County the Board will discuss this before coming up with a decision.

Trustee Walraed has come into the meeting at 6:28PM.

3. **The Village Election** is coming up on Tuesday, March 18th from noon to 9PM at Village Hall.

MAYOR UPDATES – Mayor Allen will not be present for the first hour of the meeting due to a family commitment, but he wanted to make sure a few items were mentioned:

1. **Need for a Special Meeting in late February:** There are many items that will materialize in the next two weeks that should be acted on prior to the March Regular Meeting. They include:
 - a. **Hiring Decisions** (after interviews – Deputy Treasurer and Code Enforcement Officer, which will be set up shortly)
 - b. **WWTP UV Filtration Project** – approval of bids for project (we moved on the Bond Resolution last meeting - with Delaware Engineering)
 - c. **WTP Dehumidification Project** – review and approval of bids for new dehumidification system (with Delaware Engineering project)
 - d. **Local Law Introduction for Senior Exemption** (introduced at the Special Meeting, ideally set the public hearing for the March Regular Meeting). After discussions with the Assessor this evening, the Village Attorney will draft the local law, allowing for its introduction at the Special Meeting. This would allow a Public Hearing on the proposed local law at the March regular meeting.
2. **New Water Source coming online soon:** The Village is continuing to work with its Environmental Engineers and DEC/DOH to prepare for the switchover to the new water source. We anticipate this happening in March, and will make a formal announcement once the date is finalized.
3. **Restore NY Update:** NYS ESD reached out to Mayor Allen to have an additional zoom meeting regarding the Village's Restore NY application, which is great news. Mayor Allen and property owner Jasen VonGuinness will be joining that zoom meeting later this week.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:

1. Karin Primerano who lives at 115 Easy Streets wanted to speak on her concerns with people who own businesses and homes that do not take care of their sidewalks during storms. She expressed that she knows this is not the Village workers fault but that the residence needs to do a better job before someone gets hurt. She also has concerns about vehicles that are not getting ticketed for parking the wrong way or for days at a time with no license plates. She believes the officers should be doing a better job at ticketing people for these reasons. Trustee Sauer said from experience that cars that are registered they can park on the street for a long as they want unless a snow emergency.

REPORTS

- Police was approved by Trustee Schuttig and 2nd by Trustee Walraed. **Approved by all.**
- Code Enforcement was approved by Trustee Sauer and 2nd by Trustee Hanselman **Approved by all.**
- Treasurer was approved by Trustee Alter and 2nd by Trustee Hanselman. **Approved by all.**

- Clerk/Deputy Clerk was approved by Trustee Schuttig and 2nd by Trustee Alter **Approved by all.**
- Highway/DPW was approved by Trustee Walraed and 2nd by Trustee Schuttig **Approved by all.**
MOTION to approve Highway for 7,000 emergency fund for new heater in the shop was made by Deputy Mayor Ryan and 2nd by Trustee Walraed. **Approved by all.**
- Sewer was approved by Trustee Alter and 2nd by Trustee Hanselman **Approved by all.**
- Water was approved by Trustee Walraed and 2nd by Trustee Hanselman. **Approved by all.**
MOTION to approve the water department 24,500 dollars from emergency fund for a new water van was made by Trustee Sauer and 2nd by Trustee Walraed. **Approved by all.**

MINUTES

Minutes ready for approval are for the **December 11th Regular Meeting**, the **December 19th Special Meeting**, and the **February 3rd 2025 Special Meeting**. The minutes for the **January 16th Regular Meeting** are still being worked on, but the audio for that meeting (and all other meetings) is on the Village's YouTube page – just search “Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustee Meeting”.

MOTION to approve December 11th minutes was made by Trustee Alter and 2nd by Trustee Walraed. **Approved by all.**

MOTION to approve December 19th Special Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Alter and 2nd by Trustee Walraed. **Approved by all.**

MOTION to approve February 3rd Special meeting minutes was made by Trustee Alter and 2nd by Trustee Schuttig. **Approved by all.**

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Trustee Alter- Nothing to report at this time.
- Trustee Hanselman- Nothing to report at this time.
- Deputy Mayor Ryan- The buy out for the Street light project should be done by February 5th and the project should be completed by May or June.
- Trustee Sauer- February 18th at 6:00PM they will be meeting with the Town to speak about shared services for the transfer station.
- Trustee Schuttig- Nothing to report at this time.
- Trustee Walraed- Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Departmental Capital Projects Priorities List

- **DISCUSSION.** *(nothing new at this time)*

Senior Exemption Local Law Development

- **DISCUSSION** regarding additional data to be considered (already would be discussed in the “Announcements and Correspondences” portion of the meeting).

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Local Law A of 2025

- **INTRODUCTION of Proposed Local Law A of 2025**, a Local Law to amend the Code of the Village of Hoosick Falls, prohibiting parking at all times on both sides of Willard Street.
- **MOTION** to set a Public Hearing (next Regular Meeting is March 12th, 2025 at 6PM) was made by Trustee Schuttig and 2nd by Trustee Alter. **Approved by all.**

Election Workers

- **MOTION** to appoint Betty Smith, Carolyn Bornt, Mary Beth Dickinson, and Charlotte Forrest as election inspectors for the upcoming March 18th 2025 Village Election was made by Trustee Sauer and 2nd by Trustee Schuttig. **Approved by all.**

Code Enforcement

- **DISCUSSION** about the possibility of postponing bi-annual inspections for a month to give time to focus on addressing Junk Vehicles as per the Junk Vehicle Law (Deputy Mayor Ryan). Mark believes that we should not postpone the bi annual inspections but instead have the police and Kenny work with Mark to get a list together of priorities for junk cars.

Mayor Rob Allen entered the meeting at 7:12PM

(If the Board elects to) **MOTION** to enter Executive Session (pursuit to Public Officer’s Law Section 105 Subsections D & F) to discuss proposed, current or pending litigation, and potential future hiring decisions (with no business to be conducted at the end of Executive Session) was made by Trustee Sauer and 2nd by Trustee Alter. **Approved by all present.**

MOTION to end executive session was mad by deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee Walraed. **Unanimous approved by all.**
Executive session ended at 7:56PM.

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee Alter, seconded by Trustee Walraed. **Unanimous approved by all.**
Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM

Olivia Schneider
Village Clerk