



Mayor: Robert Allen  
Deputy Mayor: Robert Ryan

Trustees:  
Brian Bushner, Vanessa Lewis, Kevin O'Malley, Ben Patten, Craig Pine

Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### TENTATIVE AGENDA Village Hall – 24 Main Street

6:00pm - Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

#### Roll Call

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We need **Zoning Board Members!** The Zoning Board of Appeals is an important appointed government board that hears zoning appeals and variance requests. Please reach out to Village Clerk Marie O'Neil if you are interested.
- **Hoosick Falls Central School's Capital Project Vote** will be held on **March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Do your research on the Project, and get out and vote!

#### MAYOR UPDATES

- **Woods Brook Buyout Program**
  - Appraisals are wrapping up – for people who have shown interest, most appraisals have been done, and the reports should be in the hands of the Village in the next week or two.
  - Environmental Site Assessments will be performed in the coming week or two.
  - A lot of research and initial field work has been done for the surveys, and final field work will be scheduled and completed over the next two weeks.
  - Once all reports are in the hands of the Village, copies will be provided to the owner and we will be able to schedule sit-downs with the owner.
- **Snow Street Grant**
  - DASNY has allowed us to use the remaining funds from the Snow Street Grant to purchase a pump station to replace the current one located at the Rensselaer Street. The cost of this is around \$90,000, with over \$30,000 coming from the grant. Our Water Treatment Plant Operators made adjustments to their budget this year to provide the rest of the funds. The purchase has been authorized, and the new pump station will arrive and be installed sometime in April or May. This is a huge step forward, as it will replace an antiquated pump station that has costs the Village

thousands of dollars annually in upkeep and repairs, and also provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the water pressure fix in this part of the Village. Special thanks to Jim, Josh and Denise, to MRB Engineering, and to CFI Construction.

- **Sewer Project**

- The bids for phase 1 (force main) came in lower than we had hoped, as we discussed at last month's meeting. We tabled accepting the bid, as we were waiting to get permits from DEC and the Army Corp of Engineers. Fortunately, we now have both of these fully executed permits in hand, so we are now able to move forward. Accepting the bids for phase 1 is part of the new business later in the meeting.
- The bids for phase 2 (pump station) are scheduled to be opened on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, so we will be discussing them later this meeting. MRB will need about a week or two to make sure everything is in order before we approve this bid. Because of this, we'll be looking to set up an extra meeting in a week or two to formally approve this bid. If we wait until the March meeting to do this, then we risk delaying the time ground can break on both of these projects, and could push things into fall/winter, which we want to avoid.
- We are still waiting to hear if our request to extend the deadline to close on the 0% financing loan and grant agreement from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was approved.

- **Unsafe Structures**

- We are waiting for a required variance from the NYS Department of Labor concerning asbestos abatement in order to move forward with demolition of the remaining two unsafe structures, and we expect to receive this in the coming week or two. Once the Village has that the NYSDOL variance, then Mark will coordinate with the demo company and the air monitoring company to schedule the demolition. Likely demolition will occur in March or April.

- **Highway Garage Grant**

- The redesigns and documents are now complete. One action we will be requesting the Board in this meeting is to advertise the bids, with a schedule of a pre-bid meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> and a bid opening of March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The bid will include a list of alternates as a way of making sure the new building stays within the total grant funds without having to force any additional burden on the taxpayer. We will take on the alternates based on how the base bid comes back: if it comes back high, then we are prepared to do the alternates ourselves. If the base bid comes back low, then we will fit in as many alternates as we can into the total funds available for the grant.
- We will likely need a quick special meeting in Mid to late March as well to officially approve a bid, so that the process can continue and ground can break in late spring.

- **EPA & DEC's Stack Testing at Saint-Gobain's McCaffrey Street**

- EPA's ORD (Office of Research and Development) & NY DEC have been developing new technology to handle testing air emissions at the McCaffrey Street location (and subsequently would be used in other locations across the country).

- The original test date of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 didn't happen, because the Federal Government was shut down from December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 to January 25<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- The new date is the week of March 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>. Results are expected a few months after that.
  - However, if the federal government is shut down again, the date will likely be delayed again.

- **Miscellaneous**

- There has been a substantial cut suggested in the Governor Cuomo's proposed budget to **Aid and Incentives for Municipalities Funding** (AIM funding). This has caused uproar in many municipalities, as many towns and villages would lose this aid (in the proposed budget, cities would retain their AIM funding). If this goes through, we would lose over \$30,000 in funding. To put that in perspective, to stay under the tax cap, we have to limit any increase in our budget to around \$22,000.
- Blood Testing for Round 2 is still available.

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

- Presentation by **Bernie Bandman, Ph.D.** and Executive Director of the Center for Communication in Medicine, and **Laurie Gormley**: presenting on the "**SpeakSooner**" **educational program**
- Request by Gail Leva to use Wood Park on the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the annual Glow In The Dark Walk For Autism.
- Request from the St. Patrick's Committee (Kevin O'Malley and Marie O'Niel):
  - to use Woods Park and the Village for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> (Step Off at 1PM).
  - to have the Irish flags put up on the poles for the month of March.
  - request for any financial support
  - Note: The Armory will be used for an Irish Festival after the parade.
- Request from Marianne Zwicklbauer: Civicure is going to help out the seniors at Wood Park with their gardens and walkways, and are looking for additional support from the Village:
  - Drainage runoff issues are causing a small pond to form and freeze at the base of the walkway. The runoff has broken through the pavement and caused a small collapse across the walkway at the bottom. Permission for Dave Sutton (who has volunteered to fix this) to make a dry riverbed and put a 12" culvert pipe at the base of the walkway leading from the Woods Brook Senior Complex to the Park
  - Request to have Jerry McAuliffe/Community Service assist with part of the garden project. This would possibly include help with large rocks and plantings, putting up a surround around the dumpster, and cleaning woodland between the walkway and back of the church.
  - The railing along the walkway to the park needs to be replaced. Request for Village Highway Department to put up a new railing on walkway, using pipe to mimic the one at the back of the park along the drive.

**REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer**
- **Police**
- **Code Enforcement**
- **Community Service**
- **Clerk/Deputy Clerk**
- **Highway/DPW**
- **Sewer**
- **Water**

**MINUTES**

The following minutes are up for approval: September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (regular meeting), October 9<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting), October 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 (special meeting), November 13<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting), December 11<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting), and January 8<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting).

**TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Sewer Project*

\*DISCUSSION regarding the bids for Phase 1 of the Sewer Project. MOTION TO AWARD CONTRACT.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Sewer Project*

\*DISCUSSION regarding bid results for the Pump Station portion (phase 2) of the Sewer Project.

\*DISCUSSION regarding Sewer project financing. MOTION to retain bond counsel.

\*DISCUSSION regarding Amendment #5 of the Sewer Project. MOTION to accept Amendment #5 items C, D, E (contingent on discussion).

*SAM Grant for the Excavator*

\*RESOLUTION authorizing the Mayor to execute the Grant Disbursement Agreement through DASNY for the purchase of the Excavator. ROLL CALL VOTE

*Highway Garage Grant*

\*MOTION to advertise for bids for the Highway Garage.

LWRP

\*Authorize Notice of Intent to establish SEQRA Lead Agency: Hoosic River Greenway Northern Trailhead Improvement Project

*Other*

\*DISCUSSION about Truck Cab/Chassis Purchase. \*MOTION to approve purchase.

\*Request from a resident to adjust two water bill by a total of \$500. The account was charged a water meter fine on two bills in the amount of \$250 each. The customer confirmed that the water meter is working and no one is living there.

\*MOTION to appoint Election inspectors.

\*MOTION to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and pending litigation.

\*MOTION to Adjourn.