



Mayor: Robert Allen  
Deputy Mayor: Robert Ryan

Trustees: Deb Alter, Kevin O'Malley, Doug Sauer,  
Dan Schuttig, and Megan Walraed

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Location: Highway Garage – 7 Waterworks Road

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**6:00PM: Open the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.**

**Roll Call**

***HFPD Ceremony***

- At the February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Special Meeting, the Village Board appointed Officers James Waters and Jasmine Salgado to the position of full-time police Officer through a Resolution. Tonight, we will hold our Swearing In Ceremony.
- **Swearing In of Officer James Waters**
- **Swearing In of Officer Jasmine Salgado**
- **RESOLUTION** hiring a part-time Police Officer for the Hoosick Falls Police Department (J. Wright)
- **Swearing In**

*(brief pause for congratulations and pictures)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORESPONDANCES**

- **Village Election Information:**
  - **The Village Elections** will be on **March 19<sup>th</sup> 2024** from noon to 9PM at the Ann Bornt Municipal Building.
  - There are 3 Trustee seats open for two-year terms. On the ballot for these three seats is Deb Alter, Brett Hanselman, and Dan Schuttig.
  - There is 1 Trustee seat open for a one-year term. On the ballot for this seat is Megan Walraed.
- **Spring Brush Pickup:** Our second year in a row offering a spring brush pickup will begin on **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and run through Monday, April 15<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. Brush piles should be next to the road or sidewalk. Paper bags are ok, but no plastic tags will be taken.

## MAYOR UPDATES

- 1. HFPD Department Meeting:** It was an honor to be able to speak to members of the HFPD during a portion of their department/union meeting. I shared recent initiatives the Board has supported over the years, how important the HFPD's work is to our community, some anecdotes from my time as Mayor, and what our priorities are in the short and long term.
- 2. NY Forward:** I have sent the nominations for the **Local Planning Committee** to our Department of State contact, and now we wait for the state to make their final approval. Many thanks go out to Trustees Sauer and Alter who were instrumental in helping find and speak with the many qualified candidates. Once formed, we anticipate the first meeting of the LPC to be in mid-to-late April.
- 3. Sewer System Problems due to misuse:** There have been numerous sewer issues recently, caused by two main issues. The first is the type of materials that people are forcing down through their pipes, including pieces of wood, clothing, towels, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and other larger, non-biodegradable materials. This is a major issue that the Village will be publicizing and discussing in the very near future. The second is the excess water that the sanitary sewer system takes on during heavy rains, which is problematic because **no Village home or building should have rain water, gutters, and/or sump pumps being piped into the sewer system**. Not only is this illegal, but it is having real negative effects on the system, including causing issues with new equipment. The Village is planning on how to address this important issue.
- 4. Streetlight Update (with Deputy Mayor Ryan):** I joined Deputy Mayor Ryan on a call regarding our Streetlight Upgrades. The lantern style lights were chosen (based on additional light span and safety concerns), and we are moving forward. They also brought up the possibility of pursuing EV charging stations, which could be 90% funded by qualifying for the "Clean Energy Communities" program through NYSERDA. With a point system, hitting 1,000 points qualifies for a \$10,000 grant. Our planned improvements with our street lighting would accrue 900 pts, so the EV charging stations would put us over 1,000 pts. We are continuing to explore this possibility.
- 5. Compliance with Recent Code Enforcement Laws:** We have created our notice of violation sheets for enforcement of the "Junk Vehicle" Law (Local Law #2 of 2023). CEO Mark Surdam will speak more about this in his report.
- 6. New Water Source/New Wells (Update with Attorney David Engel):** The closing on the property that will be home to the new Village water source (in the way of two wells) will be taking place at the end of this week, which will include the companies signing over the property to the Village.

## PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

### REPORTS

- Police
- Code Enforcement

- Treasurer
- Clerk/Deputy Clerk
- Highway/DPW
- Sewer
- Water

## **MINUTES**

Minutes are available for the February 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, the February 19<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, and the February 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.

## **TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Trustee Alter
- Trustee O’Malley
- Deputy Mayor Ryan
- Trustee Sauer
- Trustee Schuttig
- Trustee Walraed

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *New Proposed Local Law A – Amending the Village of Hoosick Falls Zoning Map*

- **UPDATE** from the Mayor regarding the approval from the County on the Zoning.
- **DISCUSSION**
- **RESOLUTION** (should the Board decide to move forward with it) **Making a Determination on SEQR with respects to a Zone Change and Enacting A Local Law with Respect to the Zone Change** (to be Local Law #2, A Local law Amending the Village of Hoosick Falls Zoning Map.)

### *New Proposed Local Law B – Creating Alternate Member Positions – Planning & Zoning Boards*

- **REVIEW** of Local Law with agreed-upon modification from the last meeting.
- **DISCUSSION**
- **RESOLUTION** (should the Board decide to move forward with it) **Enacting Local Law 3 of 2024 Creating Alternative Member Positions on the Village’s Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals**

### *Shared PR/Website Resource with HFCS and Town of Hoosick*

- **DISCUSSION** regarding the possibility of a shared PR/Website hire between Hoosick Falls Central School, the Town of Hoosick, and the Village of Hoosick Falls, as brought to the Mayor by HFCS Superintendent Patrick Dailey.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Water Supply Development/ROD*

- **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Payment of Invoices through a Third-Party Funded Escrow Account Pertaining to the Development of New Water Supply Wells and Associated Infrastructure for the Village (*note: This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Resolution of this type*)
- **RESOLUTION** accepting certain Lands on NY 22 in the Town of Hoosick.

*ARPA Funds/HFPD and Municipal Building Improvement Quotes*

- **REVIEW** of most recent ARPA Funds spent and remaining.
- **REVIEW** of recent HFPD and Municipal Building Improvement Quotes

*New Proposed Local Law C*

- **DISCUSSION** regarding the rules surrounding the Tax Cap, and the process needed to be able to override the tax cap, should it be deemed necessary.
- **INTRODUCTION** (*should the Board move to introduce it*) of **Proposed Local Law C**, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.
  - **MOTION** to set a public hearing.

*Greenway Grant – North End Trail*

- **MOTION** to approve the estimate from McAulliffe Landscaping for the Greenway Trail not to exceed \$30,118.

**MOTION** to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (with no business to be conducted at the end of Executive Session).

**MOTION** to adjourn.