

Village of Hoosick Falls

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, 6PM

**IN PERSON LOCATION: VILLAGE HIGHWAY GARAGE
7 WATERWORKS ROAD – HOOSICK FALLS NY 12090**

MEETING MAP

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**MOMENT OF
SILENCE:** Please join
us for a moment of
silence as we think
about those who have
gone before us

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Roll Call & HFPD Updates

▶ Roll Call

▶ Swearing In Ceremony

- ▶ At the February 19th, 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

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Part-Time Police Officer Appointment

- ▶ **RESOLUTION** hiring a part-time Police Officer for the Hoosick Falls Police Department (J. Wright)

▶ Swearing In

- ▶ *(brief pause in the meeting for congratulations and pictures)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

▶ Village Election Information:

- ▶ **The Village Elections** will be on **March 19th 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.

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▶ Spring Brush Pickup – April 1 to April 15:

- ▶ Our second year in a row offering a spring brush pickup will begin on **Monday, April 1st and run through Monday, April 15th.**
- ▶ 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.

MAYOR UPDATES

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.

MAYOR UPDATES

- 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.

MAYOR UPDATES

- 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.

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People To Be Heard

- ▶ When called upon, begin with your full name and street address
- ▶ Share or speak to what you would like to discuss
- ▶ The Mayor will see how many are here in person, and then set a time limit to speak.

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Reports & Minutes

- ▶ Police Report
- ▶ Code Enforcement
- ▶ Treasurer
- ▶ Clerk/Deputy Clerk
- ▶ Highway/DPW
- ▶ Sewer
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Minutes
 - ▶ February 14th Regular meeting
 - ▶ February 19th Special Meeting
 - ▶ February 28th Special Meeting
- ▶ Trustee/Committee Reports
 - ▶ Trustee Alter
 - ▶ Trustee O'Malley
 - ▶ Trustee Sauer
 - ▶ Trustee Schuttig
 - ▶ Trustee Walraed
 - ▶ Deputy Mayor Ryan

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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.)



December 11, 2023

Hon. Robert Allen, Mayor
Village of Hoosick Falls
24 Main St.
Hoosick Falls, New York 12090

As you are likely aware, Stewart's Shops has placed two properties under contract for the relocation of our existing store in the Village. For your reference, those two properties are: 131 Church St (SBL: 27.19-13-2) and 129 Church St (SBL: 27.19-13-1). As we began the due diligence process for developing a Site Plan, we encountered that the zoning of the two properties is not the same. As indicated in the pasted image below, the zoning for 131 Church St is Residential-1 (R1) while the zoning for 129 Church is Commercial-Industrial (C).



As you can see from the image above, the CI district extends north and south from Hoosick Street to River St and elements from 1st Street to Church. However, the district does not extend onto 131 Church St despite 129 Church wrapping around it. Stewart's believes homogenous zoning would benefit both Stewart's and the Village in this instance. To achieve this, we are requesting the Village entertain a changing of zoning for 131 Church St. Should Stewart's be successful the revised zoning map in this proximity would be similar to image above, furthest to the right.

For your convenience, a copy of the proposed Site Plan along with associated elevations are provided in addition to the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF).

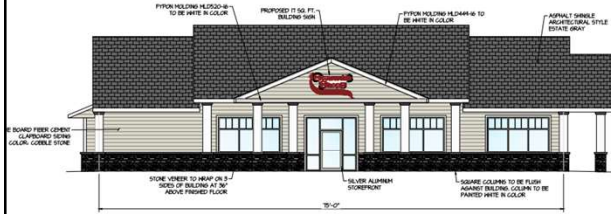
We appreciate your consideration in this matter and look forward to the opportunity of investing and remaining an integral part of the Village. Should you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach me at (518) 581-1201 ext 4435.

Respectfully,

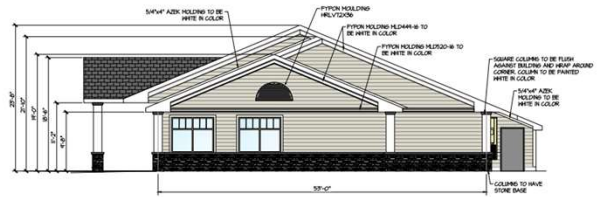
Charles "Chuck" Marshall

PROPOSED STEWART'S SHOP

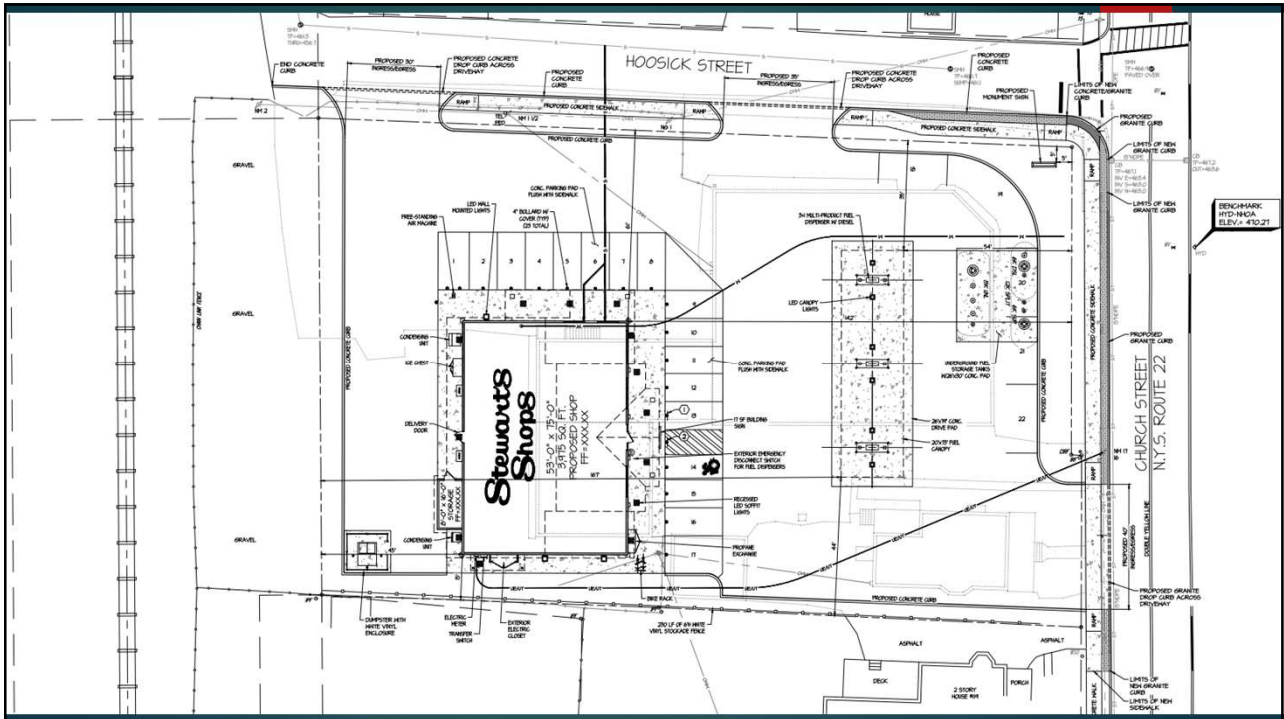
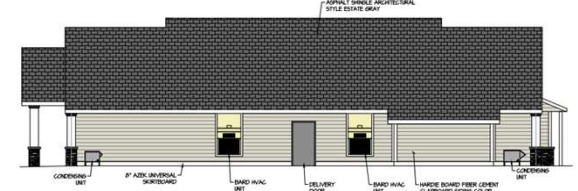
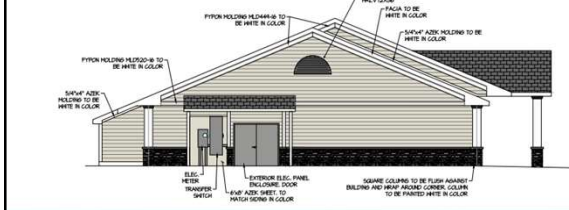
129 CHURCH STREET
HOOSICK FALLS, NY 12090



EAST BUILDING ELEVATION



NORTH BUILDING ELEVATION



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Old Business

- ▶ ***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**

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- ▶ ***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.

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New Business - #1

▶ **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 7th Resolution of this type*)
- ▶ **RESOLUTION** accepting certain Lands on NY 22 in the Town of Hoosick.

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New Business - #2

▶ **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

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New Business - #3

▶ **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.

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New Business - #4

▶ **Greenway Grant – North End Trail**

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

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Trip to Highway Garage Bays followed by **Executive Session...**

- ▶ Anything else from the Board of Trustees?
- ▶ Shift to the Highway Garage Bay to review rust on some of the DPW vehicles.
- ▶ **MOTION** to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session).
- ▶ **Motion to Adjourn.**

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is currently paused while the Board meets in
Executive Session

WE WILL RETURN TO OPEN MEETING UPON
COMPLETION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION