



Mayor: Robert Allen  
Deputy Mayor: Robert Ryan

Trustees: Deb Alter, Brett Hanselman, Doug Sauer,  
Dan Schuttig, and Megan Walraed

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 10<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**

***Trustee Swearing In***

- As a result of the March election, **Brett Hanselman** won the vacant seat left by former Trustee Kevin O'Malley and is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hoosick Falls.
- **Swearing In**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- **MOTION** to open a **public hearing on the tentative budget** for the fiscal year June 1, 2024 through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- **MOTION** to open a **public hearing regarding Proposed Local Law C**, authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORESPONDANCES**

- **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.
- The **Transfer Station is now open on Tuesdays** through November 29<sup>th</sup>. Weekly hours:
  - Tuesday, 8am to noon.
  - Saturday, 8am to 2PM.

- We will have a **Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** for the purpose of **discussing the 24-25 Tentative Budget**. This will include an opportunity for people to be heard and ask questions, just like a public hearing.
- Next **Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting will be Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. The **Planning Board** Meeting will meet on the same evening at 7PM. Both meetings will be located at the Municipal Building.
- **Street sweeping** will begin on **Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** and run for 4 weeks, ending on **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Joyce Brewer** from **Friends of the Bennington Battlefield** (joint with the **Historic Society**) would like to use Wood Park on May 18<sup>th</sup> for a Chicken Barbeque. It starts at 11:30am and will finish around 3PM.
  - **MOTION**
- We are looking for **alternate members for the Zoning Board of Appeals**. Both the ZBA and Planning Board are full, but with the recent local law passed that allows for additional alternate members, we are looking for people to join and serve. If you are interested, please reach out the Village Office.

## MAYOR UPDATES

1. **NYS DEC/DOH GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY:** It was an honor to join NYS DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, NYS DOH Commissioner Dr. James McDonald, Hoosick Town Supervisor Surdam, CWPG Co-Chairs Patrick Dailey and Chris Bettis, community member Michael Hickey, and many others for an official groundbreaking ceremony for the new waterline construction project. Many members of the Board and community were there, as were DPW Superintendent Holbrook, WTP Operator Hurlburt, and Environmental Attorney David Engel. As mentioned previously, the project hopes to be complete around the end of the calendar year.
2. **NY Forward:** We expect to soon receive approval from the state for LPC (Local Planning Committee) membership, likely in the next week. Once we receive this, LPC members will then take part in a live LPC Training Webinar (two opportunities in mid-May, should neither work, members will review one of the two recorded meetings after the fact), and then will be looking to have the first LPC meeting in late May/early June.
3. **Village Newsletter:** We have gotten our first newsletter out with some big updates for the Village. Thanks to the entire Board who put a great deal of work, whether it be working on the drafts and the content (Trustees Walraed, Sauer, and Schuttig) and review/proofreading (Trustees Alter, Hanselman, and Deputy Mayor Ryan). Solid group effort all around! Our goal is to make this a regular occurrence, meaning the next one would be a Fall newsletter in August.

- 4. Tentative Budget:** The Tentative 24-25 Budget is out and available for review on the Village website. Hard copies are also available upon request at the Village Office. Preparation for this was behind for a multitude of different reasons (sicknesses, vacations, training of new employees), which is why **we will hold a special meeting on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss and hopefully finalize the budget** ahead of our May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to approve it. This meeting will include an additional chance for people to speak about the budget and ask questions, like our public hearing this evening.

## PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

### REPORTS

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

## MINUTES

Minutes are available for the March 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and the March 19<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.

## TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Trustee Alter
- Trustee Hanselman
- Deputy Mayor Ryan
- Trustee Sauer
- Trustee Schuttig
- Trustee Walraed

## OLD BUSINESS

*New Proposed Local Law C – Authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c*

- **DISCUSSION**
- **RESOLUTION** (should the Board decide to move forward with it) Enacting Local Law 4 of 2024 Authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

*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 8<sup>th</sup> Resolution of this type*)

*Transfer Station*

- **DISCUSSION** from Trustee Alter on the transfer station cost.

*Tentative 24-25 Budget*

- **DISCUSSION** regarding the tentative budget

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

**MOTION** to adjourn.