

Village of Hoosick Falls

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 10th, 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 & Swearing in

▶ Roll Call

▶ Trustee Swearing In Ceremony

- ▶ Trustees Brett Hanselman, Dan Schuttig, Deb Alter, and Megan Walraed

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PUBLIC HEARING

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **MOTION** to open a public hearing on the tentative budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2024 through May 31st, 2025.

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TENTATIVE BUDGET STATISTICS/FACTS

- ▶ Stays Below the 2% Tax Cap.
- ▶ Proposes a 1.02% increase
- ▶ As it stands now:
 - ▶ The General Fund would be short \$32,453.39, which would be offset by current fund balance.
 - ▶ The Water Fund would be short \$82,526.97, which would be offset by current fund balance.
 - ▶ The Sewer Fund would basically break even.

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TENTATIVE BUDGET STATISTICS/FACTS

- ▶ With this proposed tax increase, it would work as follows:
 - ▶ A house assessed at \$100,000 would pay an additional \$19.
 - ▶ A house assessed at \$200,000 would pay an additional \$38.
 - ▶ Etc...
- ▶ We have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 to further discuss the budget, propose changes, and ideally adopt the budget.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Spring Brush Pickup: 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 bags will be taken.
- ▶ • The Transfer Station is now open on Tuesdays through November 29th. Weekly hours:
 - ▶ Tuesday, 8am to noon.
 - ▶ Saturday, 8am to 2PM.

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- ▶ We will have a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 24th 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 30th at 6PM. The Planning Board Meeting will meet on the same evening at 7PM. Both meetings will be located at the Municipal Building.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Street sweeping will begin on Monday, May 6th and run for 4 weeks, ending on Thursday, May 30th.
- ▶ Joyce Brewer from Friends of the Bennington Battlefield (joint with the Historic Society) would like to use Wood Park on May 18th for a Chicken Barbeque. It starts at 11:30am and will finish around 3PM.
 - ▶ MOTION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ 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.

MAYOR UPDATES

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.

MAYOR UPDATES

- 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.

MAYOR UPDATES

- 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 24th to discuss and hopefully finalize the budget ahead of our May 1st 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.

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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
 - ▶ March 13th Regular Meeting
 - ▶ March 19th Special Meeting
- ▶ Trustee/Committee Reports
 - ▶ Trustee Alter
 - ▶ Trustee Hanselman
 - ▶ Trustee Sauer
 - ▶ Trustee Schuttig
 - ▶ Trustee Walraed
 - ▶ Deputy Mayor Ryan

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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***

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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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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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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 8th Resolution of this type)*
- ▶ **Transfer Station**
 - ▶ *DISCUSSION from Trustee Alter on the transfer station cost.*

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New Business - #2

- ▶ **Tentative 24-25 Budget**
 - ▶ *DISCUSSION* regarding the tentative budget

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Executive Session...

- ▶ Anything else from the Board of Trustees?
- ▶ **MOTION** to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and receive advice from counsel (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