

Village of Hoosick Falls Regular Meeting

September 13, 2022

6:00pm: Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Roll Call: Mayor Allen, Dep. Mayor Ryan, Tr. Decker, Tr. O'Malley, Tr. Schuttig, Tr. Walraed, and Tr. Alter absent

Also Present: Atty. Jon Tingley

Announcements & Correspondences

Zoning & Planning Board - We are still looking for one more person for each Board.

Louis Miller Museum is hosting a celebration: Emmajane – A Girl at Heart: Celebrating Emmajane Cottrell's 100th birthday she had in July, this celebration will be Sunday September 25th, 2022 from 1-4PM.

Louis Miller Museum presents: Sarah Rudd: Woman, Wife and a Mother at Home, Thursday September 29th, 2022 at 6PM, presented by Katie Brownell.

Walter A Wood Tractor & Agricultural Show – October 1st from 9am to 4PM at Wood Park, with the parade at noon. Also, this year they are bring back the Apple Pie contest and adding a scarecrow decorating contest.

Annual Stephen Colvin Memorial 5K Road Race scheduled for Saturday, October 8th signup/setup begins at 7am at Wood Park; the race kicks off at 9am from Wood Park.

Village Office Hours will return to winter hours starting October 3rd. The Village Office will be open Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 3:30PM.

Job Postings: The Village of Hoosick Falls is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions (descriptions are available in the Village office and on our website): Police Chief, part time Police Officers, Full time DPW Workers/MEOL.

Possible Special Meeting on 9/27

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The Village is planning to add a brush pick up the week of April 17-21, 2023, which would be a new service offered to Village residents. More information will be put out as we get closer to the date.

Mayor Updates

Local Laws

Local Laws in Development are as follows: Outdoor Dining, Discharge of firearms within the Village and Noise Ordinance all are being worked on and will be presented soon.

Woods Brook Buy Out Program

Mayor Allen, Highway Superintendent Niel Stowell and Code Enforcement/Town Supervisor Mark Surdam met with HCR and went over the scenarios for the rest of the grant as they move forward and what works best for the village. To move on 20 Elm St., they will need to get an appraisal and an asbestos test before they can go forward. They did get an extension until the end of January 2023.

People to be Heard

Chris Saunders 65 Abbott St. came about discharging firearms in the Village, he did not like the way it was handled by the police. He wanted to know if they could do a short-term law/resolution so that people could not discharge firearms in the village limits before the Local Law process has to take place. Attorney Jon Tingley said they could do a resolution but it would not be an enforceable act, therefore they should wait to enact the Local Law. Also, Officer Aleksonis spoke to what the police can and can't do, based on the law.

Barbara Sussman on behalf of CiviCure spoke to the board and presented a letter requesting a portion of the ARPA funds. After a conversation with the board, it was determined to award CiviCure \$10,000 of the ARPA funds.

John Greenwood Ball St. came to ask if the village had any or knew of any funds available to individual homeowners for rehab? The Village does not have anything at this time and are not aware of any that the state may have.

Reports - All read and approved (Reports attached)

Minutes

MOTION to accept minutes from the August 9th Regular Meeting was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor absent Tr. Alter.

Trustee/Committee Reports

Tr. O'Malley mentioned that the mural work would begin on Sept. 15th the work being done by Kevin Clark, the price has increased from 3750 to 4000 due to increase in materials.

Tr. Schuttig spoke about the South end of the Greenway and looking into who owns two pieces of property and how the Village can obtain them. They are having a Greenway meeting next week to continue the work on this project.

Old Business

ARPA funds discussion led by Tr. Decker and reviewed with Mayor Allen and the board the board made two motions to distribute funds. Further discussions to use funds for the 4th Ward playground and the cleanup of the DeCreft statue.

MOTION to give \$10,000 from ARPA funds to CiviCure was made by Tr. Schuttig seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed, Tr. Alter absent.

MOTION to give \$10,000 from the ARPA funds to Hoosick Falls Rescue Squad made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Schuttig all in favor none opposed, Tr. Alter absent.

New Business

Doug Sauer and Marianne Zwicklbauer in discussing the NY Forward Grant talked about bringing on a consultant to finish the grant by the Sept. 23rd deadline. The board wanted to authorize the grant writer, but need more specifics on the person and rates before going ahead. The Board will hold a special meeting to approve a contract on September 14th.

Bids for work on 59 Church Street were posted and Mark Surdam made 7 calls to companies, as of today, we have heard from 2 and are waiting on the bids. Hope to have them to be approved at the special meeting on Sept 14th

Streetlights

Discussion on streetlights was had regarding meeting with Kerry Wilson from RealTerm Energy, and the streetlight proposal.

MOTION to authorize Mayor Allen to executive the Professional Services Agreement with RealTerm Energy subject to amending the provisions on payment from 30 days to 45 days was made by Tr. Walraed seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed Tr. Alter absent.

MOTION to accept the letter of resignation from DPW member Phil McMahon, effective August 16th, 2022 was made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed Tr. Alter absent. Mayor Allen wished Phil good luck in his future endeavors and thanked him for his work on the Village Highway.

MOTION to accept the letter of resignation from part time Police Officer Jeff LaChapelle, effective August 30th, 2022 made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Decker all in favor none opposed Tr. Alter absent.

MOTION to enter Executive Session at 8:10pm to discuss personnel matters and to receive legal advice from counsel (with no business to be conducted at the conclusion of Executive Session) made by Tr. Decker seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed Tr. Alter absent.

MOTION to end executive session at 9:59pm made by Dep. Mayor Ryan seconded by Tr. Walraed all in favor none opposed Tr. Alter absent.

MOTION to adjourn at 9:59pm made by Tr. Decker seconded by Dep. Mayor Ryan all in favor none opposed Tr. Alter absent.