

Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees
Minutes – November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting

Location: New Highway Garage – 7 Waterworks Road

The meeting was called to order at **5:35PM** with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call was conducted by Clarissa Mango. Present: Mayor Allen, Deputy Mayor Ryan, Trustee Alter, and Trustee Decker. Also present: Village Attorney Alaina Finan, Chief of Police Tim Colenari, Village Treasurer Denise McMahon, and Building/Code Inspector Mark Surdam. Absent: Trustee O'Malley, Trustee Sauer, and Trustee Schuttig.

Hoosick Falls Police Department

RESOLUTION for the appointment of a Full-Time Police Officer in the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Department. (Paul Aleksonis)

RESOLUTION for the appointment of a Part-Time Police Officer in the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Department. (Jason Stocklas)

RESOLUTION for the appointment of a Sargeant in the Village of Hoosick Falls Police Department. (John Hudson)

(There was then a brief 15-minute pause in the meeting for the celebrate the promotion of Officer Hudson to the rank of Sergeant)

The meeting was called back into session at 6:07PM

Another Roll Call was conducted by Clarissa Mango. Present: Mayor Allen, Deputy Mayor Ryan, Trustee Alter, Trustee O'Malley, and Trustee Sschuttig. Also present: Village Attorney Alaina Finan, Chief of Police Tim Colenari, Village Treasurer Denise McMahon, and Building/Code Inspector Mark Surdam. Absent: Trustee Decker and Trustee Sauer.

PRESENTATION

Katie Brownell from the Hoosick History and Heritage Committee discussed the Village Boards continuation of their "Hoosick History and Heritage" banner project. They are planning on adding six more banners, each with a different and unique design.

Katie also brought up the ongoing issue with the Ed Cottrell bridge on Cottrell Road. Buses are unable to cross over the bridge, creating an issue for travelers and school buses. **The Committee is asking the Board to write a letter of support to help Mark Surdam fix the Ed Cottrell Bridge before 2027.**

They also reminded everyone that it is the 200th year Anniversary of the Village, the 150th year anniversary of Thorpe's, and also it is the 100th year anniversary! They wanted to invite the Board, and anyone who is interested, to attend the Heritage Fair on May 18th at the Armory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDANCES *(italics come directly from the Agenda)*

Village Election Information:

1. *The Village Elections will be on March 19th 2024 from noon to 9PM at the Ann Bornt Municipal Building.*
2. *The following seats are up:*
 - *4 Trustee Seats. 2-year term (Alter, Decker, O'Malley, Schuttig)*

MAYOR UPDATES

1. The Mayor gave thanks to the support received at the October 24th 2023 Informational Session at HFCS.
2. The Mayor also gave thanks to those who put together the NY Forward Grant Zoom presentation. The Mayor also gave everyone a quick look at that very successful presentation.

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

Opened at 6:24PM

1. Jenny Scarpula, from Juniper Jills at 14 John Street, approached the board asking for a letter of approval to extend the hours of her cannabis shop, Friday and Saturday, 11-8PM. She also requested a letter of approval to host another Grow & Showcase at Unihog on December 2nd.

MOTION to approve a letter of authorization extending the hours until 8PM at Juniper Jills made by Trustee Alter, seconded Deputy Mayor Ryan. **Unanimously approved.**

MOTION to approve a letter of approval to allow Juniper Jills to host a Grow & Showcase at Unihog on December 2nd made by Trustee Alter, seconded by Trustee Schuttig. **Unanimously approved.**

2. Candace, who just purchased 117 Church Street, approached the board asking about the issue they are having with the Unihog stage being attached to their building. They paid to have a survey done and would like the stage to be moved off of the property line. The board is still looking into this internally.
3. Ali Mohamed Ali, who owns the Village Pizzeria, wanted to bring forth many issues he's been having with some of the Village Police Officers. He has had many conversations with Chief Colaneri, who he said has been great, and discussed with him many accounts of officers harassing and bullying his customers, giving mean looks, and just acting

unprofessional towards him and his establishment. He feels there is a positive resolution in the works with the help of Chief Colaneri, and he just wanted to approach the board so they were aware of the situation.

MINUTES – Motion to approve the minutes for the October 11th, 2023 regular meeting by Deputy Mayor Ryan and seconded by Trustee Schuttig. **Unanimously approved.**

REPORTS

Police Report:

- Patrol car (505) is out of service due to crash. Needs to be serviced if not totaled.
- Need three new quotes for:
 - Server upgrade
 - New PC
 - Properly setup lock-up for cells downstairs
- Chief Colaneri previously approached the board regarding the purchase of guns. However, he needed to find a new provider. Upon board approval, he is going to go with Glock Incorporated. They are \$250.00 cheaper and offer free delivery.

MOTION for a replacement of the old motion to purchase the guns from Glock Incorporated by Deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved.**

MOTION to approved the police report by Deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee Schuttig. **Unanimously approved.**

Code Enforcement:

- **18 John Street** – Demo Bid Open – 1 response from Dan’s Hauling & Demo Inc. The village has used this company previously. They estimate around \$63, 800.00.
- Also need a company to take care of the Abestos Project.

MOTION to approved the bid for the 18 John Street demo by Trustee Schuttig, seconded by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved.**

MOTION to approve the code enforcement report by Trustee Alter, seconded by Trustee Schuttig. **Unanimously approved.**

Treasurer’s Report – MOTION to approve the treasurer’s report by Deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee O’Malley. **Unanimously approved.**

Village Clerk’s Report – MOTION to approve the Village Clerk’s report by Deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved.**

Highway Department Report:

- Electric Street Poles – Kenny was only able to get two quotes (Hathaway & Bradleys), he tried another month to get a third but was unable to.

MOTION to approve Bradley’s work on the light poles by Deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee Schuttig. **Unanimously approved.**

MOTION to approve the highway department report by Trustee O’Malley, seconded by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved.**

Sewer Department – MOTION to approve the sewer department report by Trustee Schuttig, seconded by Trustee O’Malley. **Unanimously approved.**

Water Department – MOTION to approve the Water Department Report by Deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved.**

TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Alter – Still working on the transfer station presentation. Hopes to have it for the December meeting.

Trustee Decker – Absent

Trustee Sauer – Absent

Trustee O’Malley:

- The draft for the Parking Study will be ready this Friday (11/10/23). Should be ready for the December meeting.
- The Walter A. Wood Tractor Show was a huge success, they had the largest turnout to date! However, it brought to light the issue of the Municipal public bathrooms, and that they desperately need to be addressed. This is hopefully to be taken care of the with NY Forward Grant.
- \$15,000 has been raised for the replacement of the trees in Wood Park that were damaged during the September storm.
- Elhannon’s is also donating a tree that is worth \$25,000.00.

The Village Board would like to do a dedication for the trees once they are all put in.

Trustee Alter – Still working on the Transfer Station presentation for the next meeting.

Trustee Schuttig – Still working on the Employee Assistance Program. We would like to do a motion for the December meeting.

Deputy Mayor Ryan:

- Elm Street Parking – Old Blue Flame is no longer there, can we remove the “No Overnight Parking” signs? We need to check the Local Laws to see if there is anything pertaining to Elm Street.
- Roger’s Avenue – Parcel Swap, do we need a resolution? A survey has been done, however, because there is a paper street involved, this can be complicated. This is something that would be very beneficial.
- J.A. Bradley’s 110th anniversary. On Monday, November 13th, 7PM, at the Armory, the Town board will be honoring them with a plaque.
- Deputy Mayor Ryan and Trustee Sauer met with Sargeant Hudson because the Police officers are running low on parking tickets, so they are redesigning them.
- Street light project – should add 4 new cobra head street lights down the Water Works Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Advisors Agreement

Village Treasurer, Denise McMahon, presented to the board the Bond Counsel Update that needs approval. She reviewed with the board the Financial Advisory Services Agreement. The board will look this over and vote at the December meeting.

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 3rd Resolution of this type) offered by Trustee Schuttig and seconded by Deputy Mayor Ryan. **Roll Call Vote; passed unanimously.**

Local Law Introduction - Historic Preservation Commission

INTRODUCTION of Proposed Local Law #6, A Law Creating a “Historic Preservation Commission” in the Village of Hoosick Falls. The will start with five members, with 4 year staggered terms. If there is an issue keeping five, then they will cut down to three members.

Formally introducing Local Law 6, a Law creating a Historic Preservation Committee, offered by Trustee O’Malley, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ryan. **Unanimously approved.**

MOTION to set a Public Hearing on December 13th made by Trustee Schuttig, seconded by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved.**

MOTION to enter Executive Session at 7:42PM to discuss personnel (with no business to be conducted at

the conclusion of Executive Session) by Deputy Mayor Ryan, seconded by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved.**

MOTION to end Executive Session by Trustee Schuttig.

Seconded by Trustee Alter.

Unanimous. Executive Session ended at 8:46pm.

Also in Executive Session - Code Enforcement Officer Surdam.

MOTION to adjourn by Schuttig

Seconded by Ryan.

Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted by

Clarissa Mango

Village Clerk