

Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees

May 29th, 2024 Special Meeting

Location- Highway Garage- 7 Waterworks Road

Meeting called into session at 6:12 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Robert Allen, Deputy Mayor Bobby Ryan, Trustee Alter, Trustee Walraed, Trustee Schuttig, Trustee Sauer, Trustee Hanselman, Village clerk Olivia Schneider and Atty. Alaina Finen.

Roll call was conducted by the Village Clerk Olivia Schneider.

Mayor Allen introduced the Bond Resolution. The Resolution is authorizing the purchase of led street lighting, in and for the Village of Hoosick Falls, Rensselaer County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$600,000 and authorizing, subject to permissive referendum, the issuance of up to \$600,000 serial bonds of said village to pay costs. Deputy Mayor Ryan stated that they will maintain the lights as well.

Once the Resolution was approved by the board of trustees there are different steps that need to be done like post in 6 different locations in the Village, get it published in the news paper and be on the Village website as well so the people can reference the Bond Resolution.

The Resolution was offered by Deputy Mayor Ryan, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Walraed.

Roll call vote:

Trustee Alter – Yes

Trustee Walraed – Yes

Trustee Schuttig – Yes

Trustee Sauer – Yes

Trustee Hanselman – Yes

Deputy Mayor Ryan – Yes

Mayor Allen – Yes

The resolution was thereupon duly adopted.

Next the Mayor brought to the board a new procurement policy he has been working on.

The mayor went through the new one and compared it to the old one. The mayor, trustees and Alaina fixed sections and wording in the new procurement policy to make flow better.

Once the procurement policy is finalized with changes a resolution will be made at the June 12th Regular meeting for the new Procurement Policy.

Next on the agenda Mayor Allen introduced the Local Law D of the year 2024. A local law authorizing purchasing based on best value instead of lowest bids.

A **MOTION** was made to introduce the local law made by Trustee Sauer 1st and Trustee Alter 2nd. **All in favor, none opposed.**

Mayor Allen explained that now that it was introduced, we will need to have a public hearing on this Local Law D which will be held June 12th which is our next Village board meeting.

A **MOTION** was made to have a public hearing for Local Law D of the year 2024. A local law authorizing purchasing based on best value instead of lowest bids made by Trustee Schuttig 1st and Trustee Walraed 2nd. **All in favor, none opposed.**

The mayor brought up the code of ethics and how he has made changes from the old one and did a draft of a possible new one. He stated that this can be reviewed by the board over email if they would like to do it that way instead of tonight. All board members agreed that doing it over email is fine.

Trustee Alter brought up about alternates for the Zoning and Planning board. The mayor stated that he did find a couple who may be interested in being alternates to some of the boards. We still need to look into more people before doing more with this. Aliana explained that for chairman's we have been making a motion to have a chairman in beginning of each meeting. Mayor suggested that we make a motion to appoint a chairman for both boards tonight.

A **MOTION** was made to appoint Aaron Buzzinski chairman for Planning board made by Trustee Sauer 1st and Deputy mayor Ryan 2nd. **All in favor, none opposed.**

A **MOTION** was made to appoint a Kevin Gorman as the Zoning Board chairman made by Trustee Sauer and 2nd by Trustee Hanselman. **All in favor, none opposed.**

The clerk will send out emails to both boards to let them know that they now have a chairman for the meetings.

Last on the agenda Deputy Mayor Ryan brought up that a village resident by the name of Bev White has land that she wants to sell which is located by Cumberland Farms on Lower John Street. They are going to look into this because it will be great for municipal parking space. Will have more updates on this for next regular meeting.

A **MOTION** was made to go into executive session by Trustee Sauer 1st and 2nd by Trustee Schuttig. **All in favor, none opposed**

Adjourned for executive session at 7:55PM

MOTION to end Executive Session by Ryan, seconded by Dan. Unanimous. Executive session ended at 10:56. **All in favor, none opposed**

MOTION to adjourn by Ryan, seconded by Dan. Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 10:56. **All in favor, none opposed**

Respectfully submitted by

Olivia Schneider
The Village Clerk.