

# **Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees**

August 6, 2024 Special Meeting

*Location- The Municipal Building at 24 Main Street Hoosick Falls*

Meeting called into session at 6:02 PM by the Mayor.

Starting the meeting off with the Pledge.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Robert Allen, Deputy Mayor Bobby Ryan, Trustee Alter, Trustee Schuttig, Trustee Sauer, Trustee Hanselman, Village clerk Olivia Schneider. **Absent:** Trustee Walraed, Roll call was conducted by the Village Clerk Olivia Schneider.

The Mayor explained this meeting he will be presenting five Village projects for the NY Forward Program and one project that Maryanne from Hoosick Rising will be presenting for the program as well.

## **Projects:**

### **1. Murphy Building**

The Mayor said that a few people including two board members did a walk through the building. The Mayor was not a part of this walk through so he let Trustee Sauer who was apart of it talk about the project. Sauer explained that the structure of the building is good but will need new roof, an inside wall replaced and some pluming and electric needs as well. Trustee Sauer believes the Village should have got involved with this property sooner because it is on one of the Main streets in the Village and it shouldn't be empty since on this road there are already to many empty seats. This building could be greatly used for the police station to have there own building he stated. John Hudson stated the building already has good office space specially where they redone where the DMV use to be. He states this would have a lot of space for records which they will need because in a few years they are maxed out in space in Municipal building where the station is now. He also explained that right now they have more police officers than they have

ever had before and they have one locker room. Another locker room would be great specially because they do have female officers.

Trustee Schuttig did talk about his worries with the Village taking on this project. He talked about the spacing between the Murphy Building and the Build next to it (Great Wall Restaurant) is not very large which makes it difficult to do renovations. He talked about how it's a very old building which comes with a lot of problem. He is worried about the flat roof but Trustee Sauer explains that the roof will need to be redone and will not be flat when that happens. He talked about the moister in that building will not be great for storing records that could possibly get ruined or even with all the computers too. He thinks that taking anther building on will cause more issues when we could just make the changes in the Municipal building to accommodate all the needs. He thinks there will be parking issues as well due to the Amory and if Court moves to the Murphy Building.

## **2. Municipal Building:**

The Mayor told the Board that John Cooney came to do measurements and plans for the Municipal building because they will need to renovate the building. Some of the ideas the Mayor and John had for fixing the building would be make the bathrooms bigger and more functioning all around special for handicap people, fix the ramps that are outside to make it easier for handicap people to get to the front lobby instead of navigating around the building, make a bigger court room for meetings and court purposes, make a office for court as well with windows, office space bigger since in future will be adding an assistant for the code/building inspector position.

The Mayor explained that John has still not given him an estimated cost of what the renovations will be but will tell him to add the cost of the police stations needs to when we consider the pros and cons to moving them or keeping them in Municipal Building.

The Mayor stated that if Trustees are good with this he will move forward with addition application for the Murphy Building so that they can weigh there options when prices and things come together before making a decision. The trustees agree with this decision on making sure to weigh out all the options for both buildings.

## **3. Monument Park/ Oak Mitsui site:**

The Mayor did a over view on this project. He talked about how there are restrictions for it due to the Cap that in put in 2022 because of removing the chemicals from the property. There is 2 feet of dirt and soil across the land that was done over the Cap.

Some of the ideas that were brought up for the property were:

- Foot Bridge
- Playground
- Adding trees and plants
- Courts
- Pickleball court

Along with many other great ideas.

The Village is still waiting on the closing to be finished on this property but should be good to move forward but the August regular board meeting.

#### 4. **Hoosick River Greenway:**

Some of the ideas for greenway to be improved would be:

- Water street art mural
- Make Water Street one way with a walking lane
- Walking bridge monument part to the greenway
- Adding a cross walk on Mechanic Street bridge
- Rebranding and improving signage.

These will all help improve the Village look as well as making sure all the people using the greenway know where to go. Making it more user friendly and beautiful.

#### 5. **Pedestrian Infrastructure:**

- Trish owner of the Sandbar mentioned on the sidewalk from sandbar up to Church Street should have lights.
- Add lights on Rail Road Ave.
- Cross walk should be added on Church Street
- Lower Classic Street needs to be upgraded due to concerns with all the apartments trash cans on front and it needs storm drains as well.

#### 6. **Hoosick Rising:**

Deputy Mayor Bobby and Trustee Schuttig have to leave meeting at 7:40 PM.

Marianne Zwicklbauer talked for the Hoosick Rising and what their application for NYF will look like.

Some ideas they had were:

- Bill Board on Root 7 to point people towards Hill Road to enter the Village because it's the best way to go into the village. For 24 months for the billboard would est. to be about \$33,600.
- A sign by the Moose Deli directing people down Hill Road which would 5,000 est costs.
- Two sided signs when entering the Village saying "Welcome" and when leaving the Village "Thank you for visiting".
- Remove parking signs that aren't needed.
- The patch of grass across from old WCW will have in flowers and stone Hoosick Falls which would be est. \$15,000.

Here are some of many of the different ideas Hoosick Rising had to help make Village look and flow better.

The Mayor mentioned to Marianne about how some of these things could belong with the Small Projects Fund. He will be talking with her over next few days on which would belong in that best.

The Mayor mentioned to the Trustees if anyone has time and would like to read over applications and review them that would be great.

Motion to end meeting was made by Trustee Sauer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Alter.

**Unanimously approved by all members present.**

Meeting adjured at 7:54p.m.

Olivia Schneider

Village Clerk

