

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

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 Special Meeting

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

Meeting called into session at 6:17 PM by the Mayor.

Starting the meeting off with the Pledge.

**Roll Call:** Deputy Mayor Ryan, Trustee Walraed, Trustee Sauer, Trustee Shuttig, and Mayor Robert Allen. Absent at beginning of meeting is Trustee Hanselman and Trustee Alter. Absent for meeting was Village Clerk.

## **NYF Project Updates:**

### 1. Monument Park:

Bridge expense which was having bridge built over to greenway decided to move that from greenway project and move it to the monument project. Cost is a lot less the only challenge will the side of bridge on the side of greenway will have to spec it out and get approval for this. We already heard from the public on what they want to see there and not see there.

### 2. The Hoosick River Greenway:

No changes with this besides the bridge being taken out of this project and moving to the Monument project. Talked about changing greenway to stone but realized it is expensive and a lot of work and approval. Grass is fine and looks great and decided that the stones were not needed for the proposal. The Mayor brought up about a painting on the flood wall. Trustee Sauer recommend Red Sea which is for art project to find other funding sources.

### 3. Municipal Building Improvements:

Unchanged right now at this moment.

### 4. Woods Brooks:

“Redeveloping our historic downtown and business center without further

flood mitigation efforts are a recipe to repeat past errors, putting at risk all of the hard work and progress that will come with the NY Forward program.”

Overall Goal: Safety, Walkability, and Public Greenspace

through flood mitigation efforts and corridor creation along Hall Street and Spring Street

Overall Request: tentatively \$1.82M

Has been removed which was a decision where the board members have decided.

There will be other fundings we can use in future for this project if we can. Mayor said we own the property so explained we can remove things and make it look better ourselves if we decide to in the future.

5. Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements:

This will be the last Village project to come together, with an expected draft done tomorrow evening and final changes done in time for the Wednesday 4PM deadline.

- John Street – redo sidewalk, put in light fixture footings and light ports; new light posts.
- Lower Classic Street – redo sidewalk (south side), install light footings and light ports; new light posts. Change where the light poles are. Trustee Alter explained there still is a problem where people can put those trash cans out so it doesn't look a mess.
- Railroad Avenue – install light footings and light ports; new light posts really think this should be a walk way not a roadway and make it narrow so that people can only walk on there not drive. The Village will continue to look into this and discuss it further are municipality.
- Wood Park Lane – redo ramp and railing, add crosswalk. Recommend double railings and more lighting. Recommend talking to Patrice and Heather. Talked about how this is apart of the Town so recommend including them into the meeting as well as tell them they need to help put in money into this since this isn't apart of the Village.

6. Murphy Building:

OVERALL GOAL: Create an addition to the Municipal Building to benefit the Court, the HFPD, and the Village Office, and to improve public facilities and Accessibility.

More information on recent walk-through board members and Mayor did before this meeting.

Mayor showed map of how the lay out of the Murphy Building is right now.

Mayor stated that structure is in better shape than he thought it would be. Does need a new roof and a new air system.

Ideas of how it will be set up in this building is a court room, bathroom for just court, there are a lot of offices that the police can use for different things, second floor can be used for court storage and police storage.

Trustee Alter said she spoke to 8 or 10 people who do not like the idea of expanding the Municipal Building because of the park and taking up parking spaces.

### 3M Class Action Settlement monies:

1. Waste water treatment plant:

Over all cost Hundred and three thousand dollars.

Needed:

- Fine screen – mechanical item. New one is 200 thousand dollars fix which works fine now but has got damaged to it. To fix it would be 35 thousand.
- Blower Drives- 4 total in planet run 24/7 two moving fine, one is not in best shape and one is offline.
- 3 tanks: Total ask hundred twenty thousand dollars for cost to fix any problems with these

2. Transfer Station:

Pat Bakaitis gave estimate for the cost of things wanted to fix and added to transfer station.

Trustee Sauer asked about a scale. Mayor explained it's a lot of money for a scale but will look into it and will get an estimate for a scale.

3. DPW:

- Two new dump trucks (first one coming from selling the one they have).

- Vehicle lift  
Trustee Schuttig recommend looking into insurance coverage for this first.
- Bucket truck
- Pick up truck
- Front loader/ back loader
- Air compressor

4. Water Treatment Planet

- Dehumidifier. 6 weeks for design to be done. Late October bid process can start. Estimating is going to cost probably around two hundred fifty thousand.
- New water lines on a few streets
- New Hydrants
- New water truck. Sixty thousand dollar is the estimate for the cost of this truck.
- Overall ask for the water department four hundred thirty-eight thousand for all they would need.
- Water strainers 75,000 each to fix once dehumidifier is in

Four hundred and forty-eight thousand total amount project cost.

5. Police:

- Police cars definitely one but would like 3 more total.
- Need more radios have 13 now but need more.
- Spread trailer for fifteen thousand dollars

Board talks about how they need to figure out how to word these projects to the Village people without them thinking they are going to have higher taxes. A lot of the board members recommend setting aside money for each department for things like vehicles in the budget for every 5 years. Trustee Sauer recommends how taxes should be lowered and recommend lowering the bonds. Trustee Hanselman had the Mayor bring up the spread sheet of the bonds amount and showed that the Village with this money can pay off the smaller bonds which is 6 of them. Mayor said during September Regular meeting we can have a better conversation and approve on paying off debt by getting ride of the smaller bonds owed.

**MOTION** to approve SLR Consulting proposals to come up with a 15% design for the former Oak Mitsui location by Deputy Mayor Ryan and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Schuttig. **Unanimously approved by all.**

**MOTION** to approve sterling Environmental's proposals to come up with a 15% design for the former Oak Mitsui location! made by Trustee Sauer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Alter. **Unanimously approved by all.**

**MOTION** to go to executive session was made by Trustee Alter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deputy Bobby Ryan. **Unanimously approved by all.**

Entering executive session at 8:45PM.

Olivia Schneider

Village Clerk