



Mayor: Robert Allen  
Deputy Mayor: Robert Ryan

Trustees: Deb Alter, Vanessa Lewis, Emily Marpe,  
Kevin O'Malley, Craig Pine

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **SPECIAL NOTE: MEETING TO BE HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

*Due to an increase in Covid-19 cases in Hoosick Falls the previous two weeks, the Village of Hoosick Falls Board of Trustees will be holding this regularly scheduled meeting online, using the Zoom video conferencing platform. **The full details on how to join are on the Village of Hoosick Falls website, but you may also copy/paste the link into a browser:***

### **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**6:00PM: Open the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.**

#### **Roll Call**

**MOTION** to open Public Hearing **for Local Law #3**, a local law establishing rules and regulations for the keeping of chickens in the Village of Hoosick Falls.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- We have a **Village Board Member stepping down**. On behalf of the Village, I would like to thank **Vanessa Lewis** for her service to the Board of Trustees. Vanessa has moved her family into a new home, and unfortunately that new home is outside of the Village.
  - At this point, the seat will remain unfilled, but I hope to have someone to appoint in the January 2021 meeting. If interested, please reach out to the Village Office or a Trustee
- **HACA Holiday Food & Fund Drive** is going on. The goal is to raise \$6,000 to help provide over 400 holiday food boxes to those in need in our community.
- **Toys for Tots** box will be in the lobby of the Municipal Building for donations to be dropped off. They must be unwrapped when they are dropped off.
- We are looking for two additional members for the Zoning Board.
- A big **Thanks** to all involved in the Festival of Trees this year, Hoosick Rising, Jerry McAuliffe's crew, all the volunteers who showed up to lend a helping hand. Village Highway crew who helped not only set up but are still helping out keeping the trees

upright, thanks! A big thank-you to Jim Sutton Landscaping for the donation of trees for the village as well as the big tree in the gazebo.

- Thanks to Denise, Judy, and Marie for decorating the fences in the Village, as well as the Gazebo tree and lights, and the front of the Municipal building. Everyone's great efforts make the Village a little brighter for this season!

### **MAYOR UPDATES**

1. Board Meeting recordings: all 2020 Board Meeting recordings (audio and/or video) are online on the Village of Hoosick Falls' YouTube page.
2. Update regarding leachate pump installation at the landfill, discussion about possible supplemental work (outside of original scope of work, but cost will even out with original budgeted work that went unneeded)
3. Discussions with Spectrum regarding bringing high speed internet down Waterworks Road (to new highway garage, old highway garage, water plant, additional locations)
4. Covid-19 Updates, warnings, and a call for our community to take every precaution.

### **PEOPLE TO BE HEARD**

#### **REPORTS** (no Community Service report, as it has been suspended due to Covid-19)

- Treasurer
- Police
- Code Enforcement
- Clerk/Deputy Clerk
- Highway/DPW
- Sewer
- Water

### **MINUTES**

The minutes that are available for review and approval are the November 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

### **TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### *Transfer Station*

- **Discussion** regarding price changes for household garbage and adding costs for recycling.

*(if the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 hasn't been closed, it should be around this time)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Proposed Local Law #3 (Chickens)*

- Discussion
- **RESOLUTION** approving adoption of negative declaration pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for Local Law No. 3 of 2020 of the Village of Hoosick Falls.
- **RESOLUTION** adopting Local Law #3 of 2020 of the Village of Hoosick Falls

*Water Treatment Plant Equipment Repair*

- **DISCUSSION** regarding equipment repair needs at the water treatment plant and review of the quote received for the work.
- **MOTION** to approve FPI Mechanicals quote specific to option 2, noting that a good faith effort was made to receive more quotes from multiple companies.

*Woods Brook Buyout Program*

- **RESOLUTION** Confirming Exemption of Parcels Acquired by the Village Through The Woods Brook Home Buyout Program From Real Property Taxation.

*Various Grants with Barton & Loguidice*

- **DISCUSSION** regarding the grant administration services proposal from Barton & Loguidice (covering the following grants: Woods Brook Flood Mitigation , Hoosic River Greenway Northern Trailhead, and Hoosic River Greenway Waterworks Road).
- **MOTION** authorizing the Mayor to sign the B&L Village Grant Administration Services proposal.

*Sewer Project*

- **DISCUSSION** regarding the stated final contract amount for the Sewer Project's Contract #2 for J Squared.
- **MOTION** to accept final contract amount.

**MOTION** to sign the Retainer renewal between Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP and the Village of Hoosick Falls for the term of January 21, 2020 to December 31, 2023.

**DISCUSSION** regarding the request by a resident to offer a credit for the late fee on a water bill which the resident stated was turned into the drop box on time.

**MOTION** to approve the appointments of the Local Registrar, Marie O'Neil-Ferrannini, Deputy Registrar, Judy VanDerkar, and Subregistrar, Denise McMahon for another term retroactive from April 2020 till March 31, 2021 (this would have been done during the Reorganizational Meeting that was postponed due to Covid-19).

**\*Motion** to adjourn.