

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 11/10/14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Deputy Mayor Thomas VanAernem
Trustee Robert Cook
Trustee Michael Horrigan
Attorney William L. Nikas
Absent: Mayor John E. Barton
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.

At 6:00 p.m. time was set aside for a Public Hearing to consider Local Law No 6 of 2014 – Amending Senior Citizen Exemptions.

The Deputy Mayor opened the public hearing up for public comment – none was given.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried the public hearing was closed.

**ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 6 OF 2014 - TO AMEND
CHAPTER 186-1 OF THE VILLAGE CODE
“SENIOR CITIZEN REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS”**

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls (“Board”) is considering the adoption of Local Law No. 6 of 2014, which would, if adopted, replace Chapter 186-1 of the Village Code “Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Exemptions” in its entirety.

WHEREAS, the current taxable amounts of income and percentage of exemption as the basis of limitation of the annual income for determining eligibility for partial tax exemption on real property owned by persons 65 years of age or over in Section 186-1 were established in 2006.

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the time is appropriate to increase these levels as prescribed in Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law;

WHEREAS, Local Law No 6 of 2014 shall act to increase the current taxable amounts of income and percentage of exemption as the basis of limitation of the annual income for determining eligibility for partial tax exemption on real property owned by persons 65 years of age or over as follows:

Annual Income	Percentage Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation
\$0 to \$16,600.00	50
\$16,600.01 to \$17,599.99	45
\$17,600.00 to \$18,599.99	40
\$18,600.00 to \$19,599.99	35
\$19,600.00 to \$20,499.99	30
\$20,500.00 to \$21,399.99	25
\$21,400.00 to \$22,299.99	20
\$22,300.00 to \$23,199.99	15
\$23,200.00 to \$24,099.99	10
\$24,100.00 to \$24,999.99	5

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the adoption of Local Law No. 6 of 2014 is a necessary and proper exercise of authority by the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing on the proposed adoption of Local Law 6 of 2014 was duly conducted on November 10, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the public comments made at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, after thorough review and deliberation, the Board proposes to adopt Local Law No. 6 of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney for the Village has prepared the necessary documents for filing this local law with the Secretary of State including the text of the law itself.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 6 of 2014, annexed hereto Chapter 186 Article 1 Section 186-1 "Basis for eligibility" are hereby amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Village Clerk and the Attorney for the Village to make such minor modifications to the local law documents as they deem necessary and thereafter are directed to execute and file the said documents as required by law and to take all of the necessary actions for the promulgation thereof.

Roll Call:	Trustee Horrigan	Aye
	Trustee VanAernem	Aye
	Trustee Cook	Aye
	Trustee Gallagher	Absent
	Mayor Barton	Absent

At 6:00 p.m. time was set aside for a Public Hearing to consider Local Law No. 7 of 2014 – Chapter 139 Abatement of Public Nuisance Properties: Unsafe, Vacant or Abandoned Properties.

Trustee Horrigan advised that the Board has gone through their due diligence on this matter and thanked all involved. Trustee Cook feels this is a great step forward in giving Code Enforcement the tools to cleanup some of the properties in the Village.

The Deputy Mayor opened the public hearing up for public comment – none was given.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried the public hearing was closed.

**ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 7 OF 2014 - CHAPTER 139
"ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE PROPERTIES: UNSAFE, VACANT OR
ABANDONED PROPERTIES, SUBSTANDARD HOUSING"**

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls ("Board") is considering the adoption of Local Law No. 7 of 2014, which would, if adopted, repeal Chapter 76 "Buildings, Unsafe" in its entirety and be replaced with Chapter 139 "Abatement of Nuisance Properties; Unsafe, Vacant or Abandoned Properties, Substandard Housing" for the purpose of addressing chronic nuisance properties.

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the interests of the village to remedy nuisance properties, including but not limited to unsafe structures or premises; vacant or abandoned properties or substandard housing; and

WHEREAS, public nuisance properties present grave health, safety and welfare concerns, where the persons responsible for such properties have failed to take corrective action to abate the nuisance condition; and

WHEREAS, public nuisance properties have a tremendous negative impact upon the quality of life, safety and health of the neighborhoods where they are located; and

WHEREAS, public nuisance properties are a contributing cause of pervasive blight affecting the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to remedy nuisance conditions by providing a process of abatement; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to hold accountable those persons responsible for such nuisance properties; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the adoption of Local Law No. 7 of 2014 is a necessary and proper exercise of authority by the Board; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, a public hearing on the proposed adoption of Local Law 5 of 2014 was duly conducted on November 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the public comments made at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has designated itself lead agency, has determined this to be an Unlisted Action, and, after reviewing a short form EAF and taking a hard look at all potential effects upon the environment, has determined that the action does not present any adverse environmental impacts;"

WHEREAS, after thorough review and deliberation, the Board proposes to adopt Local Law No. 7 of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney for the Village has prepared the necessary documents for filing this local law with the Secretary of State including the text of the law itself; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adopts and authorizes the filing of a negative declaration; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 7 of 2014, annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Village Clerk and the Attorney for the Village to make such minor modifications to the local law documents as they deem necessary and thereafter are directed to execute and file the said documents as required by law and to take all of the necessary actions for the promulgation thereof.

Roll Call:	Trustee Horrigan	Aye
	Trustee VanAernem	Aye
	Trustee Cook	Aye
	Trustee Gallagher	Absent
	Mayor Barton	Absent

At 6:00 p.m. time was set aside for a Public Hearing on FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program Update.

Deputy Mayor VanAernem reported that the Village of Hudson Falls received a FY 2012 grant for \$570,000 from the NYS Office of Community Renewal's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to replace deteriorated water infrastructure in a low/moderate income area of the Village. The project involves the

replacement of approximately 2,500 linear feet of new water main, along with restoration of the disturbed area, in the Derby, John, Baker, and 4th Avenue area of the Village. These improvements are primarily intended to benefit the residents of the targeted neighborhood.

The project is approximately 75% complete at this time. Additional water main and restoration work will be completed this month. The project is on track to accomplish all goals stated in the funding application, which included:

1. Replacement of approximately 2,500 linear feet of water mains
2. Benefit at least 60 households or 143 people by replacing deteriorated water delivery infrastructure

Trustee Horrigan advised that some thought this project was associated with the NYS DOT project but it was not it just came along at the same time. This project was done through a grant to improve the water infrastructure in the John Street, Derby Street, Baker Street and Fourth Avenue area.

The Deputy Mayor opened the public hearing up to public comment – none was given.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the public hearing was closed.

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting to General Public Comment.

Ed Charpentier, Circular Drive, Hudson Falls expressed his concern with the crosswalks leading from Juckett Park to Main Street. He recalls there being concerns in the past about the placement of the crosswalks in that area and further recalls the Village removing them. With the new construction they have placed the crosswalk back in the middle of the park. He feels it is a safety concern, especially when making the turn around the park. He agrees with the concept of the crosswalk law but doesn't think the pedestrians have been educated to stop and look at the crosswalk. What he has encountered is pedestrians simply walking right into the crosswalk without stopping to look. He feels it is unsafe.

Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised that New York State DOT designed the entire project with traffic and pedestrian safety in mind. The Village will keep an eye on this, if it becomes an issue the Village can approach the State to determine a solution.

Trustee Horrigan completely agrees with Mr. Charpentier as far as crosswalk law – the intent was to allow pedestrians to cross but the pedestrians have some responsibility to look before walking out into the road. This is not just here but in all communities. Educating the pedestrians is part of the issue.

Dr. Potvin, Pearl Street, Hudson Falls inquired as to the reasoning why the State of New York would put a bump out in front of one of driveways to St. Mary's Church. [Dr. Potvin indicated that you had to either turn right toward River Street or go left then try to make the right turn on to the circle.] Clerk Brayman advised that this is for traffic control the State wants the traffic to go right. Attorney Nikas advised that there is limited site distance in that area so the bump out requires the traffic to flow right, then down River Street. Trustee Horrigan advised that a lot of the design is for traffic flow. In this case you must turn right, go down River Street, turn on to Walnut Street to make your way back out to Main Street.

John Caivano, Ferry Street inquired as to whether the berm created along River Street between the sidewalk and the road could be addressed. He can see nothing has been done since he made his inquiry earlier this year and winter is upon us. He advised that the berm creates a ponding which freezes in the winter. Because the property owners are required to keep the sidewalks shovel, with the ponding still puts pedestrians out in the road. Trustee Horrigan advised that we could ask Superintendent Fiorillo to ask NYS DOT to take a look at it.

Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised that the Village has received a proposal from one (1) engineer regarding the stormwater issue in the King Avenue, Third and Fourth Street Area. The Village would like to obtain other proposals due to the cost.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the minutes of the regular meeting of 10/14/14 were approved as read.

Deputy Mayor VanAernem reported that the Community Mapping Project – Creating Healthy Places to Live, Work and Play funded by NYS Department of Health is coming together. Another meeting took place at Derby Park on Friday to further discuss the project. The Village has been awarded a \$25,000 grant and has also received an extra \$6,000 to use at our parks – Juckett, Derby and Grace Parks. An organization is interested in helping with a playground at Derby Park. The plans are progressing and the hope is to make improvements by next year.

Trustee Horrigan asked if the bulk of the money would be spent at Derby Park. Deputy Mayor VanAernem reported that the funds must be spent in various ways – some signage, bike racks, some street scape, etc... Trustee Horrigan feels that the Ark in the Park has lived its life and he would like to see some of that money used to begin to replace the Ark in the Park. Deputy Mayor VanAernem indicated that is exactly what was discussed.

Attorney Nikas advised that he has not received any input on the proposed Amendment to restate the definition of “family” in Section 215-8 of the Zoning Code. Further review and input will be sought. Trustee Cook feels the proposed amendment makes a lot of sense. This matter will be placed on next month’s agenda for further discussion.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried approval is granted of the Fire Council’s request to approve Corey Farr of 2355 Burgoyne Ave, Hudson Falls as a firefighter and member of the Hudson Falls Fire Department.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the attached list of Fire Department equipment be declared surplus and removed from the list of fixed assets.

Trustee Horrigan asked Assistance Chief Santa Croce if the Fire Department was coming to an end with equipment inventory. Assistance Chief Santa Croce advised that the inventory project is about 80% complete.

**PROCUREMENT POLICY
FOR GOODS AND SERVICES WHICH ARE NOT REQUIRED BY
LAW TO BE PUBLICLY BID**

Effective November 10, 2014

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried

WHEREAS, Section 104-b of the General Municipal Law requires the governing body of every municipality to adopt a procurement policy for all goods and services which are not required by law to be publicly bid, and

WHEREAS, comments have been solicited from all officers in the Village involved in the procurement process, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that accordingly, Chapter 39 “Procurement Policy” of the Village Code is hereby amended as follows, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chapter 39 “Procurement Policy of the Village Code may be further amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees”.

PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS

1. Every purchase to be made must be initially reviewed to determine whether it is a purchase contract or a public works contract. Once that determination is made, a good faith effort will be made to determine whether it is known or can reasonably be expected that the aggregate amount to be spent on the item of supply or service is not subject to competitive bidding, taking into account past purchases and the aggregate amount to be spent in a year. The following items are not subject to competitive bidding pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law: purchase contracts under \$20,000 and public works contracts under \$35,000; emergency purchases; certain municipal hospital purchases; goods purchased from agencies for the blind or severely handicapped; goods purchased from correctional institutions; purchases under State and County contracts; and surplus and second-hand purchases from another governmental entity.

The decision that a purchase is not subject to competitive bidding will be documented in writing by the individual making the purchase. This documentation may include written or verbal quotes from vendors, a memo from the purchaser indicating how the decision was arrived at, a copy of the contract indicating the source which makes the item or service exempt, a memo from the purchaser detailing the circumstances which led to an emergency purchase, or any other written documentation that is appropriate.

2. All goods and services will be secured by use of written requests for proposals, written quotations, verbal quotations, or any other method that assures that goods will be purchased at the lowest price and that favoritism will be avoided, except in the following circumstances: purchase contracts over \$20,000 and public works contracts over \$35,000; goods purchased from agencies for the blind and severely handicapped pursuant to Section 175-b of the State Finance Law; goods purchased from correctional institutions pursuant to Section 104 of the General Municipal Law; purchases under State contracts pursuant to Section 103(3) of the General Municipal Law; or purchases pursuant to subdivision 6 of this policy.

3. The following method of purchase will be used when required by this policy in order to achieve the highest savings:

<u>Estimated Amount of Purchase Contract</u>	<u>Method</u>
Less than \$1,500	Left to the discretion of the purchaser
\$1,500 – 3,999	2 written/fax/email or verbal quotes
\$4,000 – \$19,999	3 written/fax/email quotations or written requests for proposals

<u>Estimated Amount of Public Works Contract</u>	<u>Method</u>
Less than \$3,000	Left to the discretion of the purchaser
\$3,001 – 14,999	2 written/fax/email or verbal quotes
\$15,000 – \$34,999	3 written/fax/email quotations or written requests for proposals

4. A good faith effort shall be made to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations. If the purchaser is unable to obtain the required number of proposals or quotations, the purchaser will document the attempt made at obtaining the proposals. In no event shall the failure to obtain the proposals be a bar to the procurement.

5. Documentation and an explanation is required whenever a contract is awarded to other than the lowest responsible offeror. This documentation will include an explanation of how the award will achieve savings or how the offeror was not responsible. A determination that the offeror is not responsible shall be made by the purchaser and may not be challenged under any circumstances.

6. Pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 104-b(2)(f), the procurement policy may contain circumstances when, or types of procurements for which, in the sole discretion of the governing body, the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the municipality. In the following circumstances it may not be in the best interest of the Village of Hudson Falls to solicit quotations or document the basis for not accepting the lowest bid:

a. Professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise. The individual or company must be chosen based on accountability, reliability, responsibility, skill, education and training, judgment, integrity, and moral worth. These qualifications are not necessarily found in the individual or company that offers the lowest price and the nature of these services are such that they do not readily lend themselves to competitive procurement procedures.

In determining whether a service fits into this category the Board of Trustees shall take into consideration the following guidelines: (a) whether the services are subject to State licensing or testing requirements; (b) whether substantial formal education or training is a necessary prerequisite to the performance of the services; and (c) whether the services require a personal relationship between the individual and municipal officials. Professional or technical services shall include but not be limited to the following: services of an attorney; services of a physician; technical services of an engineer engaged to prepare plans, maps and estimates; securing insurance coverage and/or services of an insurance broker; services of a certified public accountant; investment management services; printing services involving extensive writing, editing or art work; management of municipally owned property; and computer software or programming services for customized programs, or services involved in substantial modification and customizing of pre-packaged software.

b. Emergency purchases pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law. Due to the nature of this exception, these goods or services must be purchased immediately and a delay in order to seek alternate proposals may threaten the life, health, safety or welfare of the residents. This section does not preclude alternate proposals if time permits.

c. Purchases of surplus and second-hand goods from any source. If alternate proposals are required, the Village is precluded from purchasing surplus and second-hand goods at auctions or through specific advertised sources where the best prices are usually obtained. It is also difficult to try to compare prices of used goods and a lower price may indicate an older product.

d. Goods of services under \$1,500. The time and documentation required to purchase through this policy may be more costly than the item itself and would therefore not be in the best interests of the taxpayer. In addition, it is not likely that such de minimis contracts would be awarded based on favoritism.

7. This policy shall go into effect November 10, 2014 and will be reviewed annually.

The Board considered Superintendent Fiorillo's request to purchase a used Reo Diamond Dump Truck with Sander and Four-Way Plow using \$14,000 from equipment reserve funds. Trustee Horrigan reported that Superintendent Fiorillo did a great job in taking a look at the opportunity to purchase a \$14,000 truck where normally this truck new would be \$160,000. Trustee Gallagher reported to the board that the dump truck portion of the truck is worth \$30,000. The Village Mechanic has reported that the trucks is in mint condition. Trustee Cook advised that this is Mike Fiorillo's forte – find good used equipment to save the Village tax payers money.

RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls has established an equipment reserve account for the purpose of purchasing equipment for the department of public works; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the equipment reserve account is presently Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventeen Dollars and 71/100 (\$287,617.71), and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of Michael Fiorillo, Superintendent of Public Works for the Village of Hudson Falls Department of Public Works, the Board of Trustees desires to allocate a sum not to exceed \$14,000 from the equipment reserve account for the acquisition and delivery of a 1991 Diamond Reo Dump Truck with Sander and Four-Way Plow for use by the Village of Hudson Falls Fire Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of \$14,000 from the equipment reserve account for the acquisition and delivery of the aforesaid vehicle is subject to a permissive referendum,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and allocates the sum of \$14,000 from the equipment reserve account for the sole and express purpose of purchasing and acquiring a 1991 Diamond Reo Dump Truck with Sander and Four-Way Plow for use by the Village of Hudson Falls Department of Public Works; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided by law.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the 2015/16 Transportation Agreement between the City of Glens Falls and the Village of Hudson Falls

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the following budget appropriations be approved as submitted:

Budget Appropriation:	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A-599 Fund Balance	\$36,612	
A-5401.4.000 Sidewalk Improvement		\$36,612
A-5182.4.000 Street Lighting	\$ 2,250	
A-7140.4.000 Village Parks		\$ 2,250
A-9010.8.000 State Retirement	\$ 7,785	
A-9015.8.000 Police Retirement		\$ 7,785
F-1990.4.000 Contingency	\$ 457	
F-9010.8.000 State Retirement		\$ 457
A-599	\$14,000	
A-5142.2 Snow		\$14,000

Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised that the Village Board would like to adopt a sorrow resolution for our friend Joe Delaney who passed away recently. Joe was a good Hudson Falls supporter, always attend Board meeting. He served on a lot of committees and we appreciated his input.

Trustee Cook advised that Joe was the person who first encouraged him to become involved in the Village. Joe always had an opinion, you always knew exactly where he stood and he always had a smile on his face. He was a real gentlemen and will be missed.

RESOLUTION- IN HONOR OF JOSEPH K. DELANEY

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to express its sorrow over the passing of Joseph K. Delaney; and

WHEREAS, Joseph K. Delaney faithfully and conscientiously served the people of the Village of Hudson Falls as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Joe's actions and suggestions were always in the best interest of the community, and

WHEREAS, Joe's love of the Village of Hudson Falls and the surrounding area earned him respect, admiration and friendship.

NOW THEREFORE in recognition of Joseph K. Delaney's contribution to the community of the Village of Hudson Falls and its citizens, the Village Board of Trustees hereby expresses our deep appreciation for his service to this community and extend to his family our sincere sympathy upon his passing.

**A RESOLUTION HONORING VETERANS AND MEN AND WOMEN
CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried

WHEREAS, The United States of America was founded on the principles of liberty, opportunity and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, America has called on her men and women in uniform to protect our national security, to advance our national interests and to preserve our rights and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day we recognize the men and women of our Armed Forces past and present, who have valiantly defended these values throughout our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day we also remember and pay tribute to the millions of patriots whose courage and sacrifice have secured our freedom; and

WHEREAS, we honor all men and women currently serving in the military for their sacrifices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hudson Falls Board of Trustees does hereby recognize all veterans and the men and women that are currently serving in our armed forces around the world.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and carried, the following monthly reports were approved as read: Police Department, submitted by Chief Diamond; Justice Court submitted by Justice Matthew Mabb; Code Enforcement submitted by Francis Cortese; and Fire Department, submitted by Chief Michael Fitzgerald.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the following abstracts were audited and ordered for payment:

General Fund	Check Nos.	28508 - 28593
Water Fund (General Fund)	Check Nos.	28508 - 28593
Water Fund	Check Nos.	5470 - 5475
Small Cities CDBG	Check No.	709

Trust Fund
Payroll Fund

Check Nos. 6353 - 6367
Check Nos. 28506 - 28524

The Deputy Mayor asked the Board for their comments.

Trustee Horrigan advised that through facebook he has seen beautiful pictures of the foot bridge built by Steven Sullivan as his Eagle Scout Project with the assistance of Superintendent Fiorillo and the Department of Public Works. He did a beautiful job.

Kendall McKernon a Pearl Street resident has quite an eye with photography and has taken some beautiful pictures of the park, Wall Street Pond, etc... Trustee Horrigan would like to suggest that our Webmaster get in touch with Mr. McKernon to get some of his photos on our website. He has already spoken to Mr. McKernon and indicated he would be happy allow the Village to post his photos to our website.

Trustee Horrigan has questions from various residents about the park to quell some of the rumors: Is the clock going back up? Yes it will be going back up. The decorative street lights are on back order? No they are not on back order – they were ordered and we were told at the time the bids were awarded that the lights would take 8 to 10 weeks. The lights are being made to order, the hope is that they will be delivered end of November beginning of December. The barrel that is on the south east corner of the park – Chief Diamond advised that the barrel was placed out there because the trucks were cutting that corner short, one of the trucks damaged one of the light supports. Basketball hoops in the streets – obviously this time of year it becomes more of a safety issue with DPW trying to plow etc... Just a reminder to homeowners to take the basketball hoops out of the street.

Trustee Horrigan advised that it came to the Village attention on October 30th that that as of Monday, November 4th the police department will have a satellite office at the High School. The Board later received a memo from Chief Diamond advising that they had several discussions with the High School about school safety and they were moving forward with a PILOT Program for school safety patrol. The premise seems to be that the school district will be receiving security at no cost. As part of the mission statement the information provided stated it would be at no cost or impact on the Village's current police department. Trustee Horrigan has serious reservations about the program and the cost impact on the Village. There are lot of questions that should be considered before this is made a workable, viable program. At a time when the Village is trying to curtail the escalating overtime in the police department he feels it isn't time to take on any additional responsibilities.

Trustee Horrigan made a motion to discontinue the school safety program until the full Board can vet and ask all pertinent questions and get legal advice on what the Village's legal responsibilities are. The motion was not seconded. Chief Diamond advised that there is no cost to the Village.

Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised that he would feel better if the entire Board were available to vote on this. He personally feels that the program probably should have been discussed at a workshop.

Trustee Cook advised that the Board as a whole, or the Police Committee in particular, should have had a discussion about the program and its merits and its possible impact on the village and the village taxpayers. He is also dismayed that information regarding our police department is being circulated in an official manner that hasn't been approved by the Village Board. That being said he would hate to halt the program pending our discussion. The Board needs to have a discussion and the results could be that the Board comes back and says we do support this program or that we support this program but it has to be modified in some way to suite the Village's desires and needs. But pending that discussion he would prefer to let the program stand as it is. Trustee VanAernem agreed.

Trustee Horrigan asked that it be stated in the record that as of this date and time he wanted the program to cease until the questions are answered.

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting up to General Public Comment.

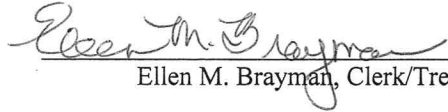
John Caivano, Ferry Street, Hudson Falls feels that a fence should be installed at Wall Street Pond. He feels there is a liability issue here. Attorney Nikas advised that the Superintendent of Public Works has been

working to stabilize the banks around the pond at this time. Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised that they will ask the Highway Superintendent if he intends to install a fence.

Dr. Potvin, Pearl Street, Hudson Falls advised that the Christmas Celebration is not scheduled to be in the park. Clerk Brayman advised that it is her understanding that the plan is to have the celebration in the park if the lights are up; if the lights are not up it will be at Village Hall.

The Deputy Mayor reported that the next regular Board meeting will be held 12/8/14 at 6:00 p.m. The Christmas Celebration is scheduled for December 5, 2014 and the American Legion will be holding a Veteran's Day Ceremony in Juckett Park tomorrow, 11/11/14 at 11:00 a.m. Senator Gillibrand is going to be at the American Legion on Friday, 11/14/14 from Noon to 2 p.m. to decorate a Veteran.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.



Ellen M. Brayman, Clerk/Treasurer

