

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 10/11/16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Deputy Mayor Thomas VanAernem
Trustee Robert Cook
Trustee Joelle Timms
Attorney William Nikas

Absent: Mayor John Barton
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting to General Public Comment.

Diane Santa Croce, Spruce Street advised that after the recent storm they helped their elderly neighbors cleanup storm damage. There was a concern that the limbs and brush would not be taken away by the Village. She thanked Superintendent Fiorillo and his DPW crew for removing the debris. This is a real help for the residents, especially for the older folks.

Dominic Barber asked the Board to look into the pedestrian crossing signal at John Street corner. It is not functioning properly – the green and red lights never change. The lights should change to signal the pedestrian whether it is safe to cross. Deputy Mayor VanAernem advised that he would ask Superintendent Fiorillo to reach out to NYS DOT to remedy this.

Abe Norman, 11 Third Avenue advised that he requested the tree in front of his house be removed at a previous meeting. The Mayor spoke to Superintendent Fiorillo and called Mr. Norman to advise him that the tree wouldn't be removed at this time - there were other trees more important. He asked Superintendent Fiorillo to remove this tree four years ago and he has been dealing with this tree since. The branches keep coming down and he cleans them up so there are no accidents, etc. He is getting tired of doing this. He inquired as to when these other more important trees came into the picture. If his tree was scheduled for four years he would expect his tree to be removed before a tree that wasn't scheduled before that time period. What is the potential on having the tree removed? Trustee VanAernem advised Mr. Norman that he would talk with the Mayor to see what his conversation with Superintendent Fiorillo was and report back.

Trustee Cook inquired of Clerk Brayman whether there is typically money in the budget for tree removal. Clerk Brayman reported that there is money in the Budget each year, Superintendent Fiorillo has a schedule of trees he removes based on their condition, one large tree could potentially take up a fair amount of his budget, but numerous trees are removed each year.

The Deputy Mayor tabled the matter of Todd Colomb's request to purchase Village Owned Property as Mayor Barton is reviewing his request.

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

RESOLVED, that the old bleachers at Derby Park be declared surplus and of no use.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Timms and carried the minutes of the regular meeting 10/11/16 were approved as read.

**RESOLUTION
ACKNOWLEDGING THE JUSTICE COURT'S
FINANCIAL AUDIT FYE 5/31/2016**

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges the audit performed by Whittemore, Downen & Ricciardelli, LLC of the Hudson Falls Justice Court Records FYE 5/31/2016.

STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Hudson Falls hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and has reported the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

Title	Name	SSN last 4 digits	Reg. No.	Standard Work Day [hrs/day]	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Time Keeping Sys	Days/Months [based on Record of Activities]
<u>ELECTED OFFICIALS:</u>							
Mayor	John Barton	8023	50593144	6	4/1/2016 – 3/31/2020	N	7.47
<u>APPOINTED OFFICIALS:</u>							
Registrar of Vital Statistics	Cynthia Bardin	0329	60062486	6	1/1/2016 -12/31/2016	N	.75
Clerk/Treasurer	Ellen Brayman	9226	39875992	8	4/1/2016 – 3/31/2020	Y	
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Penny Ward	3168	39156021	7	4/1/2016-3/31/2020	Y	

RESOLUTION

In Memory of Paul R. Loding

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees wishes to express its sincere condolences over the passing of longtime Village Historian, Paul R. Loding; and

WHEREAS, Paul Loding faithfully and conscientiously served the people of the Village of Hudson Falls as the Village Historian from June 1993 to June 2016; and

WHEREAS, Paul was the author of Images of America *Kingsbury and Hudson Falls* and spent his lifetime pursuing the history of this region of New York, and

WHEREAS, Paul was a lifelong resident of the Village of Hudson Falls and was very proud to say he was also a lifelong resident of 81 Maple Street.

NOW THEREFORE in recognition of Paul R. Loding'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.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Timms and carried approval the following budget appropriations were approved:

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A-2705 Gifts & Donations	\$1060	
A-7550.4 Celebrations		\$1060
C-599	\$2880	
C-8668.4.P10 Eligible Prog. Inc.		\$2880
A-11080 PILOT Revenue	\$ 872	
A-1989.4 PILOT Exp.		\$ 872
A-1990.4 Contingency	\$1,600	
A-1110.4 Village Justice Court		\$1,600

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

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

General Fund	Check Nos.	30410 -30491
Water Fund	Check Nos.	5578 - 5580
Small Cities Grant	Check Nos.	720 - 721
Trust Fund	Check Nos.	6768 - 6782
Payroll Fund	Check Nos.	29353 - 29364

The Deputy Mayor advised that the Village is getting ready for the holiday season. Everything looks great in the park and we look forward to the holiday activities.

The Deputy Mayor asked the Board for their comments.

Trustee Timms reported that on November 26th the first annual Small Business Saturday in Hudson Falls will take place. The goal is to get the local people to shop local. Vendors will be in the park; there will be a toy drive; coat collection; live radio broadcast. The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – the radio station will be broadcasting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Attorney Nikas reported that he received the Dormitory Authority Application today associated with the \$250,000 grant for the Courthouse. The Board will need to authorize the Mayor and the Village Clerk to sign the application and associated documents.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Village Clerk be authorized to sign the NYS Dormitory Authority Application and all necessary associated documents regarding the \$250,000 grant.

The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment - none was given.

Clerk Brayman reported that the Hometown Holiday Celebration is scheduled for December 2, 2016.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Timms and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


Ellen M. Brayman, Clerk/Treasurer