

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 12/12/16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Mayor John Barton
Trustee Thomas VanAernem
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.
Trustee Robert Cook
Attorney William Nikas

Absent: Trustee Joelle Timms

General Electric representatives gave a presentation outlining the remaining work to be done at the GE site on Sumpter Street. Laurie Scheuing, Project Manager provided a summary of the next stage of work to be conducted at the GE site. Attached is a copy of the letter and map that will be distributed to 225 residents.

Jim Burns, Derby Street inquired about what plans GE has for the property. He noted at one time there was thoughts of creating a park on the property once remediated. Joan Gerhardt advised that GE has no plans to sell the property. The plans are to have a vegetative cover over the entire site. Laurie Scheuing advised that there are deed restrictions that limit what can be done with the property.

Dr. Potvin, Pearl Street inquired whether a business or other commercial enterprise will be able to develop the land someday. He is concerned with the loss of property taxes due to the removal of buildings and the potential to never regain taxable assessment on those parcels.

Joan Gerhardt advised that the property will be remediated to the standards approved by New York State for industrial or commercial usage. The property will never be used for residential development. Again GE has no plans to sell the property.

Jim Burns inquired as to when the last building will be removed – 2017 or 2018 depending upon the progress made. He asked if the tunnels and wells will still remain operational. Laurie Scheuing advised that the tunnels will remain operational into perpetuity; two of the wells remain operational as well. Ground water is collected, filtered and cleaned at the plant then discharged.

Attorney Nikas asked if there are plans to address the replacement of waterlines in the area. GE has every intention of repairing the water line. When they get to that point they will clean the soil before the Village crew begins any work. Everything will be cleaned and safe for the Village's crew and to Superintendent Fiorillo's satisfaction.

Any questions, at any time, concerning the project can be directed to Joan Gerhardt.

The Mayor opened the meeting to General Public Comment – none was given.

The Mayor tabled Todd Colomb's request to purchase Village Owned Property for continued review.

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

RESOLVED, that the New Position Duties Statement for MEO/Water Maintenance Worker be approved as submitted and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the necessary documentation for Civil Service.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the minutes of the regular meeting 11/14/16 were approved as read.

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

RESOLVED, that John Mead of Pearl Street be appointed Village Historian at an annual salary of \$1,200.

Trustee Cook reported he and Trustee Timms have investigated the possibility of security cameras on Main Street. Trustee Cook advised that security cameras will not only benefit businesses but could encompass viewing Main Street from Locust to Maple Street as well as the back parking lots. One company they have had discussions with already has a security/camera system installed in a Main Street business. Every business participating would receive four high definition cameras (2 interior and 2 exterior). The cameras would be directly link to our police department. There is one camera that could also read license plates. Fort Edward is installing this type of camera very shortly.

The Mayor and Board agreed this should be pursued further and brought back to the board with recommendations.

RESOLUTION

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR RETIRED ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

WHEREAS, the Village contributes toward the premiums paid by active and retired full-time employees of the Village of Hudson Falls

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village Board to provide health care benefits for retired elected officials who have served the Village of Hudson Falls at least four (4) terms or 16 years as an elected official.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls adopt the following policy with regards to health care coverage for retired elected officials:

Those Elected Officials who are enrolled in the Village of Hudson Falls health insurance plan at time of retirement from the Village and have served more than (4) four terms or 16 years as an elected official for the Village of Hudson Falls shall be eligible to participate in the Village of Hudson Falls Health Care Benefit Plans upon retirement.

Upon retirement he/she shall be entitled to the health insurance coverage made available to the Village employees with the retiree contributing 100% of the premiums.

Upon motion made by Trustee VanAernem, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried it is

RESOLVED, that the membership of Keirsten Collins, Firefighter 32 Derby St. HF and reinstatement of Scott Noble, Firefighter, 10 Oakwood Drive, HF in the Hudson Falls Fire Council be approved as submitted.

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

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A-2705 Gifts & Donations	\$ 400	(Christmas Decoration Donations)
A-7550.4 Celebrations		\$ 400
A-3788-006 DCJS Grant	\$5,000	(DCJS Grant for Equip)
A-3120.4.000 Police		\$5,000

A-2680.000 Insurance Recovery \$4,669.07 (Insurance recovered from car damage)
A-3120.4 Police \$4,669.07

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

General Fund	Check Nos.	30426 - 30553
Water Fund	Check Nos.	5581 - 5584
CDBG 2014 Grant	Check No.	722
Federal Program Income	Check No.	106
BOA Grant	Check Nos.	193
Trust Fund	Check Nos.	6783 - 6801
Payroll Fund	Check Nos.	29377 - 29401


The Mayor thanked all involved in the Christmas Celebration in Juckett Park on 12/2. It was well attended both at the park and the children's activities at the K of C. A tremendous amount of work goes into the planning. He thanked the volunteers, Fire Departments, DPW, area businesses and individuals, the Christmas Committee and all those who donated toward the Christmas Decorations. It's a great community event.

The Mayor announced the Village was awarded a \$750,000 grant for waterline replacement in the Maple Street, Pearl Street, Cherry Street neighborhood. The Village has been very successful over the last five or six years in obtaining over \$2 million dollars in grant funds for waterline replacement.

The Mayor asked the Board for their comments – none was given.

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

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


Ellen M. Brayman, Clerk/Treasurer



December 2016

Dear Neighbor:

As you likely know, GE has completed demolishing the above-ground portion of its former manufacturing facility on Sumpter Street. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we completed this work.

We now turn to the next stage of remedial activities at the site — the removal of concrete slabs and excavation of soils. Representatives from GE will attend the next Hudson Falls Village Board Meeting to review these plans and answer questions:

WHAT: GE Hudson Falls Presentation
at Hudson Falls Village Board Meeting
WHEN: Monday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Village Hall Council Room, 220 Main Street

During the work, more than 18,000 cubic yards of soil and 3,600 cubic yards of building demolition debris (including the concrete slabs) will be removed and transported off-site for treatment or disposal. For much of the area where work is being performed, all soils above bedrock will be removed, at depths ranging from 1.5 feet to 17.5 feet below grade.

Storm water and groundwater collected during excavation activities will be pumped to the on-site water treatment plant. After excavation is completed, clean soils and debris materials will be placed within the excavated area and the entire site will be vegetated. We expect the excavation and restoration activities to take approximately 10-12 months to complete.

GE has been working closely with Canadian Pacific Railway to investigate whether materials can be transported from the site by railcar. Should this be possible, a new rail spur would be constructed on GE's property east of the existing CP rail line. The enclosed map of the site illustrates where soils will be excavated and, if constructed, the approximate location of the new rail spur.

As activities are performed along Sumpter Street, GE will occasionally close Sumpter Street to non-project vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Ample signage will be posted around the detour when it is in place, according to a plan approved by Village officials.

As this work is performed, GE's crews continue efforts to relocate the on-site water treatment plant from a building on the corner of Sumpter Street and Bridge Street to a new 13,000-square-foot, one-story building being constructed on GE-owned land at the corner of John and Allen streets. When needed, crews will temporarily close Lower Allen Street to facilitate the work.

When the relocation work is completed, the final phase of cleanup will include demolishing the building where the old water treatment plant was housed (on the corner of Sumpter and Bridge streets), removing contaminated soils and placing a vegetated soil cover in the area.

All of the work GE performs at the site is conducted with the approval and oversight of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

If you have any questions, please contact our community affairs representatives at 518-792-4087.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Scheuing".

Laurie Scheuing, PG, CPG
Manager, Hudson Falls
GE Global Operations, Environment, Health and Safety

enclosure

Map of Work Areas

