

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 7/10/17 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Mayor John Barton
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.
Trustee Robert Cook
Trustee Joelle Timms
Trustee Daniel Hogan
Attorney William Nikas

The Mayor advised the necessity to appoint a Deputy Mayor and revise the Committee Appointments.

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

RESOLVED, that the following appointments be approved:

Deputy Mayor -----	Robert Cook
Street Committee -----	Robert Cook, Joelle Timms
Water Committee -----	Robert Cook, Joelle Timms
Fire Committee -----	Daniel Hogan, Robert Cook
Police Committee -----	Robert Cook, Joelle Timms
Finance Committee -----	Daniel Hogan, James Gallagher
Insurance Committee -----	James Gallagher, Joelle Timms
Senior Citizen Committee -----	Daniel Hogan
Recreation Committee -----	Robert Cook, Joelle Timms
Street Lighting, Parks Committee -----	James Gallagher, Daniel Hogan
Safety Inspections Committee -----	Daniel Hogan, James Gallagher
Contract Negotiating Committee -----	John Barton, Robert Cook
Sandy Hill Days Liaison -----	Robert Cook
Greater G. F. Transit Advisory Committee -----	James Gallagher, Joelle Timms
Washington County Sewer Agency -----	Robert Cook
Community Development Small Cities Board --	Daniel Hogan, Joelle Timms
Village Owned Property Committee -----	James Gallagher, Joelle Timms
Building Committee -----	James Gallagher, Daniel Hogan

The Mayor opened the meeting to General Public Comment.

Mr. & Mrs. Waters, 99 Lower Feeder Street have an ongoing issue with water in their yard in the spring and when we experience heavy rain storms. They provided pictures of their property after the recent heavy rains showing the yard is flooded. It has since dried a bit but is still wet (can't mow). Mr. Waters feels the easiest way to fix the issue is to replace a culvert that was taken out adjacent to their property. The Mayor advised that he would meet with Superintendent Fiorillo and visit the property to determine whether their suggestion is a viable option.

Brian Burnett, 5 LaCross Street reported he continues to have issues with Dimensional Mills. He thanked those board members who visited the neighborhood. He reported he has counted 20 log trucks since the last board meeting. He received the response from his assessment grievance. The Grievance Board determined that the value of their assessment be reduced by 20%. In addition, Mr. Burnett reported he was awoken on 7/1 at 5:19 a.m. to the sound of a fork lift and backup beeping coming from the property across the street – not sure if it was Dimensional Mills or one of the other businesses located in that area. On 7/14 their house filled with diesel fumes; on 7/24 there was a saw dust cloud and the sound of loud machinery running; and the loader continues to be a problem.

The Mayor advised Mr. Burnett that he would contact Dimensional Mills about the 7/1 incident at 5:19 a.m. to determine if it was their facility.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR
GRANT FUNDS TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL FY2017
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

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

RESOLVED, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Community Renewal (OCR) is accepting applications from eligible communities to compete for funds available through the NYS administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has reviewed its housing and community development problems and needs, and has developed a proposed program and application for funds; and,

WHEREAS, the OCR application process requires that the governing body of the applicant authorize the submission of the application and related actions; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to submit the application to OCR and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS TO
THE NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) CORPORATION AND THE NYS
ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION (EFC) THROUGH THE FY 2017 CFA PROCESS**

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

WHEREAS, ESD and EFC are accepting grant applications for their Infrastructure Grant Program and Green Infrastructure Grant Program (GIGP) respectively; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls has reviewed its housing and community development problems and needs, and has developed a proposed program and applications for grant funds; and,

WHEREAS, the application process requires that the governing body of the applicant authorize the submission of the application and commit to providing the local 10% match for the GIGP Program and authorize related actions; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby commits to provide the 10% local match required of the GIGP Program and authorizes and directs the Mayor to submit the applications to ESD and EFC through the CFA process, and to act in connection with the submission of the applications, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF
COMMUNITY RENEWAL "NEW YORK MAIN STREET"
PROGRAM APPLICATION, FY 2017**

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

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Community Renewal (OCR) is accepting applications from eligible applicants to compete for funds available through the OCR administered New York Main Street program; and

WHEREAS, the OCR application process requires that the governing body of the local municipality support the submission of the application and related actions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hudson Falls Town Board hereby expresses support for submittal of a New York Street application to the OCR and hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit the application and to act in connection with the submission of the application.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION**

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

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of State (DOS) is accepting applications for Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) grant funds through the 2017 CFA application process; and,

WHEREAS, the Village has identified the opportunity to further implement its LWRP plan; and,

WHEREAS, the further development of its waterfront area for recreational purposes is a goal identified in the Village's Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the grant application process requires that the governing body of the applicant authorize submission of the application and related actions; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor to submit the application to the Department of State through the CFA process and to act in connection with the submission of the application, including execution of all required certifications and forms and to provide such additional information as may be required.

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Village entered into an Option Agreement to purchase the former Courthouse and adjacent parking lot on 5/9/16 and

WHEREAS, the Village has found that the acquisition, control, and restoration of the Courthouse properties are in the best interest of the community and presents opportunities to enhance the quality of life of the residents of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has submitted a grant application to NYS DASNY to assist in the acquisition of the former Courthouse property and adjacent parking lot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees is designated as lead agency with respect to exercising the Option Agreement to purchase the former Courthouse and adjacent parking lots located at 120 Main Street and 2 Maple Street, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village shall put all interested agencies on notice of the proposed action and shall initiate all required procedures pursuant to the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act Board; and

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Cook and carried the minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing of 6/12/17.

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

RESOLVED, that authorization be approved for the Mayor and Clerk Brayman to sign the Audit Engagement Letter with Whittemore, Downen & Ricciardelli, LLP FYE 5/31/17.

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

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Lease Agreement with Phoenix Rising allowing the courthouse to be put on the village's blanket insurance policy at a cost of approximately \$1,400 annually to be reimbursed by Phoenix Rising Project Hudson Falls, Inc.

Upon motion made by Trustee Timms, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried the resignation of Patrolman Anthony Casimano effective 7/14/17 be accepted as submitted.

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, seconded by Trustee Timms and carried the resignation of Patrolman Colin O'Brien effective 7/8/17 be accepted as submitted.

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

RESOLVED, that the request of Chief Diamond to hire Zachary Pastore as a lateral transfer from Watervliet at Patrolman 4th Step pay rate and using a hire date of 7/3/14 for purposes of vacation and pay rate be approved, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement between the Village of Hudson Falls, the Police Benevolent Associated and Zachary Pastore reflecting the above stated terms.

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

RESOLVED, that the request of Chief Diamond to appoint Tyler White, Goodman Road, Fort Ann as a FT Police Officer off the list of eligibles - to start the Police Academy on 7/11/17 be approved.

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

RESOLVED, that request of Chief Diamond to rehire Blake MacWhinnie, Gansevoort NY as PT Patrolman effective immediately be approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorize payment to Tech II of 50% of the cost for the telephone system damaged by the storm on 6/19/17 the balance to be paid upon satisfactory installation and operation of the system. Insurance will reimburse the village for this expenditure.

The Mayor announced that the Concert in the Park Series started Thursday 7/7/17 will continue thru 8/24/17.

The Mayor announced that the Sandy Hill Farmers Market started Sunday 7/7/17 will continue through 10/1/17.

The Mayor announced the CDBG 2015 Waterline Replacement Project in the John Street/Elizabeth Street neighborhood has begun.

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

General Fund	Check Nos.	30982 – 31044
Water Fund	Check Nos.	5610 – 5614
Home Grant Fund	Check No.	1301
Federal Program Income Fund	Check Nos.	195 – 196

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

RESOLVED, that Thomas Noble be reinstated to the position of Lieutenant of the Hudson Falls Fire Council.

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

RESOLVED, that the Village request the NYS Department of Financial Services to transfer the 2% Annual Foreign Fire Tax funds to the Village to be used for the benefit of the Hudson Falls Fire Council.


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

The Mayor opened the meeting to General Public Comment.

Diane Santa Croce, Spruce Street read the article in the Post Star regarding the Hope and Healing Recovery Center to be located at 2 Maple Street. Inquired why it wasn't required to go to the Planning Board. Attorney Nikas advised that there was no change in use. The Post Star's article was misleading - just an office for the Hope and Healing Recovery Center not a treatment center.

Mrs. Santa Croce also asked the status of the parking lot reconfiguration in back of the businesses on the west side of Main Street. Trustee Cook reported that the Village is awaiting a plan from Chazen and once completed the property owners affected will be contacted in hopes of obtaining easements – that will determine what can be done.

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 5:10 p.m.



Ellen M. Brayman, Clerk/Treasurer

