

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 14, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present:

Trustee Robert Cook
Trustee Daniel Hogan
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.
Attorney William Nikas

Absent: Mayor John Barton
Trustee Michael Horrigan

At 6:00 p.m. time was set aside for a public hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2022, for the purpose of regulating the fees associated with parking permits for the reservation of parking spaces within village owned parking lots.

The meeting was opened to the Public, none were present.

Trustee Cook briefly explains the purpose of this Local Law is allowing the Board to set the fees associated with the village issued parking permits when feasible.

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

RESOLVED, the Public Hearing for Local Law No.2 of 2022 is closed, no input given.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approve Local Law No.2, of 2022 for the purpose of regulating the fees associated with parking permits within village owned parking lots. A copy of Local Law No. 2 of 2022 is available at Village Hall.

**RESOLUTION
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2022
AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 201 OF THE CODE “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”
SECTION 201-16 SUBDIVISION D.3 PERMITTED MUNICIPAL PARKING**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls (“Board”) is considering the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2022, which would, if adopted, amend Chapter 201, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, Section 201-16 to delete subdivision D.3 in its entirety and replace Section 201-16 subdivision D.3.

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the provisions contained in Chapter 201 of the Code of the Village and believes that certain amendments to the provisions contained therein are reasonable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2022 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 adopt of Local Law No. 2 was duly conducted on February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. 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. 2 of 2022; 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 adopts and authorizes the filing of a negative declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts Local Law No. 2 of 2022, annexed hereto, and Chapter 201 is hereby amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Village Clerk and 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 the necessary actions for the promulgation thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Public Works shall present the cost to acquire the necessary signage to the Board for approval, and thereafter, is hereby authorized to acquire and install at locations in consultation with the Chief of Police, all necessary signage and postings to implement this local law and to otherwise take all necessary action to implement this local law.

Roll Call:	Aye	Nay	Absent
Mayor Barton			X
Trustee Cook	X		
Trustee Gallagher	X		
Trustee Hogan	X		
Trustee Horrigan			X

Trustee Cook begins discussion on the proposed Traffic Violations Bureau. Attorney Nikas comments he still has not heard from the Town of Kingsbury, and we may not until the Village receives a check of fees due. Kingsbury was looking to straighten out the computer issues that they were having with the State’s system. Attorney Nikas continues that it is unfortunate that we have not moved forward as we would be alleviating some of the work done by the Town Court. Trustee Hogan asks for clarification on what would presumably be taken off the Town’s responsibility and back on the Village. Attorney Nikas explains that only the tickets that are contested will proceed to the Town Court. All others will and can be taken care of by the village. Parking tickets are not generally contested so the village will have the control of the tickets and fines collected for village issued tickets and it would reduce the administrative side for the Town. Attorney Nikas will update the Board with any progress.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2022, and January 26, 2022, were approved as submitted.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the retirement of Ellen Brayman as Village Clerk effective January 29, 2022.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Cassandra Allen as Village Clerk-Treasurer effective January 29, 2022, at her regular salary.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the resignation of Scott Gillis as Enforcement Officer (P/T) effective January 1, 2022.

Trustee Cook briefly explains the annual donation request was received from the Senior Center of Kingsbury and Fort Edward. The request this year is for \$11,800 and Trustee Cook would like to suggest that we round it up to and even \$12,000. Trustee Hogan asks the previous donation pattern, Clerk Allen responds that it has been consistently the same as in the past.

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

RESOLVED, to approve Annual Donation Request from the Senior Center of Kingsbury and Fort Edward Area Inc. in the amount of \$12,000.

A request to renew an online auction contract with Auctions International has been submitted for approval. Trustee Cook adds that Trustee Gallagher has mentioned there has been a pile up of junk, like the old Dodge Durangos and other items at the DPW barn. Trustee Hogan asks questions why it has been adding up with the assumption that we have been using the online auction before, is it the case that it is not selling or being bid on. Trustee Gallagher adds that the price of metal has increased substantially. He mentions that he noticed the poles from Derby Park have been moved. Trustee Cook replied with that the poles may have been moved to a different location by DPW. A brief discussion ensued.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the renewal of Online Auction Contract with Auctions International.

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

RESOLVED, to authorize proper Budget Appropriations:

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
A-1990.4.000 Contingency	\$4,500	
A-1910.4.000 Unallocated Insurance		\$4,500
A-1990.4.000 Contingency	\$47.62	
E-9710.7.000 Bond Interest		\$47.62

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

RESOLVED, the following monthly reports were approved as read:

- Police Department, submitted by Chief Gillis
- Fire Department, submitted by Chief Thomas Bover
- Code Enforcement, submitted by Jonathan Zakrzewski

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

General Fund	Check Nos. 34647 - 34711
Water	Check Nos. 5858 - 5862
Capital Project/Derby	Check No. 1034
Trust	Check Nos. 7727 - 7740
Payroll	Check Nos. 30783 - 30794

Board Comments:

Trustee Hogan would like to express the interest his family has in possibly putting a bronze statue in honor of his father either at Juckett Park or Derby-Moran Park pending the Boards approval. The family is hoping to have the statue made by the end of May, around Memorial Day, which would also be Trustee Hogan’s father’s anniversary. The family would take care of the expenses of the memorial statue, unless the Board would like to contribute with a donation towards the display, such as the concrete platform. Trustee Hogan would be sending out additional information via email to the Board for review to be discussed at a later date. Trustee Cook would like it to be discussed at the March meeting

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

RESOLVED, the Board to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED, the Board to close Executive Session and resume regular Board Meeting as scheduled.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the termination of Code Enforcement Officer, Jonathan Zakrzewski, for cause, effective February 15, 2022.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Agreement between the Village of Hudson Falls and Scott Gillis, pertaining to health insurance post retirement, effective the date mutually agreed upon.

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Hogan and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer