

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

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

Traffic Violations Bureau is brought again for discussion. Mayor Barton asks Attorney Nikas if there is anything new to be discussed. It is said that it is in their budget and Mayor Barton will continue to try to work on it before the end of the year.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogan and carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2022, were approved as submitted.

Trustee Hogan confirms the purchase price of the 2022 Chevrolet C6500 is less than what is being requested to be used from the reserve fund and is inquiring where that balance will come from. Clerk Allen responds that the remaining balance will be covered with the current year budget.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet C6500, by Resolution, as follows:

**RESOLUTION
 TO PURCHASE A 2022 CHEVROLET C6500
 FROM EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND**

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and carried the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls has established an equipment reserve account for the purpose of purchasing Department of Public Works equipment; and

WHEREAS, the balance of the equipment reserve account is presently Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars and 58/100 (\$288,253.58), and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation of the Village of Hudson Falls Department of Public Works, the Board of Trustees desires to allocate a sum not to exceed \$85,000 from the equipment reserve account for the acquisition and delivery of a 2022 Chevrolet C6500 from Robert Green Truck Division #ONGOV-106-19, for use by the Village of Hudson Falls Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, reserve funds are important to assist with debt service should the need arise; and

WHEREAS, Under General Municipal Law § 104, a municipality is not required to comply with the competitive bidding laws if it purchases equipment in excess of \$500 through New York State's Office of General Services (OGS).

WHEREAS, the allocation of \$85,000 from the equipment reserve account for the acquisition and delivery of the aforesaid vehicle is subject to Board approval by Resolution,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and allocates the sum of \$85,000 from the equipment reserve account for the sole and express purpose of purchasing and acquiring a 2022 Chevrolet C6500 from Robert Green Truck Division for use by the Village of Hudson Falls Department of Public Works; and be it further

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-9940.9.000 Interfund Sick time	\$26,000	
A-1325.1.000 Treasurer		\$26,000

Upon motion made by Trustee Cook, 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

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

General Fund	Check Nos. 34712 - 34770
Water	Check Nos. 5863 - 5865
Capital Project	Check No. 1036 - 1038
Trust	Check Nos. 7741 - 7754
Payroll	Check Nos. 30795 - 30813

The Mayor opens the meeting up and would like to start with Max McDonnell, Director of the Senior Center Kingsbury Fort Edward Area. Mr. McDonnell starts off by thanking the Village for their assistance. Would like to give the village the update of purchasing the passenger bus and would like to thank the four municipalities involved including the Washington County Planning Board. He shares by reading the resolution to the board that was recently passed by his board. Mr. McDonnell proceeds to read resolution that was passed at the Senior Center last meeting. Following the reading of the resolution he then informs the board that the application for the grant has been submitted. It is basically a 20% match divided up by the 4 municipalities; Fort Edward Town and Village, Hudson Falls and Kingsbury. It is roughly a \$60,000 bus that will be about \$12,000 between the 4 for the 20% match. He said Dana Hogan has reached out to the other municipalities about covering the remaining loan itself and that the other communities are in agreement. He would again like to thank the Village for all that they do for the center. The application should be submitted this coming week. The Board returns the thanks to Mr. McDonnell as well. A brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Barton opens the meeting up to the rest of the public.
No comment was given.

Board Comments:

Trustee Horrigan starts off by saying that this is Trustee Cook's last meeting. He has decided to not run again. He would like to thank him personally and on behalf of the Village for his time and that he has been pros pros since day one, since he has taken this little endeavor on. He has always had the best interest of the Village in mind and whoever fills that seat, they will have big shoes to fill. Horrigan adds that it is hard to see him go and thanks him for all that he has done over the last 12 years. The rest of the board agrees and thanks him as well.

Mayor Barton adds and presents a framed Certificate of Appreciation to Trustee Cook from the Village, he reads the certificate that formally and sincerely thanks him and wishes him the best.

Trustee Cook express his thankfulness and has a few things he would like to share. He begins with stating that it has been an honor to spend the last 12 years on the board. The community is lucky to have the board. This board is one that never shines away from a challenge. Back in 2010, the economy had tanked, revenues going down, property values, everything was going downhill. The Board had to make tough decisions and Trustee Cook recalls watching school districts and communities around us struggling. Some of the decisions were not popular but we were able to maintain the important services and never once did we exceed the tax cap.