

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on September 12, 2022, at 6:01 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Present: Mayor John Barton  
Trustee Michael Horrigan  
Trustee James Gallagher, Jr.  
Trustee Jeffrey Gaulin  
Attorney William Nikas  
Absent: Trustee Daniel Hogan

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2022, were approved as submitted.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve appointment of Jonathan Lavigne as a Volunteer Fire Fighter, contingent upon successful completion of mandatory requirements.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Gaulin and unanimously carried it is;

**RESOLVED**, to approve the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Memorandum of Agreement, (MOA) negotiations request as submitted.

Mayor Barton informs the Board that he and Trustee Horrigan have met with CSEA President and the Representative numerous times to and they have reached an agreement. It has been approved by the members and they are now seeking the Board's final approval. Trustee Horrigan adds that it was cordial and believes that it is a fair agreement for both the members and the Village.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve Labella's proposal to prepare two (2) applications for the Restore New York's Communities Initiative Funding Program (Grant).

Attorney Nikas asks if we are obligated to pay up front. It was explained that we have not been billed by Labella yet for their services, they it may perhaps happen once the administration is complete. He also asks to clarify what the two projects are, it is discussed that it is for Everything Under Foot, Bill Smith's property and the second potential project is a property further south on Main Street. It was determined that we would not pay for administration of the grant process for the second property unless we decide to move forward with that as well.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried it is;

**RESOLVED**, to approve resolution authorizing submission of an Empire State Development Restore New York Program Grant Application.

VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT  
RESTORE NEW YORK PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Empire State Development is accepting grant applications for funding under the Restore New York grant program;

WHEREAS, the Restore New York program is intended to revitalize urban areas and stabilize neighborhoods through funds provided to aid in the implementation of a project of significant benefit to the community;

WHEREAS, such grant money may be used in projects involving demolition, deconstruction, rehabilitation, and/or reconstruction of vacant, abandoned, condemned, and surplus properties;

WHEREAS, the Village of Hudson Falls intends to apply for funds through the Restore New York grant program;

WHEREAS, the proposed project is the renovation of the vacant second and third floors above Everything Under Foot Flooring, at 188 Main Street, which is roughly 10,000 square feet, to provide eight residential units;

WHEREAS, the proposed project implements an overall strategy for revitalization supported in the Village's Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Village's Revitalization Opportunities Program;

WHEREAS, costs over and above any assistance granted by Empire State Development will be financed by the building owner;

WHEREAS, the renovation of the vacant floors at 188 Main Street will help to convert vacant, unutilized space into downtown housing units and to maintain and enhance an important downtown property;

WHEREAS, the proposed project will aid in the creation of new residential space, generating investment in the downtown and a more significant market for existing and prospective businesses and residences;

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the proposed project is consistent with revitalization or redevelopment plans; the proposed financing is appropriate for the specific project; the project facilitates effective and efficient use of existing and future public resources so as to promote both economic development and preservation of community resources and the project develops and enhances infrastructure and/or other facilities in a manner that will attract, create, and sustain employment opportunities.

A Public Hearing is required to move forward with the Restore New York Program Grant process.

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

**RESOLVED**, a Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 12:00 PM to discuss the Restore New York municipal grant program and property assessment list.

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

**RESOLVED**, the following budget appropriations are approved:

Budget Appropriations	Credit	Debit
A-1990.4.000 Contingency		\$9513.00
A-9040.8.000 Worker's Comp	\$9513	
A-2705.000 Gifts and Donations		\$2500
A-7550.4.000 Celebrations	\$2500	
A-1089.000 2% Fire		\$12,000
A+3410.4.002	\$12,000	
<b>(Year End Adjustment)</b>		
A-599 Approp. Fund Balance		142,202.00
A-3410.4.001 Fire	\$14,073.83	
A-3121.4.000 Crime Proceeds	\$10,494.00	
A-3410.4.002 Fire	\$1,960.17	
A-5110.2.000 Street Maintenance	\$6,438.00	
A-5110.2.000 Street Maintenance	\$100,000	
A-8560.4.000 Shade Trees	\$5,600	
A-8140.4.000 Storm Sewers	\$2,640	
A-8170.4.000 Street Cleaning	\$996	
F-599 Approp FB		\$118,239.50
F-8340.2.000 Trans & Dist	\$6,438	
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f-8320.2.000 Source & Supply	\$50,000	
H-599 Approp FB		\$10,000
H-3120.2.000	\$10,000	

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and unanimously carried it is;

**RESOLVED**, the following monthly reports were approved as read:

Fire Department, submitted by Chief Thomas Bover

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

General Fund	Check Nos. 35102 - 35167
Water	Check Nos. 5888 - 5892
Derby Donation Fund	Check Nos. 139 - 140
Capital Derby/DASNY	Check Nos. 1049
Trust	Check Nos. 7815 - 7827
Payroll	Check Nos. 30923 - 30947
Fire 2%	Check No. 1008
Drug Prevention	Check No. 1330 – 1331
Federal Forfeiture	Check No. 99

The Mayor publicly announced Hudson Falls Class of 1972's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration will be held on October 7-9. For additional contact information, please see the Village Clerk.

**Mayor Comment:**

Yesterday the American Legion had their 9/11 Ceremony, and he was able to attend. He would like to express his gratitude to the Legion for hosting this every year.

He would also like to remind everyone present, that the High School is playing soccer at Moran-Derby Park tonight.

**Board Comments:**

Trustee Horrigan would like to remind the Board of the discussion that we had a few months ago with regards to the Feeder Canal Bike Trail and to be one of municipalities that contribute to the expansion by making a contribution towards a grant match that may be awarded. It has been confirmed that the grant did come through and that they will be contacting us to have a discussion on the shared expense and any other details that need to be discussed.

Trustee Gallagher would like to request garbage cans on Main Street in front of the Court House at the bus stop. He explains a small pile of garbage accumulates and he has been picking it up on his morning walks. We will look into repositioning a garbage can there again.

**Public Comment:**

Shannon Gillis, Pearl Street, expresses her concern that on August 2<sup>nd</sup> she woke up to DPW cutting down a tree in front of her house. She was under the impression that she is not able to maintain the tree herself. She has called in the past to have limbs trimmed with no response. She points out that she maintains that strip of grass that is Village owned by mowing it and she is to maintain her sidewalk that is Village owned but her responsibility. She proceeds to explain the village trees have destroyed her septic lines that enter in her property.

The morning of the tree removal she asked the men handling the project, to stop what they were doing because the tree was not dead. She was told that they had the authority to cut down the tree and was going to proceed. Ms. Gillis explains her knowledge in biology including various environmental committees that she is on assisted her in determining that the tree was healthy and should not have been taken down. A brief discussion ensued.

She is requesting for more of a transparency of cutting down the trees and how it is determined when a tree is to be cut down, more specifically a protocol in place.

Bill McCall, Ferry Street, approached the Board and began discussing lawn care and maintenance. He was told over a month ago he was told that yard brush is to be put in bags. Recently there were two DPW workers trimming a tree on Margaret Street, and he took an arm full of brush that he picked up from the Methodist Church and brought it down to them and asked if he could personally throw it in the back of the truck. He was told by the worker's they can not allow him to throw any brush in the back of the truck as they would not allow all other residents to do the same. Mr. McCall believes that it does not make sense to allow this as he is trying to keep things cleaned up. Trustee Horrigan would like to find out more information before a conclusion is drawn but he recommends to just bag the brush as required. A timeline is set into place for loose and bagged brush, it is a guideline that is set for all residents. Mr. McCall believes exceptions should be made. A brief discussion ensued.

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board to move to Executive Session.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously carried it is;  
**RESOLVED**, the Board to close Executive Session and resume regular Board Meeting as scheduled.

The next meeting will be held on October 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer