

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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

Absent: Mayor John Barton

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Gaulin and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2022, were approved as submitted.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve resolution to schedule a public hearing for the Round 7 Restore NY Communities Initiative Municipal Grant Program.

**RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROUND 7 RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Empire State Development Corporation is requesting funding proposals for the seventh round of the Restore NY Municipal Grant program; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funds are available for projects to demolish/deconstruct and/or rehabilitate/reconstruct vacant, abandoned, surplus and/or condemned residential, commercial and/or mixed-use buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, an important goal of Restore NY is to revitalize urban centers, rural areas, and disadvantaged communities. It is anticipated that upon completion, the projects funded by Restore NY grants will attract individuals, families, and industry and commercial enterprises to the municipality. It is further anticipated that the improved community and business climate will result in an increased tax base thereby improving municipal finances and the wherewithal to further grow the municipality's tax and resource base, lessening its dependence on state aid; and

**WHEREAS**, cities with populations less than 40,000 can apply for up to \$2,000,000 in grant funding;

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the application and properties involved in the application is required prior to submission,

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** by the Hudson Falls Village Board that it hereby schedules a Public Hearing for the Round 7 Restore NY application for January 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Hudson Falls Village Hall, 220 Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY 12839.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Notice of said hearing will be published, and the Property Assessment List will be published for three consecutive issues, in the Post Star.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it will include the following property assessment list:

<i>Site</i>	<i>Size (sq. ft)</i>	<i>Building Type</i>	<i>Project Type</i>	<i>Building Category</i>
119 Main Street	9,300	Commercial	Rehabilitation	Vacant

**Roll call:**

Mayor Barton	Absent
Trustee Horrigan	Aye
Trustee Gallagher	Aye
Trustee Hogan	Aye
Trustee Gaulin	Aye

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 Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm to discuss the Restore NY municipal grant program and property assessment list.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve appointment of Jessica Freeburn to Police Officer, effective 1/9/22, at the rate reflected in the bargaining unit contract.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve reinstatement of Ryan Woodward to Police Sergeant, effective 12/2/22, at the rate reflected in the bargaining unit contract based on years of service.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve Provisional Promotion of Brad Lyon to Police Captain, effective 12/1/22, at the rate reflected in the bargaining unit contract.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve Provisional Promotion of Lance Barber to Police Detective, effective 12/1/22, at the rate reflected in the bargaining unit contract.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve promotion of Aaron Vanderwarker to Motor Equipment Operator, effective 12/12/22, at the rate reflected in the bargaining unit contract.

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

**RESOLVED**, to Authorize Mayor Barton to sign Transportation Agreement between the City of Glens Falls. (Renewal)

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

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

Budget Appropriations

		Credit	Debit
A-7140.4.000	Village Parks	\$2500	
A-1990.4.000	Contingency (National Grid at Derby)		\$2500
C-1840.400	Derby Park Donations		\$411,651.97
C-8040.4.000	Derby Park Project (To recognize monies spent)	\$411,651.97	
A-208	ARPA Funds		\$8,550
A-200	General Fund	\$8,550	
A-2170.000	Community Dev.		\$8,550
A-8020.4.000	Planning (Survey)	\$8550	

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

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

Police Department, submitted by Acting Chief Kibling

Fire Department, submitted by Chief Thomas Bover  
Code Enforcement Department, submitted by William Celeste

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

General Fund	Check Nos. 35308 - 35380
Water	Check Nos. 5903 - 5905
Derby Donation Fund	Check Nos. 144
Trust	Check Nos. 7851 - 7859
Payroll	Check Nos. 31005 - 31022

On behalf of the Village, Trustee Horrigan recognizes Bill Nikas and Pheonix Rising for their time, dedication and generous donation to the former Washington County Courthouse to assist in renovations. Over the past several months Mr. Nikas has been covering the expenses for the upstairs of the building to be repaired and painted along with other necessary repairs to the exterior of the building. The Village Clerk will prepare a letter of appreciation to be sent to him.

**Board Comment:**

Trustee Horrigan commends the Village DPW for their quick response to the recent storm. The storm came in quick, and the roads got very icy very fast and the guys got out there and took care of quickly.

Trustee Gallagher would like to thank the Christmas Committee for the Christmas celebration. Everything looked beautiful and it was well attended.

Attorney Nikas updates the Board that the debris on Maple Street, from the fire, is set to begin being cleaned up in January.

**Public Comment:**

Diane Santa-Croce asks about the minutes being found on our website. It is explained that they may have not been sent over to be posted but can be printed for her now or be sent to her tomorrow.

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

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

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Hogan 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 January 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Hogan and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer