

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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

Mayor Barton began the meeting to discuss a former topic of the speed limit near Moran-Derby Park. Attorney Nikas has proposed appropriate revisions to address these concerns in the proposed Local Law No.3 of 2023. This will change the speed limits on Coleman, William and a section of Lincoln that surrounds the park down to 25 MPH. Trustee Horrigan explains this change, informing the public that this was something the Board originally wanted to do when the park reopened for the safety of the residents visiting the park.

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

RESOLVED, to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2023, amending Section 201-21 of Chapter 201, Vehicles and Traffic to add parts of street where the speed limit shall be reduced to 25 mph. Public Hearing scheduled for October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Barton follows up on the temporary garages that has been discussed at a former meeting. Attorney Nikas has proposed appropriate revisions to the current local code in the proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023. This will to assist in regulating temporary garages.

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

RESOLVED, to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2023, amending Section 215-57 of Chapter 215, Temporary Garages, to include a permit process, location of temporary structure and setback provisions.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the Provisional Appointment of Michael J. Fiorillo to the Village Superintendent of Public Works, effective September 11, 2023, at the salary of \$75,000/year. Permanent status contingent upon successful completion of Civil Service requirements.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the employment contract between Jason Miller and The Village of Hudson Falls.

The school has requested assistance from the Hudson Falls Police Department to have a full-time officer in the district. This officer will float from school to school throughout the day for not just added security but to develop positive relationships with the children. These relationships will hopefully have a beneficial long-term impact on the children in our community even outside of regular school functions.

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

RESOLVED, to approve Agreement between the Village of Hudson Falls and the Hudson Falls School District for the Provision of School Resource Officer, for the 2023-2024 School year.

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

RESOLVED, to approve Application for Corrected Tax Bill, 12 First Street.

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

RESOLVED, to approve reappointment of Zoning Board Members, Robert Durkee and Louis Cantiello, effective April 1, 2023.

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

RESOLVED, to approve appointment of Zoning Board Member, Edward Mahan, effective September 11, 2023.

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

RESOLVED, to approve appointment of an Alternate Planning Board Member, Mary Alice Murphy, effective September 11, 2023.

Mayor Barton explains the need for the appointment to the Sewer District Board. Trustee Horrigan can no longer accept this position. The Mayor is requesting to be appointed in place of Trustee Horrigan while still keeping Michael E. Fiorillo on the Board as well.

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

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Mayor Barton to the Washington County Sewer District Committee, that coincides with the Washington County Sewer District Board.

The Board was presented with three bid documents with regard to the ongoing discussion of the Water Treatment Plant System upgrade from the following companies: RASP, ETech and General Controls. This project is necessary and deemed an emergency circumstance due to the condition of the current system. It is the recommendation of Michael E. Fiorillo to award the bid to RASP. RASP is a highly reputable company and although they were not the lowest bidder based on the original specifications required, they were the lowest bid that could provide quality and efficiency with regard to all requirements outlined in the project as defined and required by design of Eric Shwarts, of DPS Global Group.

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

RESOLVED, to award the bid of the Village of Hudson Falls Water Department Water Treatment Facility Upgrade to RASP in the amount of \$204,300.

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

RESOLVED, to approve to expend all the funds from the Sick Time Reserve, \$25,000, to cover the expense of benefit time payout due to retirement.

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

To approve the following Budget Appropriations:

	Credit	Debit
A-3002.4.000 State Police Grant	24,000	
A-3002.000 State Police Grant		24,000
A-205 Capital Special Reserve	25,000	
A-200 General Fund		25,000
A-5940.000 Sicktime Reserve		25,000
A-5010.1.000 Street Admin	25,000	

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

RESOLVED, the following monthly reports were approved as read:

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

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

General Fund	Check Nos. 35912 - 35965
Water	Check Nos. 5936 - 5938
Trust	Check Nos. 7942 - 7951
Payroll	Check Nos. 31179 - 31194

Mayor Comment:

None Given.

Board Comment:

None given.

Public Comment:

Resident of 1 Liberty Place approached the podium to again express the concerns with the traffic activity at a nearby house and the temporary garages in the neighbors back yard. The view from her back deck of the nearby houses, one in particular, has temporary garages that are old and in disrepair and unsightly. Mr. Nikas explains the new local law will address new temporary tents and garages but the condition of poorly kept temporary garages and tents may fall under property maintenance. A brief discussion on how to further address these concerns ensued.

Mr. Yole of Paris Avenue approached the podium to follow up on the legal recourse of stray and unmanageable neighborhood cats. Trustee Horrigan informs Mr. Yole that the State recognizes it's a problem with little enforcement from the local municipalities. Attorney Nikas recommends reviewing the article on our website, a guide published by the Humane Society of what could work and does work to manage neighborhood cats. Mr. Yole asks about what he is allowed to do. Attorney Nikas replies that if it is an abandoned cat, that no one owns, a business on the corner of John and Oak can be of assistance. If you take that animal to the office, it will be your responsibility, they will not just release it and it will be your obligation to pay for any required fees. A brief discussion ensued.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, to enter into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation.

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

RESOLVED, to close Executive Session at 6:40, with no action taken and return to the Regular Meeting.

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 6:41 p.m.

Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer