

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on October 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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

Mayor Barton began the meeting with the Public Hearing scheduled for Local Law No. 3, 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. on specific sections of streets around Moran-Derby Park, as defined in the proposed law. He will now open it up to the public for comment.

No comment given.

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

**RESOLVED**, to close the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2023, amending Section 201-21 of Chapter 201, Vehicles and Traffic.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve Local Law No. 3 of 2023, amending Section 201-21 of Chapter 201, Vehicles and Traffic.

**RESOLUTION**  
**LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023**  
**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 201 OF THE CODE: "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

**SECTION 201-21 SCHEDULE 11: SPEED LIMITS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls ("Board") is considering the adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2023, which would, if adopted, amend Chapter 201, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC", Section 201-21 : "Speed Limits" to reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on the village streets bordering Derby Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the provisions contained Section 201-21 of Chapter 201 of the Code 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. 3 of 2023 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 adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2023 was duly conducted on October 10, 2023, 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**, the Board, serving as lead agency for this unlisted action under SEQRA, reviewed a short environmental assessment form and determined that the action does not present any adverse environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, after thorough review and deliberation, the Board proposes to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2023; 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. 3 of 2023, 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, to execute and file the said documents as required by law, and to take all 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.

Motion: Trustee Horrigan  
Second: Trustee Hogan

Roll Call:

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

Next, Mayor Barton would like to move to the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 4 of 2023, amending Section 215-57 of Chapter 215, Temporary Garages, to include a permit process, location of temporary structure and setback provisions. He will now open it up to the public for comment.

No comment given.

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

**RESOLVED**, to close the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 4 of 2023, amending Section 215-57 of Chapter 215, Temporary Garages.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, seconded by Trustee Horrigan with the change of the misprint of the date in proposed law, and unanimously carried it is;

**RESOLVED**, to approve Local Law No. 4 of 2023, amending Section 215-57 of Chapter 215, Temporary Garages.

**RESOLUTION**  
**LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2023**  
**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 215 OF THE CODE: "ZONING"**  
**SECTION 215-57: "TEMPORARY GARAGES"**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hudson Falls ("Board") is considering the adoption of Local Law No. 4 of 2023, which would, if adopted, amend Chapter 2 5, "ZONING", Section 215-57 "TEMPORARY GARAGES"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the provisions contained in Chapter 215 of the Code, Section 215-57 thereof, 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. 4 of 2023 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 adoption of Local Law No. 4 was duly conducted on October 10, 2023, 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**, the Board, serving as lead agency for this unlisted action under SEQRA, reviewed a short environmental assessment form and determined that the action does not present any adverse environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, after thorough review and deliberation, the Board proposes to adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2023; 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. 4 of 2023, annexed hereto, and Chapter 201, Section 215.57, 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, to execute and file the said documents as required by law, and to take all necessary actions for the promulgation thereof.

Motion: Trustee Hogan  
Second: Trustee Horrigan

Roll Call:

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

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve appointment of Charles Mattison to the position of Motor Equipment Operator, effective 9/18/23, at the rate reflective in the CSEA Contract.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve Cori Winch to the position of Police Sergeant, effective 10/11/23 at the rate reflective in the PBA Contract.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve Kirsten Lunder to the position of Police Sergeant, effective 10/11/23 at the rate reflective in the PBA Contract.

The Hudson Falls Recreation Department has requested to temporary close a portion of Coleman Avenue from Lincoln to Preston for the Hudson Falls Recreation Soccer Tournament, on October 21, 2023 from 11:00-4:00 for public safety to allow food trucks for their event.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve the request from the Hudson Falls Recreation Department for a temporary road closure on October 21, 2023, from 11:00 – 4:00 for their event.

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

**RESOLVED**, to approve sending shut-off notices to delinquent out-of-district water customers.

Upon motion made by Trustee Hogan, 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  
Code Enforcement, submitted by William Celeste

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

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| General Fund | Check Nos. 35966 - 36019 |
| Water        | Check Nos. 5939          |
| Trust        | Check Nos. 7952 - 7961   |
| Payroll      | Check Nos. 31195 - 31203 |
| 2% Fire      | Check No. 1012           |

**Mayor Comment:**

None Given.

**Board Comment:**

Trustee Horrigan, would like to explain that they will again set a closing date for the park, for the safety of everyone we will be locking the gates up for winter beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year we did stay open an additional week because of the 70 degree weather change and if the same thing happens this year, we will discuss leaving it open a bit longer, but as it stands, November 1<sup>st</sup> will be the date the park closes.

**Public Comment:**

John Hack, resident of John Street, has returned this month to give the Board an update and complain again about 134 John Street. Mr. Hack explains that during the summer Bug-U- Pest Control had went to the 134 John street house to treat it. He attempted to talk to the owner of Bug-U to ask questions. He would not discuss with him any details of the property. Recently, Bug-U came back to the house for round 3 of the treatment to rid the home of the pests and around the same time he went to go use his Blackstone grill on his back deck and there were dozens and dozens of cockroaches that he assumed had come from the neighbor house due to the spray treatment. He is concerned that although the colder months will be ok, but in the Spring, the filth and bugs will still be there and most likely be worst. He has made numerous calls to Code Enforcement Officer Will Celeste with little or no response back. One day he got the opportunity to speak with Mr. Celeste about a sewage issue and instead of addressing the concern, the response he got from Mr. Celeste is he hears that sort of complaint all the time. He explains to the Board that with the severity of the issue he should be held accountable and address it as the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Hack has talked with the other nearby neighbors and although they feel the same as he does, they are not as willing to stand up to the village to voice their concerns. Mr. Hack continues to explain the garbage and debris that is blowing from their property and onto his. He has attempted to talk with the property owner and be reasonable about it, but it isn't working. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Nikas recommends to the Board to get Dr. Foote involved. Mayor Barton will talk with Code Enforcement to arrange a visit to the property. Upon the conclusion made by Dr. Foote the board will reconvene.

The next meeting will be held on Monday November 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion made by Trustee Horrigan, seconded by Trustee Hogan and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer