

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees as the Public Health Board was held on October 23, 2023, at 12:05 p.m. in the Council Room of Village Hall.

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

The Board of Trustee convened as the Public Health Board to discuss a public health concern at 134 John Street.

The Board was provided a packet that included numerous pictures of inside of the property and a few correspondences with regard to 134 John Street. Mayor Barton briefly explains the pictures and the letter that was received from Dr. Foote, Village Public Health Officer, with the recommendation of condemning the property. It was confirmed, on Thursday, October 19, Code Enforcement Officer, Will Celeste condemned the house and has verified that the residents have removed all of the animals as of today. Mayor Barton asks for a motion to condemn 134 John Street, based on the evidence provided, until certain remediations take place.

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

RESOLVED, to condemn 134 John Street, Hudson Falls until certain remediations take place with regard to safety and health concerns.

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

Upon motion made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and there being no further business to come before the Public Health Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

The Mayor requests a motion to go into an emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

RESOLVED, to call to order an Emergency Meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 23, 2023, at 12:08 pm.

Mayor Barton explains the purpose of this emergency meeting is to authorize Attorney Bill Nikas to take the necessary legal steps to ensure the proper handling of the condemned property, 134 John Street.

Trustee Hogan inquires what would happen if the situation does not get resolved. Attorney Nikas explains that if it ends up not getting resolved, the village will have to take action due to it being a public health issue and then sue the property owner for any money expended. Trustee Hogan confirms that they must meet certain criteria in order to re-enter the home. Mayor Barton refers to the letter that was provided to the property owner by Code Enforcement with the list of issues that must be addressed.

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

RESOLVED, to approve Attorney Nikas to proceed with any necessary actions as recommended and/or required that may result from condemning 134 John Street.

Upon motion made by Trustee Gaulin, seconded by Trustee Horrigan and there being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Cassandra Allen, Village Clerk-Treasurer