**Honeoye Falls**

**Village Board of Trustees Meeting**

**December 18, 2023**

**Regular Meeting:** The Regular Meeting of the Village of Honeoye Falls Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Milne at 7:00p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**Trustees Present:** Deputy Mayor Harris, Trustee Wagner, Trustee Main, Trustee Floss.

**Also Present:** Brian Anderson, Village Administrator; Matt Lenahan, Village Attorney; Chief Cory Trewer, Assistant Chief Tyler Zavitz; Conservation Board Members, Andy Corey and Andy Less; Danny Bassette.

**Virtually Present:** Chief Ed Sheidlower.

**Minutes:** Motion by Deputy Mayor Harris, seconded by Trustee Wagner to approve Village Board Meeting minutes from November 20, 2023.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comments:** NONE

**Abstract #7 2024** Motion by Deputy Mayor Harris, seconded by Trustee Main that upon an audit of Abstract no. 7 that approval be given for payment of the General Fund, including the Sewer Fund in the amount of $231,867.92. Voucher numbers #152400-152406, 152407-152410, 152420-152465. General Fund in the amount of $219,313.33 and Sewer Fund in the amount of $12,554.59.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Mayors Report:**

Month Of: December 2023

* Each month seems to be as busy as the last and I'm sure that goes for all of us.
* Over the past month or two we have continued to have a lot of inquiries

surrounding business opportunities and activity on current business locations and

store fronts.

* Trustee Wagner and I met with members of the Enalas Consulting Group and

Eisco company with their potential move to the Quaker Meetinghouse Road (former

Rittenhouse/Branson Building). While it hasn't been closed the move and sale does seem

imminent, as they have reached out with thanks for the help with the move, I've

connected them to our local food cupboard (FISH) as they want to support them, we've

connected them to the City of Rochester who is now coming out and re-surveying the

property to show the Enalas Group exactly where the City water lines are, and we're

connecting them with others as well. This is exciting for our community.

* The new lessees of the former Brewery Restaurant are moving forward very well

and I've met with them to review their plans and activity and they still expect to be reopened

in Q 1/24

* I spoke to an individual about the old (Distillery) space on West Main and have

seen some activity there as well. It's my hope to hear something concrete in Ql/24 for

that space as well.

* The Wolfsberger Park project continues to move well. These homes will certainly

be positive for our local business.

* We continue to hear and see activity on three other parcels as well which may

bring some dormant buildings back to activity.

* Our CREST Grants continue to move forward and go through the process. And after that

incredible news, we have now been informed of $2.3 + million in Grant Awards for the

Waste Water Treatment Plant project.

* Connections, positive aggressive dialogue and teamwork are paying off and I want to

thank the whole Village team for all they are doing to bring these positive results

forward.

I wish you all a wonderful and happy Holiday Season and thank you all for the work you

do.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Trustee Floss:**

* The Historical Society extends their Thanks for the Software upgrade and the water upgrade.
* Thank you to Pat Graff for decorating the outside of the Village Hall.
* There was a lot of positive feedback on the HFFD Holiday Parade.

**Trustee Wagner:**

* The Village looks fantastic. Thank you to the businesses for joining in on the decorating contest.
* Hoping to have another Business breakfast meeting in the first quarter on next year and hope to have someone from the County here to talk about Grants.

**Trustee Main:**

* Thank you to the Fire Department for the Holiday parade and the Community Band for their concerts.
* There has been a recruitment challenge for Volunteers for the Honeoye Falls Fire Department.

Recently, the Board of Trustees approved to hire 11 per diem firefighters temporarily due to the lack of volunteers.

* The discussion of merging multiple Fire Districts and Fire Departments is a possibility as all surrounding areas are lacking Volunteers.

**Deputy Mayor Harris:**

* Thanks to Trustee Main for putting together the appreciation baskets for the Ambulance and Fire Department personnel.
* The Ambulance needs a seat at the table during the discussion of the proposal of the merger of Fire Departments.

**Mayor Milne:**

* The Village of Honeoye Falls received a plaque from the Upstate New York Municipal Workers’ Compensation Program for Best Loss Rate for the 2022 Program year.

**Village Administrator’s Report:**

* There is a meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, to discuss with Hunt Engineer’s about the Waste Water Treatment Plant project.
* Hunt Engineer’s will also be out to look at the sidewalk project and discuss a design.

**Village Clerk’s Report:**

* Outstanding taxes have been turned over to the County. We will receive the reimbursement check sometime in April.
* The Decorating Contest and Open House after the parade were very well received. Thank you to all of you for your help! Thank you to rotary for co-hosting the Decorating contest as well.
* The Office will be closed December 25th and 26th as well as January 1st for the upcoming holiday season.

**DPW/CEO Report:**

No Report.

**Fire Department Report:**

* To date we are under the 2022 call volume for the close of the year.
* Chief Trewer would like to get a list going of surplus equipment.
* In the first quarter of 2024 Chief Trewer would like to assemble a committee of five people to discuss what needs to be done with the fleet.
* The Christmas Parade was amazing. Thank you everyone!
* Chief Trewer thinks a meeting between the Village Board of Trustees and the Fire Commissioner’s of the Town of Mendon would be beneficial to discuss the consolidation of the Fire Department’s so everyone is on the same page.
* Preemployment physicals, screenings and paperwork for the per diem fire fighters is almost done. The Fire Department should be staffed by next week. Thank you to the Board for everything they have done to assist in the hiring of the fire fighters.

**Ambulance Report:**

* The new ambulance arrived today and it looks great. It is scheduled to receive the graphics on December 19th.
* The toy drive for Golisano’s Childrens Hospital and the Food Drive was a success. They were able to drop of a couple loads to each organization. Thank you to Melissa and Kerry for their help in advertising both.
* Thank you to Eric for fixing the tiles in the ambulance bay.
* There have been upset members and questions from residents regarding an article posted in the Sentinel “blaming” the Ambulance for being the reason of an increase in taxes.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution:**

**Budget Adjustments**

Motion by Trustee Floss, seconded by Deputy Mayor Harris to to approve the budget adjustments as presented.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**HFFD Per Diem Employee**

Motion by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Main to approve Fire Department Laborer

Anthony Militello as a per diem Fire fighter for the Honeoye Falls Fire Department.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**Public Hearing for 1/16/24**

Motion by Trustee Main, seconded by Trustee Floss to approve setting up a Public Hearing for January 16, 2024 at 7:30p.m. to re-appropriate previously approved budget dollars from Fire Equipment Reserve, A0231.F0, to Fire Department payroll, A3410.10.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**HFFD Volunteer**

Motion by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Main to approve Honeoye Falls Fire Department

Volunteer Levi Shafer.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**HFMVA Volunteer’s**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Harris, seconded by Trustee Floss to approve Rebecca Boyle and Michael Finucane as Honeoye Falls Ambulance Volunteers.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**Budget Workshop 1/10/24**

Motion by Trustee Main, seconded by Trustee Floss to have a Budget workshop on January 10,

2024 at 7:30a.m.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing opened at 7:30p.m.**

**VILLAGE OF HONEOYE FALLS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been presented to the Board of Trustees of the Village of

Honeoye Falls a local law #2 to override the tax levy limit of2% established in General Municipal Law §3-c

when establishing the tax levy for the 2024/2025 Village tax levy.

THEREFORE, pursuant to statute, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Honeoye Falls will hold a Public

Hearing on the local law at the Village Hall, 5 East Street, Honeoye Falls, New York on December 18, 2023

at 7:30pm at which time all persons interested will be heard. Copies of the proposed local law can be

obtained and reviewed at the Village Office.

Dated: November 16, 2023

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES VILLAGE OF HONEOYE FALLS

Kerry Hoffman Village Clerk

No Public Comment.

**Resolution:**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Harris, seconded by Trustee Wagner to close the Public Hearing.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**Local Law #2 2024-2025 Village Tax Levy**

Motion by Trustee Wagner, seconded by Trustee Main to approve Local Law #2 to override the

tax levy limit of 2% when establishing the tax levy for the 2024-2025 Village tax levy.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Discussion:**

**Climate Smart Community**

* Mayor Milne will be meeting with the Green Team at the High School to discuss on December 19, 2023.
* Discussion Ensued.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Public Hearing opened at 7:45p.m.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**VILLAGE OF HONEOYE FALLS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Honeoye Falls proposes to appropriate the Sum of up to $45,000.00 (forty-five thousand dollars) for the purpose of purchasing a 2024 F150. The purchase will be split equally between A0231.H0, Highway Equipment Reserve, and G0231.E0 Sewer Equipment Reserve.

THEREFORE, pursuant to statute, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2023 at 7:45 pm to hear all persons interested in the matter. The specific details can be obtained at the Village Office during regular business hours.

Dated: November 21, 2023

Kerry S. Hoffman Village Clerk Treasurer

No Public comment.

**Resolution:**

**Close Public Hearing**

Motion by Trustee Main, seconded by Trustee Wagner to close the Public Hearing for the purchase of 2024 F150.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**Purchase of 2024 F150**

Motion by Deputy Mayor Harris, seconded by Trustee Floss to approve the purchase of a 2024 F150.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Resolution:**

**Climate Smart Community Con’t.**

Motion by Trustee Floss and seconded unanimously by Mayor Milne, Deputy Mayor Harris,

Trustee Wager, and Trustee Main to move forward with the initial steps of the Climate Smart

Community model resolution adjusted as the Board deems fit.

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**\*Andy Less, Conservation Board Member supports Andy Corey and the**

**Green Team at the High School\***

**Discussion:**

**Grant Acceptance**

* Meeting with Hunt Engineers on Thursday, December 21, 2023, to discuss the grant
* Discussion Ensued.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Motion by Trustee Main, seconded by Trustee Floss to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:00p.m**.**

Mayor Milne, AYE Deputy Mayor Harris, AYE

Trustee Main, AYE Trustee Wagner, AYE

Trustee Floss, AYE

**Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Melissa Luft, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**