

RESOLUTIONS - BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2022

46:22 ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize Village Manager Murphy to assign funds from AA.909 Fund Balance to the following accounts in the following amounts:

AA.877 Assigned Fund Balance – Personnel-Related Expenses: \$325,000

AA.880 Assigned Fund Balance – Capital Projects for Parks: \$100,000

AA.881 Assigned Fund Balance – Capital Projects: \$400,000

for a total amount of \$825,000.

47:22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THIRD PARTY PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS FOR THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, New York State has adopted the 2018 International Building Code family of codes with amendments, named 2020 Codes of NYS, as the guiding principle pertaining to residential and commercial construction and development within the state; and,

WHEREAS, The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson realizes that to promote public safety and preserve the quality and value of property within the community, coordinated development review processes are essential to ensuring that the adopted, nationally-recognized building codes and best practices are incorporated into buildings and structures; and,

WHEREAS, third party plan review and inspection services will only be for ECCCNY or NYStretch compliance review. Review by other departments in Hastings-on-Hudson will still be required; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees deems it in the best interest of the citizens of Hastings-on-Hudson to authorize the Building Official to allow third party plan review for residential and commercial buildings in the Village; and,

WHEREAS, time of performance and terms of service are negotiated solely between the permit applicant and third-party plan review and inspection services provider; and,

WHEREAS, it shall be the permit applicant's responsibility to ensure the third-party plan review and inspection services provider receives all the necessary construction documents and list of municipal requirements. Approved stamped documents shall be submitted to the Building Department prior to the issuance of a building permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the Village Board of Trustees and made a part of hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson shall hereby authorize the Building Official to allow third party plan review and inspection for compliance with the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be and become effective from and after its adoption.

48:22 PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS “NATIVE PLANT MONTH” IN THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

WHEREAS, native plants are indigenous species that have evolved and occur naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, and habitat; and

WHEREAS, native plants help prevent flooding, drought, and erosion and can help restore damaged ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, native plants provide shelter as well as nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food for rapidly declining populations of native butterflies, insects, birds, and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 of the native plant species in the United States are estimated to have been lost since the early 19th century; and

WHEREAS, habitat loss and fragmentation, extreme weather events, invasive species, and herbicide use have contributed to the decline of native plants in the United States; and

WHEREAS, native plants are essential components of resilient ecosystems and our natural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Nicola Armacost, Mayor of Hastings-on-Hudson, do hereby proclaim April 2022,

**“NATIVE PLANT MONTH”
IN THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON**

April 19, 2022

49:22 MAYORS MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and

WHEREAS, villages, towns, cities and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson has played a leadership role by supporting the citizen-led Hastings Pollinator Pathway Project and launching the municipal Adopt-A-Spot program wherein citizens can adopt portions of village property to install and nurture native plant gardens that provide sustenance to monarch butterflies and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Hastings-on-Hudson can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Hastings-on-Hudson who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to sign the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and I encourage Mayors across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Nicola Armacost, Mayor of Hastings-on-Hudson, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2022,

**“MAYORS’ MONARCH PLEDGE DAY”
IN THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON**

April 19, 2022

50:22 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW A OF 2022, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 176 LANDSCAPERS

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Proposed Local Law A of 2022, Amending the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson by Adding a New Chapter 176 Landscapers as follows:

A LOCAL LAW TO ADD NEW CHAPTER 176 LANDSCAPERS TO THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:

Section One. A new Chapter 176 entitled Landscapers is hereby added to the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to read as follows:

Chapter 176 Landscapers.

§ 176-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

LANDSCAPER

Any person, corporation, partnership or business entity of any form who owns, operates, maintains, controls or conducts a landscaping business to perform landscaping or gardening including tending, planting, installing, maintaining, or repairing lawns, gardens, flower beds, shrubbery, trees, or landscaping of any kind on real property which such person or business entity does not own or at which s/he does not reside.

§176-2. Registration required; requirements; fee; exemptions.

A. No landscaper shall advertise, operate or provide services within the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson unless the landscaper is registered annually pursuant to this chapter.

B. Registration requirements.

(1) All landscapers shall submit annually a completed registration form provided by the Village Clerk and pay a nonrefundable registration fee in an amount to be determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time as set forth in Chapter 22 of this Code. The registration period shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

(2) The registration form, at a minimum, shall state that the landscaper has read, understands, and agrees to comply with the Village's leaf blower law (§217-6.J. of the Village Code), leaf blower guidelines, Tree Preservation Code (Chapter 273) and other relevant Village laws and policies as may be amended.

(3) In addition, the landscaper shall submit proof of a valid and current Westchester County Home Improvement License.

C. When the Village Clerk determines that all requirements have been met, s/he shall issue landscaper registration tags, which must be placed on the rear-view mirror of each vehicle the landscaper uses in the Village. The landscaper registration tag is not transferable.

D. Landscaper registration tags shall be valid from January 1 through December 31, unless revoked.

176-3. Penalties for offenses.

Every person or business entity violating any provisions of this chapter shall be liable for a penalty in accordance with §1-14 of the Village Code.

Section Two. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section Three. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

51:22 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW B OF 2022, AMENDING THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, CHAPTER 252, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE ADDRESSING DOUBLE POLES AND STREET OPENING

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Proposed Local Law B of 2022, Amending the Streets and Sidewalks Chapter of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, Chapter 252, By Adding A New Article Addressing Double Poles and Street Opening as follows:

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, CHAPTER 252, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE ADDRESSING DOUBLE POLES AND STREET OPENING

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:

Section One. A new Article VIII entitled “Poles, wires and pipes” is hereby added to the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to read as follows:

**Article VIII
Poles, Wires, and Pipes**

§ 252-51. Definitions and word usage.

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated herein:

DOUBLE POLE

Any damaged utility pole or utility pole from which the plant has been removed, in whole or in part, which is attached or in close proximity to a new utility pole.

PLANT

The cables, terminal, conductors and other fixtures necessary for transmitting electric, telephone, cable television or other telecommunications service.

STREET

A public street, public easement, public right-of-way, public highway, public alley, public way, sidewalk or public road.

§ 252-52. Permission to erect required

No telegraph, telephone or electric power or light poles or wires shall be erected over, upon, or across any street in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, except with the permission of the Village Manager or his duly designated representative and upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by him.

§ 252-53. Notice of removal.

A. Notification, time frame for removal.

- (1) When the Village determines that a utility pole in a Village right-of-way is damaged and poses a potential threat to the public safety, the Village shall notify any public utility with a plant on the damaged pole that it must remove its plant from the damaged pole within 15 days of receiving such notification from the Village.
- (2) When a public utility installs a new pole that creates a double utility pole condition, the public utility shall, within 30 days of installation of the new pole, provide written notice to all other public utilities maintaining a plant on the existing pole that a new pole has been installed and that their plant on the existing pole must be relocated to the new pole within 90 days of the date of the notice. A copy of such notice shall be simultaneously provided to the Village.
- (3) Existing poles must be removed within 120 days after installation of the new pole. Removal shall be the joint and several obligation of the public utility installing the new

pole and any other public utility maintaining a plant on the existing pole. When the Village determines that a double pole is in a Village road right-of-way, the Village will notify the public utility which owns the double pole that the pole must be removed.

§ 252-54. Permit requirements.

All permits for the installation of a utility pole(s) shall include the following provision: “The permittee shall have 120 days to remove a double pole following the installation of a new pole in its immediate vicinity. Failure to do so may result in penalties as provided in § 252-55.”

§ 252-55. Penalties for offenses.

The penalty for any violation of the provisions of this Article shall be as provided in [§1-14](#) of the Village Code. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section Two. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Section Three. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

52:22 ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW C OF 2022, AMENDING CHAPTER 260 TAXATION OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON TO AMEND THE ALTERNATIVE VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION AND ADD THE COLD WAR VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Proposed Local Law C of 2022, Amending Chapter 260 Taxation of the Code of The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to Amend the Alternative Veterans Tax Exemption and Add the Cold War Veterans Tax Exemption as follows:

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 260 TAXATION OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON TO AMEND THE ALTERNATIVE VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION AND ADD THE COLD WAR VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:

SECTION ONE. Article IV Alternative Veterans Exemption, Section 260-23 is hereby amended to read as follows (new material in underlined text; deleted material in strikethrough text):

§260-23 Maximum allowable exemption.

The maximum exemptions allowable in Paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Subdivision 2 of § 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law are hereby set as ~~\$54,000~~, \$75,000, ~~36,000~~, 50,000 and ~~180,000~~, 250,000 respectively.

SECTION TWO. New Article IX Cold War Veterans Exemption is hereby added to Chapter 260 Taxation to read as follows:

Article IX Cold War Veterans Exemption

§260-44 Legislative findings and intent.

The purpose of this article is to grant Cold War veterans, who meet the requirements set forth in § 458-b of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, with a real property tax exemption.

§260-45. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ACTIVE DUTY

Full-time duty in the United States Armed Forces, other than active duty for training.

ARMED FORCES

The United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

COLD WAR VETERAN

A person, male or female, who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, during the time period from September 2, 1945, to December 26, 1991, was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions and satisfies any other requirements set forth in § 458-b(1)(a) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

LATEST CLASS RATIO

The latest final class ratio established by the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services pursuant to Title 1 of Article 12 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law for use in a special assessing unit as defined in § 1801 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

LATEST STATE EQUALIZATION RATE

The latest final equalization rate established by the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services pursuant to Article 12 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

QUALIFIED OWNER

A Cold War veteran, the spouse of a Cold War veteran, or the unremarried surviving spouse of a deceased Cold War veteran. Where property is owned by more than one qualified owner, the exemption to which each is entitled may be combined. Where a veteran is also the unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran, such person may also receive any exemption to which the deceased spouse was entitled.

QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY

Property owned by a qualified owner which is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided, however, that in the event that any portion of such property is not used exclusively for residential purposes, but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and only the remaining portion used exclusively for residential purposes shall be subject to the exemption provided by this article. Such property shall be the primary residence of the Cold War veteran or the unremarried surviving spouse of a Cold War veteran; unless the Cold War veteran or unremarried surviving spouse is absent from the property due to medical reasons or institutionalization subject to such time limitations, if any, as are set forth in § 458-b(1)(f) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

SERVICE CONNECTED

With respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability incurred or aggravated, in line of duty on active military, naval or air service.

§260-46. Amount of exemption; limitations.

- A. Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent (15%) of the assessed value of such property; provided however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$75,000 or the product of \$75,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.
- B. In addition to the exemption provided by subdivision (1) of this Section, where the Cold War veteran received a compensation rating from the United States veterans affairs or from the United States department of defense because of a service related disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property, multiplied by fifty percent of the Cold war veteran disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed \$250,000 or the product of \$250,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.
- C. If a Cold War veteran receives either a veterans exemption authorized by § 458 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, or an alternative veterans exemption authorized by § 458-a of the New York Real Property Tax Law, the Cold War veteran shall not be eligible to receive an exemption under this article.

§260-47. Duration of exemption.

The exemption provided by Subsection A of § 260-46 of this article shall be granted for so long as a qualified owner of qualified residential real property remains a qualified owner of such residential real property. The commencement of such period shall be governed pursuant to this section. Where a qualified owner owns qualifying residential real property on the effective date of this article, or such other date as may be set forth in § 458-b(2)(c) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, such period shall be measured from the assessment roll prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring on or after the effective date of this article, or such other date as may be set forth in § 458-b(2)(c) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. Where a

qualified owner does not own qualifying residential real property on the effective date of this article, or such other date as may be set forth in § 458-b(2)(c) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, such period shall be measured from the assessment roll prepared pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring at least 60 days after the date of purchase of qualifying residential real property; provided, however, that should the veteran apply for and be granted an exemption on the assessment roll prepared pursuant to a taxable status date occurring within 60 days after the date of purchase of residential real property, such period shall be measured from the first assessment roll in which the exemption occurs. If, during such period, such exempt property is sold and replaced with other residential real property, such exemption may be granted pursuant to this section for the duration that the owners and property remain qualified.

§ 260-48. Application.

Application for the exemption set forth in this article shall be made by the qualified owner, or all of the qualified owners, of the property on a form prescribed by the New York State Board of Real Property Tax Services. The owner or owners shall file the completed form in the Town Assessor's office on or before the first appropriate taxable status date. The owner or owners of the property shall be required to refile at such times and under such circumstances as may be set forth in § 458-b(4) of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. Any applicant convicted of willfully making any false statement in the application for such exemption shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in the New York State Penal Law.

SECTION THREE. Severability

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

53:22 REVISED VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on 12th December 2015, at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21), 196 countries, including the United States, adopted the “Paris Agreement”, recognizing the threat of climate change and agreeing to pursue efforts to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

WHEREAS, on June 1st 2017, the United States Government announced its intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, thereby abandoning global leadership on addressing climate change; and

WHEREAS, on June 6th 2017, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson joined with over 240 Climate Mayors and their municipalities representing 56 million Americans in adopting, honoring and upholding the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement by declaring “We Are Still In” and pledging to do our share to meet the Paris emission reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, limiting the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius will require unprecedented transitions in all aspects of society over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, global annual averaged surface air temperature has increased by about 1.8°F (1.0°C) over the last 115 years (1901 to 2016) as cited in the U.S. Global Change Research Program's 2017 Climate Science Special Report; and

WHEREAS, the past five years are collectively the warmest in modern history, with increasing and intensifying extreme weather events and rising sea levels, and the total cost of extreme weather events for the United States from 2010 to 2019 has been calculated to be \$802 billion dollars by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events, including extremes of temperature as well as increasingly devastating storms, flooding and wildfires are causing severe harm to America's agriculture, forestry, and tourism industries and Hastings-on-Hudson like other municipalities in Westchester County, was recently ravaged by Hurricane Ida, causing devastating flash flooding and property damage; and

WHEREAS, the construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to public health and safety risks at the local and global levels; and

WHEREAS, climate change has and continues to cause adverse impacts on human health, as well as the introduction of new vectors for infectious disease, and species extinctions and related threats to biodiversity, with accompanying grave impacts on food and water security, economic security, and social-emotional wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated existing health inequalities that have resulted from climate change, such as neighborhoods with poorer air quality being disproportionately affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS, marginalized populations worldwide, including people of color, immigrants, Indigenous communities, low-income individuals, people with disabilities, outdoor laborers, and the unhoused, especially women and children, are already disproportionately affected by the effects of climate change, and will continue to bear an excess burden as temperatures increase, and disasters worsen; and

WHEREAS, the massive scope and scale of action necessary to stabilize the climate and biosphere will require unprecedented levels of public awareness, engagement, and deliberation to develop and implement effective, just, and equitable policies to address the climate emergency; and

WHEREAS, on July 18th, 2019, the Governor of New York signed into law the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act), which is among the most ambitious climate laws in the world and requires our State to: reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and no less than 85 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels; achieve 100% zero-emission electricity by 2040 and statewide carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson embraces the mandates of the Climate Act, has been at the forefront of sustainability and environmental policy and aims to continue serving as a leader in climate action by building a climate-resilient and adaptive community for all residents and by meeting its Paris Agreement commitments; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is a Silver Certified Climate Smart Community as designated by New York State and is currently the highest-ranking Clean Energy Community in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Village achieved this status through a range of actions including upgrading light fixtures with energy efficient LED technology; adopting an Anti-idling Local Law and Resolution (2019); installing an electric vehicle (EV) charging station (2019); purchasing EVs for the municipal fleet; adopting a Green Fleet Policy (2021) and a Biking and Walking Master Plan (2021).

WHEREAS, since 2015, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson has participated in Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), which ensures that 100% of residential energy comes from renewable sources, as well as Community Solar, and was an early adopter of the New York Stretch Energy Code (2020), Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Financing (2020), and Uniform Solar Permitting (2017), thereby facilitating the move to clean energy for local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Village has adopted an Energy Benchmarking Policy (2016), commissioned a Government Building Energy Audit (2019), adopted a Heat Emergency Plan (2020), a Natural Resources Inventory (2020) and a Climate Vulnerability Assessment (2020), each of which identified existing vulnerabilities and key actions the municipality can take to address climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Village has made efforts to reduce waste by promoting recycling, food waste reduction and composting as well as other strategies laid out in its Organics Management Plan (2021); and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Village dedicated 112 acres of open space as parkland, which brings the total dedicated parkland to 156 acres, representing about 84% of the open space owned by the Village, and has engaged in multiple Village-wide tree planting campaigns, thereby contributing to carbon sequestration; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson has drafted a Community Green House Gas (GHG) Inventory which sets emission targets, and is in the process of drafting a Climate Action Plan and updating its Comprehensive Plan with specific action steps to address the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson intends to implement policies limiting fossil fuel expansion and promoting electrification as part of the SAFE Cities movement because of the inherent dangers to the public's health and safety in extraction, transport, storage, and combustion of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Race to Zero advocated by Climate Mayors and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, the Mayor of Hastings-on-Hudson committed to a "fair share" science-based target of 62.8% per capita reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 (substantially more than the US commitment); and

WHEREAS, the Westchester County Board of Legislators has adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration and has urged local governments to do the same; and

WHEREAS, world leaders are meeting this week at the UNFCCC's 26th Conference of the Parties (COP 26) in Glasgow, Scotland to renew and report on their Paris Agreement commitments;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees of Village of Hastings-on-Hudson declares a climate emergency and urges sister municipalities to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson will develop recommendations that limit fossil fuel infrastructure expansion and promote electrification and a clean energy future in order to protect public health and safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of Hastings-on-Hudson shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblyman Thomas Abinanti, County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator Mary Jane Shimsky.

54:22 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP SYSTEM INSTALLATION

WHEREAS, the 2020 Inventory of Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Emissions identified government buildings and facilities as accounting for 53.9% of the greenhouse gas emissions produced by Hastings-on-Hudson government operations; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Municipal Greenhouse Gas Analysis and Action Plan – Energy Audit Report recommended geothermal water source heat pumps to heat and cool Village Hall and the Library in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save high energy costs of gas and oil heating, and provide an overall energy use intensity reduction; and

WHEREAS, geothermal heat pump systems are very energy efficient, have longer lives than conventional furnaces, and require minimal maintenance; and

WHEREAS, installation of a geothermal heat pump system is an eligible project under the Environmental Protection Agency’s Economic Development Initiative account for which Congressperson Jamaal Bowman has solicited funding requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson does hereby approve and support the Geothermal Heat Pump System Installation project and the request for Community Project Funding to implement the project.