

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

Regular Meeting Opened 6:02 PM

PLACE: HOSTED VIA ZOOM

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No public participation in-person, as per Governor's directive regarding COVID-19

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through the Zoom Meeting Application**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Armacost
Trustee Lopez
Trustee Fleisig
Trustee Lambert

Village Manager Murphy
Village Attorney Whitehead

Absent: Trustee Leaf

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Lopez moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 19, 2021, seconded by Trustee Lambert. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

Trustee Lambert moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Village Manager Murphy described a public comment email that came from Mr. Paul Molinari regarding dump truck traffic he observed on restricted roads.

RESOLUTIONS

09:21 AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE OF BETTERMENT FUNDS FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

Trustee Lopez moved, seconded by Trustee Leaf, and unanimously carried upon roll call vote, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 5-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to expend funds previously earmarked in the Betterment fund for Downtown Improvements.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Murphy provided an update on the request for certain food carts in the Village. Village Attorney Whitehead provided additional comments regarding licensing and location legislation. A discussion with the Mayor and Village Board followed.

Village Treasurer Cerretani presented a summary for the finances for the second quarter of the fiscal year. A discussion with the Village Manager and Village Board followed.

Village Manager Murphy provided a brief update on the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. Trustee Lopez provided further comments.

The Village Manager thanked the Department of Public Works and Superintendent Michael Gunther on their recent efforts after the snowstorm and provided updates on the impacts of the snow event. She then updated the Board on the announcement of another round of CDBG funding and details thereof. Village Manager Murphy thanked the Parks Department for their recent efforts and provided an update on grant funding. The Village Manager concluded with updates on other projects and efforts.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mayor Armacost began a discussion on the analysis of parkland and undeveloped village-owned open space with respect to their official dedication as parkland. Village Attorney Whitehead provided a presentation to the Board on the subject. A discussion with the Village Board followed.

Mayor Armacost and Trustee Lambert announced vacancies on the Energy Working Group and Climate Action Planning Committee, and an email will be forthcoming asking for volunteers with interest and/or expertise in clean energy and energy efficiency. The Mayor also announced the future formulation of a committee to investigate fundraising for renovations related to the Lipchitz property and to make recommendations as to the property's usage.

Trustee Fleisig began a discussion on zoning, with reference to existing and new zoning codes, with specific focus on building height. A discussion with the Village Attorney and Village Board followed.

Mayor Armacost announced that there is a new program being launched by NYSERDA for Clean Energy Communities and the Village will be submitting and reporting completed actions, and grant opportunities available under that program.

The Mayor then provided an update on COVID-19 including statistics and vaccination procedures, and upcoming Village events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thurs. Feb. 4 – Youth Council 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
2. Thurs. Feb. 11 – Affordable Housing Committee 7:30 PM Hosted via ZOOM
3. Thurs. Feb. 11 – Parks & Recreation Commission 8:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
4. Mon. Feb. 15 – Village Offices Closed in Observance of President’s Day
5. Tues. Feb. 16 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Lambert moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:03 PM

Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk