

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW A OF 2021
&
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

Regular Meeting Opened 6:02 PM

PLACE: HOSTED VIA ZOOM

**STREAMED LIVE ON CHANNEL 75 (CABLE) OR CHANNEL 43 (FIOS)
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No public participation in-person, as per Governor's directive regarding COVID-19

**Public comments will be heard via email at boardoftrustees@hastingsgov.org or
through the Zoom Meeting Application**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Armacost
Trustee Leaf
Trustee Lopez
Trustee Fleisig
Trustee Lambert

Village Manager Murphy
Village Attorney Whitehead

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No one appeared for public comment. Trustee Fleisig moved to continue to the Public Hearing at the April 6 Regular Meeting of the Village Board, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Lopez moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 2, 2021, seconded by Trustee Lambert. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

APPKT00360 = \$536,650.90

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Nick Mottern, Iris Hiskey Arno, Marissa Chee, Alex Rabb, Thomas Duffy, Steven Seibert, Anne Lessy, and Linda Atkinson individually addressed the Village Board with respect to Police Reform.

Mayor Armacost, Trustee Lopez, and Village Manager Murphy provided comments in response to the Public Comments.

RESOLUTIONS

21:21 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2021-2022 VILLAGE BUDGET

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM, or shortly thereafter to consider the proposed 2021 – 2022 Village Budget.

22:21 APPROVAL OF 99 YEAR LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT – PROPERTY AT 383 BROADWAY IN DRAPER PARK (TABLED)

22:21 ADOPTION OF GREEN FLEET POLICY

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees adopt the Fleet Efficiency Policy, as attached.

23:21 ADOPTION OF FUND BALANCE POLICY

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees believe that sound financial management principles require that sufficient funds be retained by the Village to provide a stable financial foundation at all times; and

WHEREAS, to provide this stable financial base, the Village must maintain a general fund balance sufficient to provide cash flow for daily requirements, secure and maintain an investment grade bond ratings, offset economic downturns or revenue shortfalls, provide for all existing encumbrances, and provide for unforeseen expenditures related to emergencies; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Unassigned Fund Balance in the General Fund shall be maintained to a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the current fiscal year expenditures.

24:21 – ADOPTION OF POOL FEES

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby approve Pool Fees as follows:

Early Bird 2021	
Full Season Family	505
Split Season Family	355
Full Season Indiv	265
Full Season Jr. Indiv	130
Split Season Indiv	195
Family of Two	440
Split Family of Two	315

Regular Pricing 2021	
Full Season Family	550
Split Season Family	380
Full Season Indiv	295
Split Season Indiv	235
Full Season Jr. Indiv	145
Family of Two	500
Split Family of Two	350
Daily Admission	145
Special/Caregiver	145
Early Morning	145
Non-Resident Fam	840
Non-Resident Indiv	500
Senior	99

25:21 EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the global community faces extraordinary challenges such as environmental degradation, climate change, food and water shortages, and global health issues; and

WHEREAS, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create positive environmental change to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and

WHEREAS, a sustainable environment can be achieved on the individual level

through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns;
and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to broaden and diversify the environmental movement
to achieve maximum success; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that Mayor Nicola Armacost does hereby proclaim Thursday, April 22, 2021 as
Earth Day in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and urges all citizens to
support environmental initiatives in the village, regionally and nationally, and to
encourage others to undertake similar actions.

26:21 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, on January 4, 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of
Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was observed with the planting of more than a
million trees in Nebraska on April 8, 1874, and in 1875 became a legal holiday
in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating
and cooling costs, store carbon and thus mitigate climate change, moderate the
temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our
fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of
business areas, and beautify our community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, recognized as a Tree City USA
Community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for thirty-six (36) years,
desires to continue its tree planting ways, and be it further

RESOLVED: that Mayor Nicola Armacost does hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2021 as
Arbor Day in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and urges all citizens to
support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands.

27:21 AUTHORIZATION FOR VILLAGE MANAGER TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Trustee Fleisig moved, seconded by Trustee Lambert, 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 solicit requests for proposals for architectural services to design certain Village Hall improvement projects.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

Village Manager Murphy presented the Proposed 2021-2022 Village Budget. The General Fund Budget totals \$16,472,897, a \$64,253 increase in appropriations from the prior year, and warrants a tax rate of \$6.23 per 1,000 of Assessed Value. The Village Manager provided an overview of specific aspects of the budget including revenues and appropriations. A brief discussion with the Village Board followed.

The Village Manager provided an update on various improvements being made in the Village Downtown. A discussion with the Village Board followed.

The Village Manager briefly discussed Police Reform and the commenting period, and provided a brief update on various village projects and operations.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mayor Armacost began a discussion on a proposed local law regarding the peddler law and food carts. A discussion with the Village Board and Village Attorney followed.

Trustee Lopez and Village Manager Murphy provided an update on the Southern Corridor traffic study. Trustee Fleisig then provided an update on the Ravensdale Bridge Replacement Project.

Mayor Armacost provided updates on Clean Energy Communities, announcing that the Village is leading New York State in points in the Clean Energy Community initiative, mentioning a few specific projects and initiatives undertaken by the Village to achieve that position. Trustee Lambert and Mayor Armacost continued by discussing new programs and campaigns that will be underway next in the Village to continue efforts in efficiency and sustainability.

The Mayor then provided a detailed update on COVID-19 including statistics and vaccination updates, and upcoming Village events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Thurs. Mar. 18 – Safety Council 7:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
2. Thurs. Mar. 18 – Planning Board 7:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
3. Mon. Mar. 22 – Senior Citizen Advisory Committee 5:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
4. Mon. Mar. 22 – Budget Work Session 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
 - 6:00 PM Library
 - 6:20 PM Youth Advocate
 - 6:40 PM Parks & Recreation/Senior Programs/Celebrations
 - 7:20 PM Information Technology
 - 7:40 PM Justice Court
 - 8:00 PM Adjourn
5. Tues. Mar. 23 – Budget Work Session 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
 - 6:00 PM Safety Inspections, Zoning, Municipal Building
 - 6:40 PM Fire Department
 - 7:20 PM Department of Public Works

- 8:00 PM Adjourn
6. Wed. Mar. 24 – Budget Work Session 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
- 6:00 PM Police Department
- 6:40 PM Planning, Special Items, Engineer, Legal, Employee Benefits
- 7:00 PM Treasurer/Clerk, Debt Service, Registrar
- 7:20 PM Village Manager
- 8:00 PM Adjourn
7. Thurs. Mar. 25 – Zoning Board of Appeals 8:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
8. Fri. Mar. 26 – Alternate Date for Budget Work Sessions.
9. Mon. Apr. 5 – Architectural Review Board 8:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
10. Tues. Apr. 6 – Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting, Budget Public Hearing, and
Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM

ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, Mayor Armacost provided warm words thanking Trustee Leaf for serving the community during his time on the Village Board of Trustees, as it was his last meeting serving as a Trustee. Trustee Leaf provided thoughtful comments, reflecting on his service on the Board. Trustee Lopez, Trustee Lambert, Trustee Fleisig, Village Attorney Whitehead, Village Manager Murphy, and Village Clerk/Treasurer Cerretani provided further reflections on Trustee Leaf's time on the Board.

Trustee Leaf moved to hold an Executive Session immediately following the adjournment of the Regular Meeting to discuss matters of personnel, at the conclusion of which the Board would not reenter the Regular Meeting, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 5-0.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM

Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk