

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018**

Regular Meeting Opened 7:33 PM

PLACE: **MEETING ROOM**, Municipal Building, 7 Maple Avenue

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Swiderski
 Trustee Armacost
 Trustee Lemons
 Trustee Leaf
 Trustee Lopez

Village Manager Frobel
Village Attorney Whitehead

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Armacost moved to approve the minutes for the Organizational Meeting, April 3, 2018, the Budget Public Hearing, April 3, 2018 and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, April 3, 2018, as presented, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 5-0.

V. **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

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

WARRANT #54 = \$176,047.57

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Prior to Public Comment period, a brief video of the demolition of Building 52 was played. A brief discussion followed.
- John Gonder of 153 James Street addressed the Village Board with respect to a construction project on James Street.
- Tim Downey of 520 Farragut Parkway addressed the Village Board with respect to the Hillside Woods project and tree planting in the Village. Trustee Armacost thanked Mr. Downey for his planting effort on Farragut Parkway.

VII. **RESOLUTIONS**

30:18 EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

- Village Manager Frobeld announced the Village-wide clean up in observance of Earth Day and provided details of the same.

Trustee Armacost moved, seconded by Trustee Lemons, and unanimously carried, 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 Peter Swiderski does hereby proclaim Sunday, April 22, 2018 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.

31:18 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

- Mayor Swiderski announced the tree planting at Sugar Pond in observance of Arbor Day. Village Manager Frobeld provided further details of the event.

Mayor Swiderski moved, seconded by Trustee Lemons, and unanimously carried, 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-three (33) years, desires to continue its tree planting ways, and be it further
- RESOLVED:** that Mayor Peter Swiderski does hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and urges all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands.

VIII. **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Prior to the Manager's Report, Shannon Rooney of 15 Jordan Road addressed the Village Board with respect to tree planting on Jordan Road. Village Manager Frobeld provided a response. A brief discussion followed.
- The Village Manager provided an update on the work being done by Sam Schwartz Engineering for the Transportation Working Group. Trustee Lopez provided further comment on the meeting with the Transportation Working Group.

IX. **BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

- Shannon Rooney of the Shoreline Advisory Committee provided the Village Board a detailed report on the shoreline. A discussion with the Village Board followed.
- After a brief discussion about Boards and Commissions, Trustee Leaf moved, seconded by Trustee Armacost, and unanimously carried, that the following Boards and Commissions be sunset for the reason of fulfilling their purpose: Land Use Approvals Task Force, Waterfront Infrastructure Committee. Approved 5-0.
- Trustee Lopez expressed concerns regarding work being performed by ConEdison on Warburton Avenue with respect to conflicting with Spring Fling, considering possible alternatives if the work is not completed in time for the event. Village Manager Frobeld provided comments on the ConEdison work.

- Trustee Lopez expressed concerns about parking in the Village with respect to Zinsser Park. A discussion followed.

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Thurs. Apr. 19 – Safety Council 7:00 PM Village Hall Conference Room
2. Thurs. Apr. 19 – Planning Board 8:15 PM Village Hall Meeting Room
3. Thurs. Apr. 26 – Zoning Board of Appeals 8:00 PM Village Hall Meeting Room
4. Tues. May 1 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 7:30 PM Village Hall Meeting Room

It was announced that a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be added on April 24, 2018 to be held 7:00 PM in the Village Hall Meeting Room for the purposes of adopting the 2018-2019 Village Budget.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Armacost moved to adjourn the meeting into a Budget Work Session, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 5-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:37 PM

Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk