

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2020**

Regular Meeting Opened 7:00 PM

PLACE: HOSTED VIA ZOOM

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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

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Trustee Leaf moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting into an Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel related to Boards and Commissions, to be followed by scheduled Public Hearings, seconded by Trustee Lambert, all voting "aye". Approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

RETURN FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:36 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Lopez moved to approve the minutes for the Continued 2020-2021 Budget Public Hearing, April 21, 2020, the Continued Public Hearing on Proposed Pool Fee Increases, April 21, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees April 21, 2020, seconded by Trustee Leaf. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

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

Warrant 63 = \$422,830.31

APPOINTMENTS

Ion Simonides was appointed to the Climate Smart Communities task force, replacing Andrew Welch. And Brad Dunn was appointed the Chair of the Climate Smart Communities Task Force.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Village Manager Murphy read aloud the following emailed comment submitted by Mr. Paul Molinari:

Honorable Mayor and Trustees

I am a resident of Hastings Townhouse, 445 Broadway. The main parking lot in the rear of the building has 68 parking spaces for residents and visitors. The parking lot is also used by contractors and for large deliveries. The parking lot’s entrance and exit is on Washington Avenue.

Washington Avenue is a main thoroughfare from Broadway to the downtown area and the railroad station. During a normal weekday, the vehicle traffic is significant. In the morning, many vehicles, to avoid the five corners, travel west on Olinda Ave, make a left onto Broadway and then the right turn onto Washington. Also, many vehicles heading north on Broadway from areas south of Washington Avenue, make the left turn onto Washington Avenue. In the evening, the reverse occurs. Parking is allowed on both sides of Washington Avenue. Exiting the Townhouse parking lot is difficult, especially during these high vehicle times, due to limited sight and the speed of the vehicles on Washington Avenue.

I am not a traffic engineer but have served on several committees to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety in my former community. I have several potential options to calm down the traffic on Washington Avenue.

1. Post the 25-mph speed limit and speed indicators.
2. Post slow down and hidden driveway signs.
3. Install stop signs at the intersection of Washington Avenue and the parking lot exit.

The Village should undertake a study to examine these options and other options, and implement the best option as soon as possible.

If you wish to discuss the above concern, please feel free to contact me at 231-6568.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Molinari, P. E.

RESOLUTIONS

44:20 FINANCE – BUDGET MODIFICATION – POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize modifications to the Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 Budget such the General Fund budget be modified as follows:

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
	<u>Increase to General Fund Appropriations</u>	
A3120453	Police Dept. – Maintenance of Auto	<u>\$4,307.19</u>
A960	Total Increase to Appropriations	\$4,307.19
	<u>Increase to General Fund Revenues</u>	
A2680	Insurance Recoveries	<u>\$4,307.19</u>
A980	Total Increase to Revenues	\$4,307.19

45:20 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW C OF 2020

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

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Proposed Local Law C of 2020 to Add Chapter 50, Residency Requirements, to the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, which upon enactment shall become Local Law #3 of 2020.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 50, Residency Requirements, is hereby added to the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to read as follows:

§ 50-1. Purpose.

The Board of Trustees finds that, due to the relatively small population of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, it is not always possible to fill certain appointive offices in Village government requiring municipal, administrative or financial expertise with Village residents who are duly qualified to hold such positions. The Board further finds that it is authorized to appoint qualified residents of Westchester County outside of the Village to said offices pursuant to § 3-300 of the Village Law.

§50-2. Residency requirements.

Notwithstanding any other general or special law, no person shall be eligible to be an appointed officer of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson unless such person is a resident of the Village or a resident of

Westchester County at the time of such appointment. The residency of the Village Manager shall remain subject to §36-2 of the Village Code.

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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.

46:20 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW D OF 2020

Trustee Lopez moved, seconded by Trustee Lambert, and carried upon roll call vote, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 4-0. Trustee Leaf abstained.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby adopt Proposed Local Law D of 2020 to amend Chapter 54, Salaries, of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to remove references to specific salaries and reflect current practice, which upon enactment shall become Local Law #4 of 2020.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:
(added language is **bold**, removed language is ~~strikethrough~~)

SECTION 1. Section 54-1 of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby amended as follows:

§ 54-1 Salaries of Trustees and Mayor

The salary of each of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson shall be **fixed, from time to time, at an amount not to exceed the amount set forth in the annual budget.** ~~At the rate of \$600 per annum, commencing June 1, 1962, and the salary of the Mayor of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson shall be at the rate of \$1,200 per annum, commencing June 1, 1962.~~

SECTION 2. Section 54-2 of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby amended as follows:

§ 54-2 Salaries of other officials.

- ~~A.~~ **The salaries of all other village officials and employees, not determined by contractual obligation, shall be set by resolution of the Board of Trustees.** ~~Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law § 24, Subdivision sh, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson hereby increases the salary of the following elected officer in the amount set forth below:~~

Title	Salary When Elected	Increased Salary
Village Justice	\$11,000	\$12,500

~~B. This section is subject to a referendum on petition as provided for in the Municipal Home Rule Law § 24 and shall not become effective until approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of the qualified electors if, within 45 days after the adoption thereof, there shall be filed with the Clerk of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson a petition protesting against this section, duly signed and authenticated.~~

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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.

47:20 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW E OF 2020

Trustee Leaf 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 hereby adopt Proposed Local Law E of 2020 to amend Chapter 88, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, to Amend Licensing Provisions and Penalties for Offenses and Codify Enforcement Authority, which upon enactment shall become Local Law #5 of 2020.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as follows:
(deleted language in ~~strikeout~~, added language is **bold**)

SECTION 1. Section 88-4 of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 88-4 Issuance of License; fee.

At the request of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Village Manager may issue a license authorizing the sale or other distribution and consumption of alcoholic beverages in any park or parks or public place in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson. ~~Such license shall be issued only in connection with a recreation event sponsored by a bona fide charitable, educational, health, religious or civic organization~~ upon payment of a fee to be determined by the Village Board by resolution and set in the fee schedule.

SECTION 2. Section 88-5 of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 88-5 Penalties for Offenses.

~~Any Person who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$250. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter shall be punished subject to the penalties prescribed by § 1-13 of the Village Code.~~

SECTION 3. Section 88-6 of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is hereby added to read as follows:

§ 88-6 Enforcement

The provisions of this chapter shall be enforced by the police officers of the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

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SECTION 5. 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.

VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Village Manager Murphy provided the Village Board detailed updates on the Quarry Park project.
- The Village Manager provided an update on temporary operational closures and protocols as well as Village operations of all departments during the COVID-19 epidemic, as well as an update on the re-opening of Village Facilities. A brief discussion with the Village Board followed.
- It was discussed and agreed that the next Village Board meeting will take place at 6:00pm hosted on ZOOM.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- Mayor Armacost announced that the Governor has issued guidance that the Village Elections will now be held on September 15th, 2020.
- Trustee Fleisig provided an update on the Ravensdale Bridge project. Trustee Lopez and Mayor Armacost provided further comments.
- Trustee Lopez provided an update on bike racks for Downtown.
- Trustee Lambert provided an update on a low-carbon green concrete policy that will be presented to the Board in the near future.
- Mayor Armacost provided an update on the 2020 Census.
- Mayor Armacost provided a detailed update on the COVID-19 epidemic.

- Mayor Armacost announced that the NY Stretch Code and PACE Financing are two initiatives that will be presented to the Village Board at an upcoming meeting as a part of the Governor's green energy initiative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tues. May 19 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM

It was announced that Tues. May 12 the Climate Smart Communities Task Force will be meeting at 5:00 PM via ZOOM.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:44 PM

Joseph L. Cerretani
Village Clerk