

**VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2020**

**Regular Meeting Opened 6:12 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 Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law C of 2020, May 5, 2020, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law D of 2020, May 5, 2020, the Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law E of 2020, May 5, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees May 5, 2020, seconded by Trustee Fleisig. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

Trustee Fleisig moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Lambert. Motion carried, all voting "aye". Approved 4-0.

Warrant 64 = \$183,119.03

**PRESENTATIONS**

Marilyn Dare of NYSDERA and Mike Dewein, a consultant for NYSERDA, provided a detailed presentation on the New York Stretch Energy Code. A discussion with the Village Board followed.

Sarah Smiley of EIC New York provided a detailed presentation on PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) financing. A discussion with the Village Board followed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Honorable Mayor and Trustees

Tonight I want to address two areas - stormwater management (being discussed later) and the Village's policy for public comment.

The Village needs to improve its public outreach on stormwater in two areas - curbing of dog waste and dumping of oil, antifreeze and vehicle fluids. Since moving to this lovely Village, on my daily walk in the downtown, I have noticed dog waste on the sidewalks and hardly any signs reminding individuals to curb their dog. Some residents have posted their own signs to curb their dog. The Village needs to install signs throughout the Village on curbing your dog, what the fine is and cite the Village code. Secondly, this past fall I noticed an individual on Maple Avenue dumping buckets of what appeared to be antifreeze (green fluid) into the street. The stream was about one foot wide and 200 feet long draining into the storm drain at the corner of Maple and North. Not knowing who to report this activity, I reported it to the Police department. I was informed that it's only a crime if it is more than five gallons. However the officer agreed to dispatch an officer to warn the individual. In my experience, any disposal of pollutants, in this case car fluids, is a violation of the Clean Water Act and the municipal stormwater program. I would recommend that the Village each year mail to all residents a flyer explaining the stormwater requirements and install signage by each stormwater drain that it goes to a waterbody.

The second issue is the Village's policy for public comment. In my opinion, the time limit of three minutes is overly restrictive, especially if a resident wants to present an issue, potential solutions and also comment on the resolutions. I recommend that the limit for public comment be increased to five minutes. I also recommend that a separate public comment period be established to address the resolutions. I recommend the time frame to comment on the resolutions be five minutes with a maximum limit of ten minutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the board.

If you wish to discuss any of these matters, please feel free to contact me at 231-6568.

Regards

Paul J. Molinari, P.E.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **48:20 FINANCE – BUDGET MODIFICATION – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**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>	
A3412453	Fire Dept. – Maintenance of Auto	<u>\$3,087.38</u>
A960	Total Increase to Appropriations	<b>\$3,087.38</b>
	<u>Increase to General Fund Revenues</u>	
A2680	Insurance Recoveries	<u>\$3,087.38</u>
A980	Total Increase to Revenues	<b>\$3,087.38</b>

**49:20 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to execute an agreement for graphic design services with Susan Manley Lopeman Graphic Design Services, as attached.

**50:20 RESOLUTION FOR LOW- EMBODIED CARBON CONCRETE FOR BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON**

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

**WHEREAS,** there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and recognition that the emission of greenhouse gasses from human activity and the construction of the built environment are significant drivers of climate change; and

**WHEREAS,** the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, an intergovernmental body of the United Nations that is dedicated to providing the world with an objective, scientific view of climate change, reported in 2013 that the last 30 years were the warmest since 1850 and likely the warmest in the past 1,400 years, and that the current decade is set to be the hottest on record; that carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide levels are at their highest levels in 800,000 years; and that global mean sea level rose 0.62 feet from 1901 to 2010 and continues to rise; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is committed, through its Sustainability Action Plan, commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, and adoption of the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, to implement policies and undertake all

possible measures to reduce its contribution to human caused climate change, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS,** embodied carbon refers to the carbon emissions generated as a result of the manufacturing and transportation of materials and the construction of building and infrastructure projects; and

**WHEREAS,** concrete is the most widely used construction material in the world because of its low cost, strength, and durability, among other factors, and is a significant component of all building and infrastructure projects, including those of municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** cement, the critical ingredient that gives the concrete its strength, is responsible for up to seven percent of the world's carbon dioxide emissions, mainly through a chemical process called calcination, as well as through the use of energy in production derived from the combustion of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS,** low-embodied carbon concrete is defined as concrete that has been verified, as measured by a Global Warming Potential (GWP) metric, to embody lower carbon emissions as compared to the baseline embodied carbon emissions of conventional concrete; and

**WHEREAS,** lowering the embodied carbon emissions from concrete can be achieved through diverse methods and processes, including but not limited to: (A) using less cement in concrete mixes; (B) replacing or substituting cement with supplemental cementitious materials (SCMs) such as fly ash, blast furnace slag, or ground glass pozzolan; (C) using locally produced cement and other concrete components resulting in reduced emissions from transport; (D) the utilization and mineralization of carbon in concrete materials; and

**WHEREAS,** the quality of concrete may be improved through these techniques, the cost compared to traditional methods is offset by lower materials cost, and the use of low-embodied concrete is established in the construction sector and has been successfully utilized for the construction of building and infrastructure projects by several municipalities; and

**WHEREAS,** the annual benefits of the use of this concrete in New York State, if universally adopted would be the equivalent to the carbon sequestration for tens of thousands of acres of preserved forest; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson has the opportunity to be a leader in New York State in promoting the use of this technology; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson encourages, and will work to promote, the use of low embodied carbon concrete products in building and infrastructure projects involving concrete, where the utilization of low embodied carbon concrete does not significantly increase the costs of or delay project completion, and where utilization does not compromise either construction integrity or public safety. Such promotion could include, but may not be limited to,

identifying local low embodied carbon concrete product options, making embodied carbon concrete educational materials more accessible, recognizing local projects utilizing low embodied carbon concrete products, and sharing Hastings-on-Hudson's program successes and lessons learned with other towns and local governments in the state and region.

#### **51:20 SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LOCAL LAW F OF 2020**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees schedule a public hearing for Tuesday, June 2 at 6:00 PM or shortly thereafter to consider the advisability of Proposed Local Law F of 2020 – A Local Law amending Chapter 22, Fees, of the Code of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, to Remove the Requirement for Public Hearings and Update Provisions.

#### **52:20 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR CLIFF STREET WALL REPAIR**

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

**RESOLVED:** that the Mayor and Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Village Manager to solicit competitive bids for repair work for a wall on Cliff Street.

#### **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Village Manager Murphy presented the annual MS4 report.
- Village Manager Murphy announced that the leaf blower law is now in effect until October 15.
- During the Village Manager's Report, Sharon Kivowitz of the Conservation Commission provided public comment regarding the presentations from earlier in the meeting.
- The Village Manager provided a detailed report on the reopening efforts of Village facilities, and later an update on COVID-19 responses.
- The Village Manager provided updates on County paving projects in the Village.
- Village Manager Murphy provided the Village Board an update on the Quarry Park project.
- The Village Manager provided a brief update on Climate Smart Communities efforts and projects being submitted.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

- Mayor Armacost began a discussion regarding a licensing agreement for an existing set of stairs in need of repair. Village Attorney Whitehead gave a background on the issue. A discussion with the Village Board followed.
- Trustee Lambert provided the Village Board a detailed update on the Climate Smart Communities efforts towards a submission for Silver status.

- Trustee Lambert presented the Village Board the concept of creating a Natural Resource Inventory and provided details and examples of the same.
- Mayor Armacost provided a brief summary of the NY Stretch Energy Code and the C-PACE financing, stating that formal agreements and board action items will be presented at a future Board Meeting. Village Attorney Whitehead provided further information and comments.
- Trustee Fleisig provided an update on the Ravensdale Bridge replacement project.
- Trustee Lopez provided an update on the list of recommended items that has been compiled by the Downtown Working Group for improvements in the Village's downtown.
- Mayor Armacost provided an update on the 2020 Census response.
- Mayor Armacost provided a detailed update on the COVID-19 pandemic and related events and efforts in the Village.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Thurs. May 21 – Planning Board 8:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
2. Tues. May 26 – Climate Smart Communities Task Force 6:30 PM Hosted via ZOOM
3. Thurs. May 28 – Zoning Board of Appeals 8:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
4. Mon. June 1 – Architectural Review Board 8:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM
5. Tues. June 2 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 6:00 PM Hosted via ZOOM

### **ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Fleisig moved to adjourn the meeting into an Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel and advice of counsel, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 4-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:33 PM**

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**Joseph L. Cerretani**  
Village Clerk