Regular Meeting Opened 6:33 PM

PLACE: HOSTED VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
Present:  Mayor Armacost
Trustee Lopez
Trustee Fleisig (Absent)
Trustee Lambert
Trustee Drake (Absent)
Village Manager Murphy
Village Attorney Whitehead

EXECUTIVE SESSION
On motion of Trustee Lambert, seconded by Trustee Lopez, the Board of Trustees entered into an Executive Session to discuss matters of collective bargaining agreements. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 3-0.

Return from Executive Session 7:00 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Trustee Lambert moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 17, 2022, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 3-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS
Trustee Lopez moved to approve the warrants, seconded by Trustee Lambert. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved -0.

PUBLIC COMMENT
David Skolnik offered public comment on public meeting procedure and process and comments relating to an email sent to the Village Board in the last week. Mr. Skolnik also offered public comment relating to Farragut Avenue and downtown sidewalks.
RESOLUTIONS

68:22 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LIGHTING INSTALLATION AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE
Trustee Lambert moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 3-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to execute an agreement with New York State for the installation of a lighting system on the Ravensdale Road Bridge in a form to be approved by the Village Attorney.

69:22 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH NEW YORK STATE FOR LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM
Trustee Lopez moved, seconded by Trustee Lambert, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 3-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with New York State in the amount of $69,236 in connection with developing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program in a form to be approved by the Village Attorney.

70:22 AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR HILLSIDE PARK RESTORATION WORK
Trustee Lambert moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 3-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees authorize the Village Manager to solicit bids for restoration work at Hillside Park to restore the damage from Hurricane Ida and to make substantial improvements.

71:22 RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 2022 POLLINATOR MONTH
Trustee Lambert moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, that the following resolution be approved: Approved 3-0.

WHEREAS, pollution of plants is vital to healthy lands, which in turn provide natural resources for the Nation, including habitat for fish and wildlife; water, mineral, and energy resources; and abundant recreational opportunities for the public; and

WHEREAS, pollinating species help to pollinate approximately three-quarters of the world’s plant species; and

WHEREAS, the decline of some North American pollinators is concerning and impacted by the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, both public and private lands provide habitats for pollinating species that are critical to healthy ecosystems and the supply of diverse foods; and
WHEREAS, pollinators, found across America in urban and rural areas can connect children and communities to nature, engaging all generations in stewardship activities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson’s efforts—working closely with the Hastings Pollinator Pathway project as well as the Conservation Commission, businesses, agencies, and the local community to support the health of North American pollinators—are important examples of collaborative conservation and efforts to restore balance to nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of the importance to healthy ecosystems of pollinators and their habitats, and of their value to the Nation’s economy, that I, Nicola Armacost, Mayor of Hastings-on-Hudson, do hereby proclaim June 2022,

“NATIONAL POLLINATORS MONTH”
IN THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

I call upon the Hastings-on-Hudson public to join the Village in recognizing the importance of pollinators and the stewardship role each person plays in providing valuable pollinator habitats throughout the Village. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson, this 7th day of June, 2022.

72: AWARD OF BID: PROPOSED COMMUTER PARKING STAIRWAY IMPROVEMENTS
Trustee Lopez moved, seconded by Trustee Lambert, that the following resolution be approved:
Approved 3-0.

RESOLVED: that the Mayor and Board of Trustees award the work for improvements to the Commuter Stairs to Paladino Concrete Creations Corp. in the amount of $55,300 as recommended by the Village Consulting Engineer.

73:22 RESOLUTION DEDICATING JUNE 2022 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON
Trustee Lambert moved, seconded by Trustee Lopez, that the following resolution be approved:
Approved 3-0.

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all are welcome in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where its members are safe, happy and feel supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and
WHEREAS, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson appreciate the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) community which strengthen our social welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson is committed to continued work toward a vision of equity in which our LGBTQ+ community members enjoy the same sense of security, respect, representation and inclusion as all other members of our community; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson declare the month of June 2022 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson and urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.

VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT
Village Manager Murphy provided the Village Board with an update on the Chemka Pool, indicating that the work will be re-bid within the next week, noting the additions to the bid specifications.

Village Attorney Whitehead and Village Manager Murphy discussed amending § 244 Refuse Collection in the Village Code to provide for addressing unpaid refuse collection fees. Board discussion followed.

Village Manager Murphy updated the Village Board on the Main Street & Warburton Avenue Sidewalk Project, indicating that work would begin in early July. The Village Manager also provided an overview of the work to be completed.

Village Manager Murphy provided the Village Board an overview of the Farragut Avenue Repaving Project as it commences.

Village Manager Murphy apprised the Village Board of the conversion to the parking pay stations to pay-by-plate instead of pay-by-space. This process will be complete in mid-June.
Village Manager Murphy provided the Village Board an update on the installation of a pickleball court at Riverview Park in the coming weeks.

Village Manager Murphy apprised the Village Board of plantings at Five Corners in front of Foodtown.

Village Manager Murphy updated the Village Board on the Rosedale Avenue and Chauncey Lane sidewalk projects

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS**

Mayor Armacost informed the Village Board of Sustainable Westchester’s Westchester Power Solar Credit Offering for low-income residents. Board discussion followed. Mayor Armacost also provided an update on efforts to secure a new tariff for the community choice aggregate program the Village is part of.

The Village Board discussed June as Gun Violence Awareness Month. Mayor Armacost urged the Village Board and the public at large to become more aware and spread awareness of national gun violence.

Mayor Armacost provided statistics on COVID-19 data in the Village, as well as recent developments in vaccination and recovery efforts.

Mayor Armacost provided a recap on recent events and announced the upcoming schedule of events.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Wed. June 8 – CPU & LWRP Committee Meeting 7:30 PM, James Harmon Community Center
2. Thurs. June 9 – Affordable Housing Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Hosted via ZOOM
3. Thurs. June 9 – Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting 8:00 PM, Hosted via ZOOM
4. Tues. June 14 – Conservation Commission Meeting 8:00 PM, Hosted via ZOOM
5. Wed. June 15 – Climate Smart Communities Task Force Meeting 6:00 PM, Hosted via ZOOM
6. Thurs. June 16 – Safety Council Meeting 7:00 PM, Village Hall Conference Room
7. Thurs. June 16 – Planning Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Village Hall Meeting Room
8. Tues. June 21 – Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 7:00 PM, Village Hall Meeting Room

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Lambert moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Motion carried, all voting “aye”. Approved 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:39 PM

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Anthony P. Costantini
Village Clerk