

**Village of Hammondsport
January 12, 2021
Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees held its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Office, 18 Water Street, Hammondsport and via ZOOM teleconference.

PRESENT: Mayor Emery L. Cummings, Jr
Trustee Anne C. Green
Trustee Stella Pulver
Trustee Lew Hall
Trustee Leah Butler
Water Plant Supervisor Chris McConnell
DPW Superintendent Ray Hawley
Police Sergeant Jason Dininny
Clerk-Treasurer Tammie Nelson
Deputy Clerk Karen Miller

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT via ZOOM: Alan Carpenter and Jean Jensen

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Emery L Cummings, Jr. announcing that due to the current COVID pandemic and following Governor Cuomo's executive orders, the meeting will be conducted following the guidelines in Executive Order 202.1 issued on March 12, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2021-2022 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets

The Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets was opened by Mayor Cummings at 6:00 p.m..

Mayor Cummings asked for questions from the public.
No questions from the public.

With no questions, Trustee Green made a motion and seconded by Trustee Pulver to close the Public Hearing at 6:02 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes: On motion of Trustee Hall, seconded by Trustee Pulver, and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 8, 2020.

Abstract: On motion of Trustee Pulver, seconded by Trustee Hall and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay General Fund Abstract #11, Claims #338-370 totaling \$14,754.55 and Water Fund Abstract #11, Claims #120-137 , totaling \$8,672.70.

Department Reports

Police: Sergeant Jason Dininny submitted a written report of the Police Department and a year-end report. Activities included: 107 calls for service, 2 criminal investigations, 10 Follow up Investigations, 10 Property Checks.

Records management (PD Manager) has not been paid in the previous three years as the program has not been updated. The board agreed to pay the current year \$1234.24.

Police Reform, Sergeant Dininny would like to post a link on the Village Website and Facebook page, board agreed.

DPW: DPW Superintendent Hawley submitted a written report on the DPW. Activities included: Leaf pick up, shop work, sanitizing Grape St park, cleaned leaves out of Liberty Park, cleaned and greased leaf vac, cleared and salted St and walks, serviced small equipment, cleaned catch basins, cleaned Grape St park and flume, picked up benches and picnic tables, cleaned Champlin beach, greased equipment, fixed gate at Grape St park, sucked out catch basins, handed out courtesy tickets, snow plows out and ready, cleaned ditches on Middle Road and picked up Christmas Trees.

Water Plant: Supervisor McConnell submitted a written report on the Water Plant activities. Activities included: Pump house, residuals, samples, turbidity, UFPO, checked reservoirs, checked meters, installed meter antennas, drained hydrant, cleaned pump house yard, installed water service fixed valve box on Shethar and fixed water main break.

Supervisor McConnell presented an opportunity for a grant for capitol improvements that could be used at the Water Plant. The cost to the Village would be \$2500.00 if the Village is awarded the 50-55,000.00 grant.

Supervisor McConnell informed the Board that Nigel Snyder will be starting his water licensing course in March 2021.

Finance: Village Clerk submitted a report of the Clerk's Office activities. Activities included: Five year water study, late water billing, deputy clerk Karen Miller working two days a week, code enforcement officer started, new hire paperwork, schooling class for

code enforcement officer, website updates, budget prep, welcome letters, Comprehensive plan meeting, Tax Searches, county paperwork, closed November books, Phone calls with Attorney Ryan, land acquisition, Legal ads, work on the Watershed letters, KWIC Report and general code, NYCOM webinars, business changes/policy changes, ZOOM meetings, Civil service paperwork and Paperwork for the Wastewater Treatment Project.

On motion of Trustee Pulver, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to refund Linda McJury the amount of \$229.00 from the Water Fund for an overpayment of the water account. She is selling the property.

Parks: Discussion on the purchasing of an Ice Rink, to be erected in the Village for the use of Village residence. Trustee Butler provided research she did on the purchasing versus making of an Ice Rink. On motion of Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to purchase an Ice Rink (30'x60') for the price of \$3900.00 with the conditions that the Village DPW find a place to put the rink inside the Village, Insurance is researched and the rules/hours will be posted for safety. If it is possible to purchase a larger Ice Rink, resident Alan Carpenter at 4 Mechanic St, has offered to cover the difference in the pricing.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Cummings – AYE
Trustee Green – AYE
Trustee Pulver – AYE
Trustee Hall – AYE
Trustee Butler – AYE

Motion Carried.

KWIC: Trustee Green reported that at the December meeting, the budget was passed. She presented report on the Zone One overdue inspections.

Zoning and Building: No report.

Trustee Hall made a motion, seconded by Trustee Green, and carried, all voting Aye, to accept the Department Reports.

Beautification Committee: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan: The Comprehensive Plan is in final stages.

Wastewater Treatment Project: Final engineer drawings are almost complete and they would like to go out to bid by early spring.

Historic Marker Grant: There are two more signs that have been awarded and ordered.

Policy Review: The Cell Phone and Computer/Internet have been tabled until the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Budgets: Adoption of the 2021/2022 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets:

On motion of Trustee Green and seconded by Trustee Keck and carried, all voting Aye, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a resolution adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing March 1, 2021 and ending February 28, 2022, making the appropriations for the conduct of government of the Village of Hammondspport and establishing rates of compensation for officers and employees for such period and WHEREAS this board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budgets and hear all persons desiring to be heard thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Preliminary Budget as amended and revised and as hereafter set forth is hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column "adopted" in the General Fund and Water Fund be and hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and salaries and wages stated in the Wage Schedule of such budget shall be and hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein effective March 1, 2021. The total appropriations for the Water Fund are \$331,599.40 with a water rate of \$6.32 per 100 cubic ft. Total appropriations for the General Fund are \$821,062.48 with a tax rate of \$8.2613 per \$1000 assessed value.

(Copy attached following this record.)

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Mayor Cummings	AYE
	Trustee Green	AYE
	Trustee Pulver	AYE
	Trustee Hall	AYE
	Trustee Butler	AYE

Motion Passed.

Deputy Clerk: Mayor Cummings officially appointed Karen Miller as Deputy Clerk for the Village of Hammondspport.

Election Caucuses: The Caucuses for the March 16, 2021 Village Election are set as follows:

Democrats: Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Hammondspport Fire Hall.

Republicans: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Hammondspport Fire Hall.

On motion of Trustee Pulver, seconded by Trustee Butler and carried, all voting Aye, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:15pm.

On motion of Trustee Green, seconded by Trustee Pulver and carried, all voting Aye, to adjourn the executive session at 7:20pm.

Part time Police Officer: The board has agreed to hire and sponsor Bruce Bush through the Police Academy.

Correspondence: None.

On motion of Trustee Pulver, seconded by Trustee Butler, and carried, all voting Aye to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie Nelson,
Village of Hammondsport Clerk-Treasurer