

# **Summary of Village Board Activities**

## **4/1/2021 – 3/31/2022**

### **Improved Our Outbound Communication**

- The Village of Hammondsport website was upgraded and postings were kept current. Meeting announcements, agendas and meeting minutes of the village board, planning board and zoning board of appeals are posted in a timely fashion. Current information on major issues facing the village is posted, such as NY's Marihuana Regulation & Taxation Act, Sewer Law, and election information. Newsletters, the Village Code, applications and contact information for staff and board members are kept current.
- The complete Village of Hammondsport Municipal Code was posted on the website. This new version of our Municipal Code allows the reader to Print, Email, Download or Share the Code, and includes legislation through March 2020.
- New, updated, Municipal Code Books were purchased for staff members and a reference copy for the Taylor Memorial Library
- The Police Department created a Public Safety Career Day for 7-12 grade students at Hammondsport Central School, with the collaboration by Hammondsport Central School and Steuben Public Safety Officials.
- Collaborated with the Steuben County Sheriff's Office:
  - a. Local community coffee hour at Crooked Lake Ice Cream Company in July
  - b. Kayaking with local youth in July
- Participated in Shop with a Cop Campaign with the Domestic Violence Shelter

### **Improved the Efficiency of Government**

- Purchased computer equipment and tracking software to improve efficiency of our Code Enforcement function.
- We completed an information technology upgrade for the Police Department. Updating and creating police procedures and policies for the Police Department.
- Increased Community Based Policing, with foot and bike patrols
- Completed a survey of our streets in conjunction with the Hammondsport Volunteer Ambulance Co. to ensure our streets are safe and accessible to ambulances and fire apparatus. The result was a recommendation for updating the Municipal Code related to our streets and associated signage.
- A service agreement between the Village of Hammondsport and the Town of Urbana will be in place for shared services of the Hammondsport Police Department during the summer peak season. The Hammondsport Police will provide coverage of the tourist areas along Keuka Lake in the town of Urbana.

### **Maintained and Developed Our Staff**

- Searched and hired a new Code Enforcement Officer, twice.
- Hired a replacement for Nigel Snyder, in the Department of Public Works.
- Hired a replacement for Officer Bryce Bush.
- Increased training requirements in the Police Department.
- Reorganized the Department of Public Works and the Police Department promoting better services to the community.
- Appointed new members to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and Trustee.
- Officer Chad Mullen was promoted to full time Officer

### **Applied for Grants to Ease the Burden on Our Taxpayers**

*Successful grants are not a guarantee. We continue to apply with help from community Volunteers:*

- The Board submitted a Community Development Block Grant application for an analysis of the village drinking water system infrastructure (denied).
- We submitted a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for the restoration of the historic bandstand located in the village square (in process).
- Obtained grant from Corning Inc. which provided the purchase of two Axon Body Worn Cameras and two Axon Taser7s.
- Obtained grant money for supplemented patrols for the purpose of Driving while Intoxicated / Driving while Impaired by Drugs Offenses.

### **Honored Historic Hammondsport**

- Funded the restoration of the Mallory Mill Historic Roadside Marker
- Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Preservation League, the Steuben County Historical Society contracted with Johnson-Schmidt Architects, P.C. to conduct a Cultural Resource Survey of the village. The resulting report will begin the process of listing this historically significant area on the National Register of Historic Places, bringing needed financial incentives to homeowners eager to utilize historic tax credit programs for the rehabilitation of their homes, and providing a layer of protection from insensitive development.

### **Delivered a Balanced Budget with No Increase in Taxes**

- The Board developed a balanced 2022-2023 budget that realized a \$73,000 decrease over the previous year and no increase in taxes to residents. The budget includes a reorganization of the Department of Public Works and the Police Department promoting better services to the community and staff retention

### **Provided More Recreation for Our Children**

- The Village entered into a service agreement with the Hammondsport Central School to place an Ice-Skating rink on the school property. The school has agreed to place the rink on their property and maintain it during the skating season and the Village will maintain ownership.

### **Adopted a Comprehensive Plan**

- Adopted the 2020 Hammondsport Comprehensive Plan, as posted on the Village website.
- Identified 2021 – 2023 priorities to develop and implement deployment of the objectives.
- We publicized a call for resident participation in the development of strategies.

### **Continued to Push for Implementation of the Waste Water System**

- We have been meeting bi-monthly with Fagan Engineering and the Steuben County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) to move the Waste Water Project toward completion. We sponsored a meeting with Fagan Engineering and the IDA for business owners
- The Board approved the Sewer Law, required for the project.

### **Began our search for a new Village Office ...**

- We began a search for a new office that will afford us a bigger conference room, house the police department, code enforcement department, clerk's office and storage space for records retention, per the Comprehensive Plan