**Minutes
Village Board of Trustees**

**February 29, 2024**

A Meeting of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 6:00 p.m. virtually via the Zoom platform and in-person at Horseheads Village Hall, 202 S. Main Street, Horseheads, NY.

Present were:

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| **Village Board and Staff** |
| Mayor Kevin AdamsTrustee Pat GrossTrustee Bill Goodwin Trustee Mike SkroskznikTrustee Mark CroninVillage Manager Nate Nagle | Clerk-Treasurer Donna DawsonDeputy Clerk Kelby Deputy Clerk Michele Manager’s Asst. Rachel BaerPolice Chief Mike SuheyCode Enforcement Jamie BurgessPlanning Bd. Member Marc Terpolilli |
| **Others Present** |
| Calvin WielerSteve Cronin | Ron FinefrockTom RuppMelanie Smith |

\*\*\*Trustee Gross was not present until 6:15pm\*\*\*

Mayor Adams welcomed everyone. He advised that this meeting will be recorded Livestream via Zoom. Also recorded for posting to our site.

Resolutions by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goodwin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of February 12, 2024 is dispensed with and the same stands approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

Resolution by Trustee Cronin, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Traffic Commission Meeting of February 20, 2024 is hereby received, and same to be placed on file with the Village Clerk’s Office.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Manager Nagle – please see the list in your packet which we are surplusing from DPW. These items have exhausted their useful life. Most will be discarded.

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Cronin

WHEREAS, Village Manager Nathan Nagle has identified certain Village property as being surplus to the needs of the Village and has determined the condition of same be such that it has little or no economic value.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the equipment listed on the attached sheet is hereby declared as surplus equipment or property, and Village Manager Nagle shall determine the estimated value of such property and is authorized and directed to dispose of same for sale or as scrap if same have no value.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**6:05 – PUBLIC HEARING: DRAFT LOCAL LAW ON PROPERTY TAX CAP OVERRIDE**

Manager Nagle declared open the public hearing regarding Property Tax Cap Override. As nobody came forward, Manager Nagle declared the public hearing closed.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – DRAFT LOCAL LAW ON PROPERTY TAX CAP OVERRIDE**

Manager Nagle – we’ve been going over the limit for several years, due to assessments.

Trustee Skroskznik – how much over will we be this year?

Clerk-Treasurer Dawson – I haven’t heard yet.

Manager Nagle – I haven’t received it yet.

Resolutions by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Cronin

WHEREAS, the New York Legislature adopted a law establishing a limit upon real property tax levies by local governments commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law (GML Section 3-c), and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Nathan Nagle has explained to this Board that it may be necessary to override the tax levy limit to meet contractual obligations, fund health insurance expenses, fund pension contribution payments, and fund the increasing cost of commodities, among other things, and recommended adoption of a local law to override and further explained that such a law is not predictive of a final tax levy but will provide the Village with flexibility and will insure that any New York State recalculation of the applicable limit will not cause the Village to be inadvertently out of compliance, and

WHEREAS, GML Section 3-c, Subdivision 5 expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of 60% of the Village Board, and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with and reviewed a proposed local law to override the tax levy limit established in GML Section 3-c for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing regarding said local law was held on February 29, 2024, and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing regarding said local law was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village as required by law, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds, after due deliberation, that it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt said local law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees hereby adopts said Local Law entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in GML Section 3-c”, for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, a copy of which is to be placed on file with the Village Clerk, and filed with the Secretary of State.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Nobody came forward.

**SIGN LAW** **– RECEIVE AMENDED DRAFT, SET ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING FOR 3/14**

Manager Nagle – we had a public hearing, but because of the changes suggested regarding written consent, we will need a second public hearing.

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Skroskznik

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this Board a proposed local law entitled “Signs”, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly advertised in the Elmira Star-Gazette, the official newspaper of the Village, and said hearing was held on February 12, 2024, and

WHEREAS, after discussion and deliberation the Village Board of Trustees voted to amend the draft regarding written consent of property owners regarding placement of temporary signs, and

WHEREAS, said amendment requires that another public hearing be held.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing regarding the Sign Law, as amended, is hereby scheduled for Thursday, March 14th, 2024 at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**RESOLUTION ON TRANSITIONING TO A .GOV WEBSITE**

Mayor Adams – this was suggested by me on my first day

Manager Nagle – it is a conversation the board should have. It is a process, it’s not a quick thing. There is a little bit of work involved, like changing the website and email addresses. That includes redirecting current emails .org emails to .gov emails. New employees will receive .gov email addresses while existing employees will keep .org but be redirected to .gov. I was on a zoom meeting with the .gov people and this was the information that I received.

Mayor Adams – so nobody will get our .org address?

Manager Nagle – correct.

(Trustee Gross entered the meeting)

Resolution by Trustee Cronin, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goodwin

WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Adams has proposed that the Village transition from its .org internet domain to a .gov internet domain, and

WHEREAS, .gov domains are different because they are only available to US based government organizations and thus the public will know that the people behind an online service with the .gov domain are who they claim to be, and

 WHEREAS, this Board is preliminarily in favor of such a transition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Nathan Nagle shall investigate the procedures for such a transition together with the costs of doing so, and report back to this Board regarding his findings as soon as is practical.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

Mayor Adams – if the town or municipality is the only place in the U.S. that holds that name, we would not have to have the NY in the domain.

Manager Nagle – yes, they discussed this at our .gov meeting.

**RESOLUTION ON NEW BOT MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

Manager Nagle – we got positive feedback on making these meeting changes, dates, times, and days.

Additionally, we are adding budget workshops to this list.

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Gross

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees’ regular monthly meeting date and time is the second Monday of each month at 7pm, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kevin Adams has suggested that the Board of Trustees return to its former meeting schedule of twice each month.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that effective March 7, 2024, the regular meeting dates, time and place of the Village Board of Trustees shall be the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at 202 S. Main St., Horseheads, NY, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Budget Review Meetings of the Village Board are hereby also scheduled for March 14th, March 28th, and April 11th, April 25th, 2024, all at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, that Village Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson is directed to notify the local media of such change in meeting dates and time.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**STANDARD WORKDAY RESOLUTION**

Manager Nagle – we were notified by New York State retirement that these titles were never recorded with retirement. This is for retirement purposes only.

Resolution by Trustee Cronin, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads, Location code 40277, hereby establishes the following as standard work days for its employees and will report days worked to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System based on the time keeping system or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these members to the clerk of this body:

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| **Title** | **Standard Word Day (Hrs/day)** |
| Lifeguard | 6 |
| Recreation Leader – Seasional | 6 |
| Recreation Attendant | 6 |
| Deputy Clerk | 6 |
| Confidential Secretary | 6 |
| Clerk-Treasurer | 6 |
| Village Manager | 6 |
| Clerk - FT | 6 |
| Fire Truck Driver – PT | 6 |
| Account Payable Clerk – PT | 6 |
| Clerk – PT | 6 |
| Police – PT | 6 |
| School Resource Officer | 6 |

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT**

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Gross

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves the probationary appointment of Richard Kimball, 225 Sunset Circle, Horseheads, to the Village of Horseheads Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**AFG GRANT PROGRAM**

Manager Nagle – we are not doing this. The people doing the grant are on vacation and won’t return until after the deadline. The equipment we were going to get with this, we will attempt to get another way (i.e. new lights on vehicles)

**CONTRACT WITH HUNT ENGINEERS, FIRE STATION STUDY**

Manager Nagle - we reached out to them for a structural study. They returned the figure of $8,600. This is a non-budgeted item, but we can find money in the current budget if you want. Or we can make it part of 2025 budget and start it in June. If we do it now, they can get numbers back quickly and then we can adjust our 2025 budget accordingly.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – and if something happens in the fire district, this would be good information to have?

Manager Nagle – correct.

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Trustee Cronin

WHEREAS, the Village of Horseheads Fire Station located at 134 North Main St, Horseheads, NY has been identified as having certain the structural deficiencies such as but not limited to roof repair, and

WHEREAS, this Board previously directed Village Manager Nathan Nagle to solicit proposals for an engineering study or facilities evaluation to investigate and evaluate such deficiencies as well as project costs of repair etc., and

WHEREAS, Manager Nagle has received a proposal from Hunt Engineers/Architects/Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects DPC (Hunt) dated February 12, 2024 - to perform such a study for the lump sum $8,600, exclusive of reimbursable out of pocket expenses, and

WHEREAS, Manager Nagle has recommended that such proposal be accepted as reasonable and practical.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Manager Nagle is authorized to enter into an agreement for the above noted engineering study or facilities evaluation with Hunt as soon as is practical.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**RESOLUTION MODIFYING PAID TIME OFF**

Manager Nagle – we have had previous discussions on this. This is the first part, elimination of accrual for multi-purpose leave (MPL). I like the accrual process, but as a whole this simply doesn’t work in the workplace. This is because things come up in people’s lives with children, etc., and at the accrual rate currently it’s a month and a half before they accrue one day. We removed bereavement from this too. So, this eliminated the accrual and front loads time off. I still would like to keep the MPL theory. It’s paid time off. I don’t care if it’s sick, vacation, or personal. On the tracking part, it’s also become problematic. We don’t receive doctor notes until we are sick for three days, so people come back after day two. So, for paid time off, do we really care what it’s used for? We also cleaned up the language a little. All I did was convert the time they would receive for year one. I left that they could carry over all 10 days to year two. Effectively in year two, they would get 13 days plus as much as 10 carried over. This leave is personal, vacation, and sick time, a total of 10 days. With all that I would like to convert what they would accrue over. I would like the board to increase the first year to 12-15 days. Increase after year one to 18 days. Increasing year 6-20 to 20 days. Then 21 years and beyond to 25 days.

Trustee Gross – where would they stand in year five?

Manager Nagle – they would go into year five with zero days. Now they have 18 days. If they don’t use any they can carry 10 over to year six. They can roll over a max of 10 days. Four current employees are under the old plan. Each of them has over 12 years with the village. Under the old plan, on the 12th year you would get 25 days of vacation. In addition, they can accrue 30 sick days. All this changed in 2015. At the end it was cashed out for sick and vacation for retirements. Over the years this allotment has gone from 240 hours down to 30 for non-union. CSEA goes as high as 1200 hours.

Trustee Gross – when buying out, what salary is used.

Manager Nagle – the salary at the time of leaving – retirement or resignation.

Manager Nagle – six people fall into this category.

Trustee Skroskznik – in the old program, with sick time, would you receive that time?

Manager Nagle – not sick, just personal and vacation.

Trustee Skroskznik – so by doing this conversion you eliminate that.

Manager Nagle – the old plan for the four people stays in place. This is for everyone hired after 2015.

Mayor Adams – as the new person, why did the non-union people really take a hit in what they were able to carry over compared to now. There’s a huge difference between union and non-union benefits.

Manager Nagle – the change was prior to my coming here.

Clerk-Treasurer Dawson – in 2003, the non-union employees followed the CSEA contract (i.e. same time off, etc.). They changed that in 2008, the reason they changed it down is there is an expense we must carry over, the post-employment benefits, those are calculated in there. When someone leaves and had 1200 hours of sick time, that must be cashed out. That’s part of the reason they cut back to lower levels – 30 days cap for me and Nate.

Manager Nagle – I talked to the old manager about the change to MPL. Some of the reasons were because of the payout at the end and people accruing so much time that they would hardly be at work. If the cashout is the concern, you could consider not having a cashout. If I don’t get cashed out, then I’ll take my 30 days. I prefer the accrual basis. For example, if you frontload on January 2nd and now I quit on January 4th, then I cash out. I have seen new employees do this, they get their upload on day one, then quit and get cashed out. But we did put this in for everyone: six months before you can use any time accrued. At the end of someone’s career, what’s the difference between taking 30 days off for sick, and 30 days off for vacation?

Trustee Skroskznik – if they take a whole month off sick, they would need a doctor’s note.

Trustee Skroskznik – I would like some time to discuss this.

Manager Nagle – in the near future it will mean a new treasurer. There needs to be conversation during this upcoming budget about if we are going to hire a clerk treasurer, or a separate clerk and treasurer. At the same time, Don Gaylord is eventually going to retire. We’re having conversations about that too. That’s at least 2 – 3 potential more.

Trustee Gross – we will need job descriptions.

Mayor Adams – I like the idea of MPL. It’s just paid time off. The other smart stuff as far as frontloading, is difficult. It’s not realistic to have a bank of time off, or sick time. We all know that municipal and civil services don’t compare to the real world. We can table this.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

Trustee Skroskznik – 50% of the people who I worked with took advantage of these benefits. All you had to show was a positive covid test. As far as sick time, if you have some accumulated, then you have personal days, most you can carry over at any year is 10 days.

Trustee Cronin – they should be compensated for their time, whether they use it or not. Like the MPL. People do get burned out quickly. We’re spending so much money training people. We need to keep them.

Clerk-Treasurer Dawson – we all cover for each other when someone is out.

Trustee Cronin - we need to be marketable.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – I agree with Mark. We are in the private sector.

Trustee Gross – we should recognize office staff for how they deal with our residents.

Manager Nagle – so for new employees, are we doing the number of days I recommend, or…

Manager Nagle – we can bring this back next week, when it’s cleaned up. We need a decision on the number of days.

All agreed to look at this again next week with a cleaned-up number.

**RESOLUTION ON VIDEO RECORDINGS OF MEETINGS**

Manager Nagle – we’ve been doing zoom. Now with uploading them to the website, we need to formalize it. They will stay on the website for a minimum of 5 years. Do you want to have these trustee meetings be part of the official records? Same for PB and ZBA. Five years per open meetings law.

Manager Nagle – unedited videos within five business days excuses the requirements of drafted minutes within two weeks. The videos would be uploaded to YouTube, then be linked to the website.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Adams – if we are doing livestreaming, we should be posting the videos.

Trustee Skroskznik– I agree. We should be doing this for transparency.

Resolution by Trustee Skroskznik, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goodwin

WHEREAS, for some time the meetings of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees PB, and ZBA have been recorded in video and audio format, and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to explore the feasibility and merit of making such recordings available to the general public via internet livestreaming and video sources, such as YouTube and Zoom, and

WHEREAS, livestreaming of such meetings would be of immeasurable benefit to the residents of the Village and others.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Nathan Nagle is authorized and directed to research the procedures of uploading such recordings to internet websites and report back to this Board as soon as is practical regarding the feasibility and merit of same.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: No

**D&A: NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE**

Mayor Adams –We see potential for NW to be something better. Look at what possibilities are out there. Not a replacement, but in addition to. This could be a test of other committees (i.e. Deputy Mayor with business roundtables, etc.).

Manger Nagle – yes this committee will be directed to see what the residents want in a NW program - what it is now compared to what it was when it started.

Trustee Skroskznik – will this stop a neighborhood from creating their own NW program?

Manager Nagle – no, I don’t think so.

Trustee Skroskznik – residents can have their own NW program if they want to.

Mayor Adams – this is our first test into what other committees could look like for the future.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – Dave Reynolds and Cory Rose have done a lot for this program. No reflection on them for all the work they have done in the past.

Next NW watch meeting on March 26th - per Dave Reynolds – at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Cronin – I think NW is something that is specifically for neighbors. Maybe holding meetings in churches or in different neighborhoods is a way to get more people to the meeting. It’s a great program, but not enough people are taking advantage of it. People are busy, but maybe it should be done by the residents.

Manager Nagle – with the number of neighborhoods maybe they can each form their own one. Now it’s village wide. This is what the committee will look at.

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Pat

WHEREAS, every day our citizens encounter situations calling upon them to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement, and to lend a hand to their neighbors, and

WHEREAS, the national neighborhood watch program has been developed to provide training to citizens to assist law enforcement agencies to reduce crime, and

WHEREAS, the Village has maintained a neighborhood watch program for many years and the program is in need of review to determine its effectiveness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby establishes a committee of not more than five individuals to review the purpose and efficacy of the Village Neighborhood Watch Program and to report back to this Board regarding its findings and recommendations as soon as is practical. Police Chief Michael Suhey shall be the Chairperson, Trustee Mike Skroskznik and not more than three other individuals to be appointed by Village Manager Nathan Nagle shall comprise the committee. Village administration shall provide the committee with whatever resources are reasonably necessary for it to complete its mission.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Abstained

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**CONTRACT WITH NRG FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES**

Resolution by Trustee Cronin, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, the Village has been under contract with NRG Business Marketing LLC for the supply of natural gas to 502 Thorne St, Horseheads, New York, and

WHEREAS, said contract shall expire soon and NRG has offered to continue to supply natural gas at a rate $4.496 per MMBtu for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2027, and

WHEREAS, Village Manager Nathan Nagle has recommended the renewal of the Community Master Agreement with NRG dated March 27, 2019, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Manager Nagle is authorized to renew the above agreement on the above terms.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**AIM FUNDING**

Resolution by Deputy Mayor Goodwin, seconded by Trustee Skroskznik

WHEREAS, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

WHEREAS, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

WHEREAS, New York’s local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

WHEREAS, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased by nearly 45% during that same period; and

WHEREAS, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff; and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

WHEREAS, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

WHEREAS, an increase in AIM funding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-25 adopted State Budget. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Thomas O’Mara, Assemblymember Christopher Friend, and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Adams: Aye

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Skroskznik: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Yesterday I completed the New York State emergency management training for elected officials. In April there will be Tier 3 training.

**MANGER’S REPORT**

We had some extra funds from renovations, so I have authorized public works to make some changes to the garage. They cleaned out one area for administrative supervisors area. Additionally, they separated the breakroom from the admin office. Also, this Sunday is the shamrock painting at 1:30. The parade is on March 9th at 2pm.

For the agreement with Fagan for DOG deficiencies for our water system, we are separating chlorine from fluoride and making other upgrades.

In your packets, you will see the budget calendar. Additionally, you will see the press release from the Governor on illegal sticker cannabis stores. Regarding enforcement, they will give us authority to write laws, the ability to use our own resources, and give us the ability to use our court systems to which we know will come surcharges and fines to the state.

Budget calendar

Those that wish to join me I have arranged a visit to an indoor cultivation facility. We’ll meet here on Saturday at 11am. It’s in Elmira. For those concerned there may be more than three on this visit. It’s not a board meeting. No decisions will be made. Just a research visit.

Mayor Adams – I asked the attorney and the owners of 3312 S. Main St. to give you more info on PPE.

**MAYOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – a few years ago on the connector road, they were going to put up no salt signs. Andy Avery said they would put up no salt zones signs so plows would turn off their spreader in this area. Our water well is right there. Who could investigate that?

Manager Nagle – I’ll reach out to Andy on this.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – will OCM work with our code enforcement officers when they are inspecting our local establishments. Do they work with the village on this?

Manager Nagle – they will work with code, they will come in and inspect the facility before it opens, then another one later in the year. Kind of like the health department. It’s not like they will call and say they are coming in next week.

Trustee Skroskznik – regarding the cannabis press release from the state- it’s a cop out. They caused this problem. Now they don’t want to be responsible for cleaning it up. Now we have to do it.

Also, did everyone receive emails about indoor cannabis information? It causes fires. It does produce mold spores which killed someone. I sent literature on this. Please take this into consideration.

Also, E. Franklin St. farmland, what is the status?

Manager Nagle – no further than we were.

Trustee Skroskznik – we had some momentum in the beginning. Spring is coming. Would be nice to have some things there, horseshoes, etc. We don’t have to do everything at once.

Manager Nagle – we do have monies that were still in budget for engineering work out there.

Trustee Gross – are we working with the town at all on this?

Manager Nagle – can’t say right now.

Mayor Adams – our priority needs to be Thorne St. first - before we develop the land on E. Franklin St.

Trustee Gross – who is inspecting Thorne St. and Gardner Rd. parks? I had a complaint, glass on the courts, the person had to clean it up. Do we do an inspection of these parks regularly?

Manager Nagle – right now you have two, 15 hour per week people maintaining all parks. When I got the call on this glass, I called the crew, and they took care of it. When more activities increase, our presence increases. Plus, with not having any snow. I’m not making excuses.

Manager Nagle – they hit all parks every week for trash, etc.

Mayor Adams – if we are getting more mild winters coming, I also defer to Manager Nagle on parks and rec business, if those two things are not in sync more resources are needed.

Trustee Cronin – we need to take care of existing parks first. We need a study for Thorne St. and a plan. Then money for the engineering study for farmland. We don’t have the staff to do a lot of these things. Village Manager Nagle is on top of this.

Trustee Gross – our board used to take a ride around years ago and look at all our facilities.

Mayor Adams – going into this budget season must be our foremost priority. But we can do something in May or early June. The number of projects going is large.

Trustee Cronin – We received a lot of good emails about cannabis, lots of good information there.

Trustee Skroskznik – I also sent that same email to our Fire Chief. I’d like to get his professional opinion on that.

Manager Nagle – I know he received it. I’ll follow up with him.

Mayor Adams – I read the SRBC report, and DOH – these are real problems that won’t be seen in a tour. It’s underground (i.e. the water system). We need to make this a priority. Please read the report front to back.

As there was nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

/hmr

Horseheads DPW Surplus List as of 2/7/24

1) 1950s Blaw Knox road widener shoulder machine. Transmission bad. No repair parts available.

2) Wacker Neusem jumping jack. Ser#F115334. Blown motor.

3) Tsurumi 2" water pump. Model EPT250HA Ser. GC02-680465 Seized pump.

4) Generac generator Model 0059821Ser. 8842614B Not used in many years.

5) Troy Built generator 5500watt. No info found on unit. Not used in many years.

6) Saw Devil walk behind road saw. ModeiC52 Ser#3998200 Not used in many years.

7) Ground pounder jumping jack. ModelR270Ser# 12709554 bad motor.

8) Devilbiss Gas powered air compressor. ModelPro 4000 Not used in many years. Motor issues.

9) Cub Cadet hand blower ModelHB26 Ser# 003834 Not used in many years, motor issues.

10) Gorman-Rupp cetrifusel pump. Model81*Y2* A Ser# 30098 Bought from Military/Gov auction never worked.

11) Homelite Portable Trash Pump. Model 01552 Ser# H01330948 Not used any more. Worn out.

12) Homelite Demo saw Model05051-B Ser#HR0170248 Blown motor. Not used any more.

13) ITT Marlow Pool Electric Pump. Not used any more. Unknown if operational.

14) Single Head pool cleaner. Does not work.

15) DualHead pool cleaner. Does not work.

16) Line sprayer/painter. Gas/air driven. Not working. No parts available.

17) Early 2000's Exmark zero turn 60" mower. Model LZ31BU604Ser# 541341Bad hydra motor and pump.

18) 2001Ford F250 Blue 4x4 extended cab short box. Vin# 1FTNX21L11ED79164 Not working. Being

used currently as a parts truck. Not drivable.

19) Trench Shoring. Not usable, bad seals, no parts available.

20) Police Dept jailcells. Bar doors, side walls and ceiling including toilets/urinals, sinks.

21) Sheet metal panels from old skate park. Metalin bad condition. Bent and rusting out.

22) 1960's power curber augers. 1 gas, 1 hydraulic. No more parts available. Units not used anymore.

23) Wisconsin motor. Parts motor for power curber equipment. Not used, does not run.

24) Natural gas backup generator from Village Hall. Unknown working condition, unknown if all parts and pieces are present.

**LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2024**

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN**

**GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C**

**Adopted 2/29/24**

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Horseheads pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c, and to allow the Village of Horseheads to adopt a budget for the fiscal year **2024-2025** that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by GML Section 3-c.

Section 2. AUTHORITY. This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Village Board.

Section 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE. The Village Board of the Village of Horseheads, County of Chemung, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year

**2024-2025** that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.