**Minutes  
Village Board of Trustees**

**April 4, 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 Adams  Deputy Mayor Bill Goodwin  Trustee Pat Gross  Trustee Mark Cronin  Trustee George Koliwasky  Village Manager Nate Nagle | Clerk-Treasurer Donna Dawson  Police Chief Mike Suhey  Fire Chief Artie Sullivan  Manager’s Assistant Rachel Baer |
| **Others Present** | |
| Steve Cronin  Mark Terpolilli  Don Fisher  Ron Finefrock | Ryan Wheeler  David Pierce  Dir. Of Emergency Mgmt. Vinnie Azzarelli |

**6PM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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

Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Present

Trustee Gross: Present

Trustee Cronin: Present

Trustee Koliwasky: Present

Mayor Adams: Present

**ECLIPSE UPDATES – CHEMUNG COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

Chemung County Director of Emergency Management – Vinnie Azzarelli – updated the Village Board on the preparations for the solar eclipse occurring on April 8, 2024. PowerPoint presentation:

* 200-440K driving through our area to get to the zone of totality (i.e. Buffalo, Rochester, etc.).
* Meeting with all County Managers.
* 1 million expected travelers in Buffalo and Rochester.
* Amateur radio being utilized.
* Interrupted cell service will be likely.
* Verizon and ATT will put out mobile vans, but only in big cities.
* Verizon wireless preemption: emergency personnel will have priority in cell service.
* Traffic issues are the biggest concern.
* Automated sign on Westinghouse to turn right for I86, in hopes of keeping traffic out of the Village.
* Medical facilities to use landlines/radios for contact if phone service goes down.
* 7 ambulances on duty.
* Traffic/road closures will inhibit emergency response.
* Worried about possible mass casualty MVA’s.
* Fire departments will be staging around the area.

Discussion ensued regarding these preparations.

Chief Suhey – more of our own Village police will be on patrol that day.

Manager Nagle – we will discuss with our DPW tomorrow about having staff on hand in case they are needed.

Discussion on visual message signs (VMS) signs.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**RECEIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES: 3/28**

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Deputy Mayor Goodwin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting of March 28th, 2024 is dispensed with and the same stand approved as entered by the Clerk.

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

Trustee Koliwasky: Aye

Mayor Adams: Aye

**DONATIONS**

Resolution by Trustee Gross, seconded by Trustee Koliwasky

WHEREAS, the following organizations have offered to give to the Village of Horseheads monetary donations of $250 each:

* American Legion
* Edger Enterprises

WHEREAS, Donors have prescribed that the gifts shall be used for the following purposes:

* Inspire Cheer Competitions, and

WHEREAS, Village Law Section 1-102 authorizes a village to take by gift, bequest or devise, and hold real and personal property upon such terms or conditions as may be prescribed by the donor and accepted by said village, and

WHEREAS, the Village is desirous of indicating its acceptance of the above gift.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees does hereby accept the above noted gifts from the Donors, to be used for the following purposes:

* Inspire Cheer Competitions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Village Manager Nathan Nagle is authorized and directed to communicate to Donors its acceptance of the gifts and acknowledges its appreciation for same, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

Trustee Koliwasky: Aye

Mayor Adams: Aye

**BUDGET: RECEIVE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND SET PUBLIC HEARING**

Manager Nagle – two budgets are ready, based on our conversations during budget sessions. One at 5% tax increase and one at 7.5% taking nothing out of the fund balance. Last week you directed the 7.5% one. If you choose the 5%, we take $77K out of fund balance. We can go with either one.

Trustee Koliwasky – I thought we all agreed at the 7.5% one.

Mayor Adams – we saw that the County Legislature arbitrarily cut their budget by $5.5 million. It created a deficit. They were warned about this. I stand by the fact that using reserve funds to fund operations will lead to deficits. Part of this whole conversation about our assets, kicking the can down the road, this is part of that. We can do it now. That to me runs parallel to decisions I saw regarding our water system, DPW, fire station, etc. That is why begrudgingly I picked the 7.5% over the 5%. So we don’t have to make a more difficult decision in years to come.

Trustee Cronin – yes, if we don’t do the extra 2.5% this year, we will be facing it in the future. I agree with the 7.5%.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – the average house assessment in the Village is $141,000. What would the tax increase be for that? For the 5% and for the 7.5% The difference between the two is $22.56. I agree with the other trustees. We need to do this now – keep out of the fund balance.

Trustee Gross – the public needs to know why we are doing this. The water system, county sewer problems, if we’re going to maintain what we have, we have to do this.

Deputy Mayor Goodwin – we have to educate the residents on what the dollar figure for them will be for taxes.

Mayor Adams discussed upcoming budget presentations around the Village and invited the Board to join him for them.

Resolution by Trustee Koliwasky, seconded by Trustee Cronin

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tentative 2024-2025 Village Budget as prepared by Budget Officer Nathan Nagle is hereby received, and a public hearing regarding said budget is hereby scheduled for Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 6:05 p.m.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Village Manager Nathan Nagle is directed to cause the Tentative Budget to be published on the Village’s website as soon as practical and to invite public comments regarding same by any safe and available communication including, but not limited to: correspondence to 202 S. Main St., Horseheads, NY 14845, email to [nnagle@horseheads.org](mailto:nnagle@horseheads.org), and telephone to 607-739-5691. All such comments will be noted and become part of the record of the public hearing and will be given due consideration.

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

Trustee Koliwasky: Aye

Mayor Adams: Aye

At 6:45pm the Board moved into an Executive Session, the minutes of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Trustees shall adjourn into executive session to discuss the reemployment history of a particular person, and shall thereafter reconvene into this regular meeting. Be it for the resolve, that Mayor Adams is authorized to invite other persons into the executive session at his discretion, Mayor Adams invited Village Manager Nagle to join the executive session.

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

Trustee Koliwasky: Aye

Mayor Adams: Aye

At 7:45pm the Board reconvened back into the regular board meeting of this date.

As there was nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

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**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**April 4, 2024**

An Executive Session of the Village of Horseheads Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 6:45pm in Village Hall. Present were Mayor Kevin Adams, Deputy Mayor Goodwin, Trustees Pat Gross, Mark Cronin, and George Koliwasky, Village Manager Nagle, at which time they discussed the employment history of a particular person. No action was taken.

At 6:48pm Village Manager Nagle left the Executive Session.

At 7:45pm a motion was made by Trustee Cronin seconded by Trustee Koliwasky that the Executive Session be adjourned, and the Board reconvene back into its regular meeting of this date.

Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Goodwin: Aye

Trustee Gross: Aye

Trustee Cronin: Aye

Trustee Koliwasky: Aye

Mayor Adams: Aye