

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.  
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Shaun Shannon.

Present: Mayor Shaun Shannon  
Deputy Mayor Jason Mead  
Trustee Ricky Kuehn  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi  
Trustee Shane Mielke

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
See Attached Sign In List

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

*2024-080  
Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mielke, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve Abstract of Vouchers #03 in the amount of \$87,626.21.

*2024-081  
Abstract Approval*

Feral Cat Issue:

A draft ordinance example was presented. This will be used to draft a local law that fits the Village and be presented at the following meeting. There are still multiple issues with the feral cats throughout The Village.

Shelly Johnson-Bennett was present to the Lead Agency request Form for the Solar Project that is looking to be constructed just outside the Village line. She explained that the Town of Hancock Planning Board has been working with Delaware River Solar on this project and that they should continue to be the lead agency. The Town is looking for support for them to be the lead agency on this project. The Planning Board is also looking for any concerns or comments the Village may have. The Town of Hancock Planning Board Meeting will have a public meeting on September 19, 2024 at 7:20 pm about the solar farm.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mielke, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to consent and approve the Town of Hancock being the lead agency on the Delaware River Solar Project being presented.

*2024-082  
Lead Agency on Solar Farm*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to conduct a public hearing on September 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm for Local Law No. 1 of 2024 for No Parking on Vestal Avenue From Leonard Street to Wheeler Street on the North Side.

*2024-083  
Vestal Ave Local Law*

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Shaun Shannon-No  
Deputy Mayor Jason Mead-Yes

Trustee Ricky Kuehn-Yes  
Trustee Shane Mielke-Yes

Trustee Dorothy Picozzi-No

The Town of Deposit Shared Services Contract was reviewed by the Board there was a few questions about the insurance coverage that has to be looked at. The Board tabled it for the September Meeting.

A letter for water/sewer forgiveness from James Picozzi was submitted for review. He is asking for forgiveness on his sewer portion of his bill because he filled his pool in this quarter.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to deny forgiveness on James Picozzi sewer portion of his water/sewer bill. Trustee Picozzi recused herself from the vote.

2024-084

*Deny Sewer Forgiveness J. Picozzi*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mead, voted and carried to appoint Mayor Shaun Shannon and Dawn Gotthardt to conduct the annual Court Audit.

2024-085

*Court Audit*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve Worobey Transport Inc. listing the Village of Hancock as a source of water to apply for the NYS Drinking Water Hauler Permit.

2024-086

*Worobey NYS Drinking Water*

*Permit*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Picozzi, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve the Budget amendments for the 2023-2024 Budget.

2024-087

*Budget Amendments*

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mielke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mead, voted and carried to approve the Department Reports as presented.

2024-088

*Department Reports*

Public Comment:

Carolann McGrath stated that she believes the no parking law on Vestal is not needed and a bad idea. She states that homeowners park on the street and should be able to.

Sherry Pleus spoke about the building across the street is in poor shape and should be coned off before something falls on a pedestrian walking by. The mayor stated that the building is in legal. Sherry stated that the Village needs to pay attention to the conditions of the sidewalks come this winter.

Susan Hurlburt wanted to thank the board for their swift action at Read Senior Housing.

Blaise Bojo wanted to thank the board for their continued support for the Fire Department.

Bill Brown stated that they are moving forward with construction for the Sewer Grant Phase II. They are hoping to break ground starting next week. They are going to be installing natural gas Services for the new generators.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Mielke, voted and carried at 7:34 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

**2024- 089**

*Executive Session*

- **The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation**

The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 P.M. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to hire Tomas Letosky as a part time police officer for the Village of Hancock at \$25.00/hour effective immediately.

**2024-090**

*PT Police Officer T. Letosky*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Mielke, voted and carried to authorize the additional \$150,000 towards the purchase of the new pumper truck for the Fire Department on condition that the Mee Foundation \$100,000 and the Rural Fire District \$50,000 is paid back over the next two years.

**2024-091**

*Fire Dept Pumper Purchase*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer