

BUDGET HEARING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 7:00 P.M.  
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Public Hearing regarding the adoption of the 2023-2024 Village Fiscal Budget was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Shaun Shannon.

There were no comments or questions from the public and the hearing was closed at 7:01 P.M.

The Organizational Meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Mayor Shaun Shannon.  
Roll call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Falsetta.

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

Also Present: Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer  
Robert McKertich, Attorney for the Village  
See attached attendance list

Mayor Shannon nominated Ricky Kuehn to fill the vacant Trustee seat for one (1) year. **2023-060**  
Upon roll call vote: Mayor Shaun Shannon Aye **Appt R Kuehn as Trustee**  
Trustee Jason Mead Aye  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi Aye

Trustee Ricky Kuehn and Trustee Shane Mielke took the Oath of Office.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried **2023-061**  
to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2023. **Minutes Approval**

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and **2023-062**  
carried to hold the Regular Monthly Meeting on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of each **Monthly Meetings**  
month at 7:00 P.M. at the Village Clerk's Office and to hold the Monthly Department  
Meeting the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. at the Village Clerk's Office.

The Following Resolutions were presented:

**RESOLUTION 2023-1** **2023-063**  
**Designating Depositories** **Resolution 2023-1**  
**Designating Depository**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees has determined that the Village Law 4-412(3) (2)  
requires the designation of banks or trust companies for the deposit of all village  
monies.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** That the Board of Trustees designates the following institutions as depositories of all monies received by the Village Clerk/Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes. Names of institutions: NBT Bank and Wayne Bank.

**Section 2.** That this resolution shall be effective immediately.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes
Trustee Ricky Kuehn	yes
Trustee Jason Mead	yes
Trustee Shane Mielke	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-2  
Mileage Allowance**

*2023-064  
Resolution 2023-2  
Mileage Allowance*

**WHEREAS** The Board of Trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage reimbursement to Village officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official Village duties;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** That the Board of Trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of .65.5 cents per mile.

**Section 2.** That this resolution is effective immediately.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes
Trustee Ricky Kuehn	yes
Trustee Jason Mead	yes
Trustee Shane Mielke	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

**RESOLUTION 2023-3  
Advance Approval of Claims**

*2023-065  
RESOLUTION 2023-3  
Advance Approval of Claims*

**WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit claims for public utility, postage, freight and express charges; and

**WHEREAS** all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and

**WHEREAS** the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** That the Board of Trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring of approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.

**Section 2.** That this resolution is effective immediately.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes
Trustee Ricky Kuehn	yes
Trustee Jason Mead	yes
Trustee Shane Mielke	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to appoint Mayor Shannon and Trustee Picozzi as bank signatories.

*2023-066*

*Bank Signatories*

Mayor Shannon appointed Trustee Jason Mead as Deputy Mayor.

The following appointments were offered:

Official Newspaper	1 year term – The Hancock Herald and Walton Reporter
Clerk/Treasurer	2 year term – Phyllis Falsetta
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	1 year term – Demi Travis
Acting Justice	1 year term – Paul Lantz
Code Enforcement Officer	1 year term – Peter Hathaway
Planning Board	5 year term – Linda Kulikowski
Zoning Board of Appeals	3 year term – Edward White
Attorney for Village	1 year term – Coughlin & Gerhardt

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Jason Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the above appointments as presented with the exception of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer of which Mayor Shannon abstained.

*2023-067*

*Appointments*

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mayor Shaun Shannon	yes/abstained on Deputy Clerk Appointment
Deputy Mayor Mead	yes
Trustee Ricky Kuehn	yes
Trustee Shane Mielke	yes
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi	yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 5 to 0

Mayor Shannon appointed the following committees:

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| - Police                       | Trustee Kuehn     |
| - DPW                          | Deputy Mayor Mead |
| - Water & Sewer                | Deputy Mayor Mead |
| - Fire Department/Rescue Squad | Trustee Kuehn     |
| - Planning                     | Trustee Mielke    |
| - Youth & Recreation           | Trustee Picozzi   |
| - Village Clerk's Office       | Deputy Mayor Mead |
| - Health Insurance             | Mayor Shannon     |
| - Personnel Policy             | Trustee Picozzi   |
| - Health & Safety              | Mayor Shannon     |

The following Resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION 2023-4**  
**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NYS ASSEMBLY BILL A.4039 EXEMPTING**  
**CERTAIN VILLAGE OF HANCOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FROM THE NEW YORK**  
**STATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

*2023-068*

*Resolution 2023-4*

*HFD Residency Resolution*

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hancock is contracted to provide fire protection to two townships in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Fire Department has members who are Pennsylvania residents and who are qualified to hold the positions of Chief and/or Assistant Chiefs; and

**WHEREAS**, NYS Village Law 10-1012 requires the Chief and First Assistant Chief and Second Assistant Chief and such additional Assistant Chiefs to be residents of the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the population and location of the Village of Hancock, the Village of Hancock Fire Department has requested to expand the residency requirement under Village Law 10-1012 to include residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, a Bill has been introduced in the New York State Assembly as Bill A.4039 intended to expand the residency requirement in Village Law 10-1012 as it pertains to the Village of Hancock; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees seeks to express its support for such legislation; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Village Board of the Village of Hancock, duly convened in regular session, does hereby resolve as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village Board hereby supports the legislation set forth in Bill A.4039 exempting certain Village of Hancock fire department officers from the

New York state residency requirement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board hereby supports any companion bill introduced in the New York State Senate; and

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

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to pass the 23-24 Village Fiscal Budget as presented.

*2023-069*

*23-24 Fiscal Budget*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to enter into foreclosure agreement with Kalter, Kaplan, Zeiger & Forman at a cost of \$1,250 per parcel, exclusive of costs and disbursements.

*2023-070*

*Foreclosure Attorney Agreement*

Donna Torch, Dog Control Officer was present to discuss her role and responsibilities in the Village. Attorney McKertich will contact Town Attorney Lenny Sienko regarding this matter which was tabled to the next meeting.

Police Officer Logan Wood was present to update the Board on the K-9 Unit. A 501 C3 Corporation is being formed to collect donations and schedule fund raisers. Officer Wood has located a 2022 Dodge Durango that can be outfitted for K-9 at a cost of \$36,995.00 which will be deposited in the corporation's bank account. He asked that the Village advance" the monies which will be paid back in full once the bank account is established.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to enter executive session at 7:47 P.M. to discuss:

*2023-071*

*Executive Session*

- Matters which, if disclosed, will imperil the public safety
- Matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer
- Information regarding current or future investigations or prosecutions of a criminal offense which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed
- Discussion proposed, pending or current litigation
- Collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law
- 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 preparation, grading, or administration of examinations
- The proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by the public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof

The Meeting was reconvened at 8:26 P.M. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to approve the Abstract of Vouchers in the amount of \$38,411.51. **2023-072**  
*Abstract of Vouchers*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to purchase a 2022 Dodge Durango for the K-9 Unit at a cost of \$36,995 to be reimbursed by the K-9 Corporation. **2023-073**  
*K-9 Vehicle*

The Hancock Fire Department offered the following Officers to the Board of Trustees For approval:

Chief – Blaise Bojo  
1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Chief – Cullen Bojo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief – Christopher “Jake” Geer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Asst. Chief – Brad Esolen  
Captains – Gregory Gill, Frank Stanton & Rolland (Boomer) Bojo, Jr.  
Lieutenants: Sarah Sherburne, George Barnes, Pat Leonard, Steven Bolster, Nick Hazen, Jr., Chris Reynolds and Chris Geer, Jr.

**A MOTION** was made by Trustee Kuehn, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the Hancock Fire Department Officers as presented. **2023-074**  
*HFD Officer Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Kuehn, voted and carried to adjourn the Meeting 8:30 P.M. **2023-075**  
*Adjournment*

Respectfully Submitted by:

Phyllis Falsetta, Clerk/Treasurer