REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD, MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 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 - Excused

Trustee Dorothy Picozzi

Trustee Shane Mielke - Excused

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Gina Middleton, Attorney Coughlin and Gerhart

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

2025-052

Minutes Approval

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and 2025-053 carried to approve Abstract of Vouchers #01 in the amount of \$11,007.57.

The Village reached out to Leslie Lamb at Catskill Mountain Abstract Corp. to conduct a deed search on the property owned by the Village behind the Village Barn on Sands Creek Road. Mrs. Lamb let the Village know that she is unable to conduct the search. Attorney Middelton stated that there are people who conduct deed searches at Coughlin and Gerhart.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and carried to approve the proposal from Hudson Energy for the NYSEG Natural Gas.

KLW Municipal Inc proposed a Real Property Professional Service Agreement to conduct a Village wide Appraisal on all Village properties for \$46,000.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and 2025-055 carried to accept KLW Municipal Inc Real Property Professional Service Agreement as KLW Appraisal Agreement proposed with the corrections of Mrs. Phyllis Falsetta Village Clerk instead of Ms. Regina Skinner and Shaun M. Shannon, Mayor instead of Peter Shrob, Mayor.

Pete Hathaway Code Enforcement monthly report was read and reviewed by the board. They briefly discussed court for 493 Peas Eddy Road for excessive garbage on the property was held today and that the owners for 493 Peas Eddy did not attend.

The following Resolutions were presented:

Resolution # P3-1

Village of Hancock Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Board Resolution – Designation of Certifying Officer

WHEREAS, the Village of Hancock will apply to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Program Year 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant via a Public Infrastructure application for the Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Project; and

WHEREAS, the Village is required to designate a certifying officer for the purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Hancock designates the Mayor as the Certifying Officer for the Village of Hancock's Critical Sewer Improvements Phase 3 Project requested by CFA 2025 Application #149382.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion offered by: Deputy Jason Mead Motion seconded by: Trustee Dorothy Picozzi UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Shaun Shannon yes Deputy Mayor Jason Mead yes Trustee Dorothy Picozzi yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0

Resolution # P3 -2

Village of Hancock

Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3

 $Board\ Resolution-Commitment\ to\ Provide\ Assistance\ to\ Low\ and\ Moderate\ Income\ Persons\ to\ Connect\ to\ the\ Village\ Sanitary\ Sewer\ System$

WHEREAS, the Village of Hancock will apply to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Program Year 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant via a Public Infrastructure application for the Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Project; and

WHEREAS, the Village intends to assist persons of low and moderate income undertake sanitary sewer system connections; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing & Urban Development annually establishes Low Income (80% of Median Family Income) income ceilings adjusted for family size; and

WHEREAS, the Village is committed to assist any persons qualifying as low and moderate income to undertake any new connections to the Village sanitary sewer system;

WHEREAS, the Village is prepared to advertise the availability of assistance to person of low and moderate income to make new connections to the Village sanitary sewer system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Hancock hereby commits to using monies from funds available in a reserve account at Wayne Bank and a savings account at NBT Bank to assist low and moderate income persons by providing grants to pay for proposed new sanitary sewer connections within the Village of Hancock sanitary sewer system. There is no expiration on this commitment.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion offered by: Deputy Jason Mead Motion seconded by: Trustee Dorothy Picozzi UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Shaun Shannon yes Deputy Mayor Jason Mead yes Trustee Dorothy Picozzi yes VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0

> Resolution # P3 - 3 Village of Hancock Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3

Board Resolution – Local Funding Commitment

Whereas, the Village of Hancock will apply to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Program Year 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant via a Public Infrastructure application for its Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 project;

Whereas, the Village has agreed to expend Village controlled funds for the following line item:

Grant Administration

\$60,000

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hancock hereby commits \$60,000 to the CFA 2025 Small Cities CDBG project from funds available in a reserve account at Wayne Bank and a savings account at NBT Bank.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion offered by: Deputy Jason Mead Motion seconded by: Trustee Dorothy Picozzi UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Shaun Shannon yes Deputy Mayor Jason Mead yes Trustee Dorothy Picozzi yes VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0

Resolution # P3 - 4

Village of Hancock Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Board Resolution – SEQR Type II Action

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hancock is proposing to upgrade and repair waste water treatment systems at the Village's wastewater treatment plant and at two satellite pump stations by (1) replacing motor control centers and electrical control systems, (2) rehabilitating/replacing headworks equipment, (3) improving/upgrading/repairing pump stations, (4) improving/upgrading/repairing facility buildings which house critical equipment and (5) pump replacement; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1) identifies the "maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility", as a Type II action under SEQR and has been predetermined not to have a significant impact on the environment and is, therefore, precluded from environmental review under Environmental Conservation Law Article 8; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project does not meet or exceed any of the thresholds established in Section 617.4;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the foregoing:

The Village of Hancock Board of Trustees hereby determines that the proposed "Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3" is a Type II action and is, therefore, not subject to further review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion offered by: Deputy Jason Mead Motion seconded by: Trustee Dorothy Picozzi UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: Mayor Shaun Shannon yes Deputy Mayor Jason Mead yes Trustee Dorothy Picozzi yes

VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and 2025-056 carried to accept Sarah Johnson's letter of resignation from the Village Planning Board. *s. Johnson Resignation*

A thank you card was presented to the board from the Hancock Partners for their help with the Memorial Weekend Blues, Brews, and BBQs at the park.

A letter was presented to the Board from the HPD concerning the parking behind the Office and Police Station. There has been an increase in vehicles parking out back due to the new trading post next door. There have been a couple instances where the patrol car could not enter or leave the parking lot. They asked the board to address this issue. The Board requested that the Village DPW crew re-install signs And re-paint lines that state for Village Parking ONLY.

Mayor Shannon stated that he is working with Friends of the Upper Delaware River who proposed Installing a walk way to the river and some other upgrades at the Junction Pool river access located behind the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1066 LaBarre Street. FUDR is going to be applying for a grant for this project but the issue is that the responsibility of maintaining for years after would resort back to the Village. The Village would not be able to maintain responsibility due to upkeep and cost. The Mayor will speak with FUDR regarding not doing this project.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and 2025-057 carried to schedule a public hearing for the closure of the Crowe Street entrance in to the Public Hearing Tops Tops Market Parking lot.

Public Comment:

Kathy Ingalls stated that they are working on trapping cats and kittens around the top of Leonard St. and other locations throughout the Village. The Board stated that the budget includes \$5,000.00 to help with accuring expenses involved with the cats.

Paul Siegler asked if Wheeler Street between West Front Street and West Main Street can be closed For the 2^{nd} Annual Car Show held on July 19, 2025 at the park from 9 am -4 pm to allow venders and parking.

James Serio stated that when the KLW Municipal Inc. comes to appraise the Village parcels that The board meets with them to gather ideas and suggestions to keep the assessment more current And up to date rather than having to do this again in 10-15 years.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried at 7:17 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss:

2025- 058

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 8:19 P.M. with no action taken.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and carried to hire Wyatt Persbacker as a Seasonal Rec Center Aide from July to w. Persbacker Rec Center September 2025.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and 2025-060 carried to accept the resignation of Christopher "Jake" Geer from the Village of Hancock c. Geer HFD Resign Volunteer Fire Department.

A MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, 2025- 061

voted and carried at 8:25 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss: 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 8:29 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer