

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WAS HELD ON APRIL 11, 2022
CONCURRENTLY WITH A PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING THE 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET**

1. Mayor Ryan opened the annual meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing at 7:00pm regarding the 2022-2023 Village Budget.

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Donald J. Ryan
Trustee Andrew N. Alesia
Trustee David W. Butler
Trustee Richard C. Sherman
Trustee John J. Grygiel

VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fire Chief, Scott Nicotera, Treasurer Dan Dreimiller, Attorney Gustave DeTraglia, Village Clerk Janet M. Durr, Lieutenant Michael Kowalski, and Town Councilman David Reynolds. Codes Officer Gary Schreppel

ABSENT: DPW Superintendent Tom Hughes

VISITORS: 10 residents from Village Point Apartments (see attached); John N. Vella, Utica Sign and Graphics, representing the Sneaker Store.

3. Mayor Ryan welcomed the residents (10) of the Village Point Apartments. The residents represented the group as well as individually to complain and draw attention to the negative issues at the Village Point Apartments. They agreed that the conditions have been apparent for approximately 5 years, since the ownership of Millenia.

The following concerns were expressed:

Dirty furniture, sleepers in lobby, garbage not picked up, water damage on ceilings and walls, water in Historical Society offices in basement, bed bugs, termites, no heat in social room, no chairs in social room, gas leak, tv in community room is broke, water coming out of floor drain is brown during rain storms, smoke alarms not working, no lights in parking lot, drivers cutting through from Doctors' office on Pearl St. onto Paris Road, broken curb that could cause tire damage, no handicapped parking.

The residents requested cameras be set up in parking lot and in lobby. The Village will consult with National Grid for lighting in parking lot.

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Mayor Ryan said we would research the information tend to the issues immediately and report back to them. We will place barriers to prevent cars from the office building to drive through their parking lot and consult with National Grid about more lighting. The police have been observing the problems and will continue to do so.

The residents thanked the Board for their attention and exited. They will bring a lease to Village for Attorney DeTraglia to review.

4. Mayor Ryan introduced Craig Sanborn, 50 Paris Road, who was present to inquire into the progress of solving the speeding problem on Paris Road. Lieutenant Kowalski said they will be placing temporary monitors this week and are investigating grants to purchase permanent solar monitors.
5. **APPOINTMENTS:** The following appointments were made by Mayor Ryan and approved by the Village Board:

ONE-YEAR APPOINTMENTS:

DPW Superintendent	Tom Hughes
Assistant Superintendent	Tim Hughes
Motor Equipment Operators (3)	Tom Williams Dan Hughes Zachery Constas
Laborer	Emmet Sweeney
Attorney	Gustave DeTraglia, Jr.
Codes Enforcement Officer	Gary Schreppel
Fire Inspector	Gary Schreppel
Planning Board Chairman	James Crumrine
Zoning Board Chairman	Jef Saunders

TWO-YEAR APPOINTMENT:

Registrar of Vital Statistics	Jade Giglio
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STANDING APPOINTMENTS:

Deputy Mayor	John Grygiel
Police Justice	John Grygiel/Rick Sherman
Trees	Andrew Alesia

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Codes Department	Andrew Alesia/David Butler
Fire Department	Andrew Alesia/Rick Sherman
Public Work	Dave Butler/Rick Sherman
Senior Citizens	Andrew Alesia
Capital Projects	Village Board
Recreation	Dave Butler/Rick Sherman
Insurance	John Grygiel
Sewers/Water Board	David Butler/Andrew Alesia
Assessors	Village Board
Village/Town Liaison	John Grygiel/David Butler
Official Historian	Jeff Madden
Official Depository Bank	NBT
Official Newspaper	Observer Dispatch/Town Crier

6. **MINUTES:** Upon motion by Trustee Grygiel, seconded by Trustee Butler, the Village Board approved the March 14, 2022 minutes.

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A. Treasurer Dreimiller presented the 2022-2023 proposed budget for review.

B. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Dreimiller submitted the March Treasurer's report (see attached).

C. **ABSTRACT:** Upon motion by Trustee Grygiel, seconded by Trustee Alesia the following abstract was approved:

GENERAL:	\$105,041.76
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D. The Village Board approved the Professional Service Agreement between the Village and Grant Consultant Donald Hall.

8. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

A. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Fire Chief Nicotera presented the following report:

a. There were a total of 99 incident counts:

Town	84
Village	15

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2. Chief Nicotera said the Memorial Day parade and service will be held on May 31, 2022 at 7pm.
3. The Village Board approved the following Restrictive member as recommended by the Fire Department:

Patrick Monahan Sanger Ave. New Hartford

B. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. The Village Board welcomed Lieutenant Michael Kowalski who has been appointed to replace Lieutenant Fontaine who has recently retired from the New Hartford Police Department.
2. Lieutenant Kowalski gave the following report:
 - a. 62 total incidents in Village
 - 12 alarms
 - 1 domestic felony arrest
 - 3 harassments
 - 1 assault investigation
 - 1 intoxicated person-mental health arrest
 - The remaining incidents were made up of resident assists, traffic stops, trespass civil disputes etc.

C. CODES/ZONING DEPARTMENT:

1. Codes Officer Gary Schreppel submitted a March codes report:
 - a. Followed up Campion Road Shopping Center exit pothole complaint. Major pothole filled. The remaining issues are on railroad property.
 - b. Investigated complaints at Fun Factory in NH Shopping Center, allegations from disgruntled patron were unfounded in relation to codes issues.
 - c. Issued trash violations to 3 medical occupants:

95 Genesee St., Bassin & Hession Orthodontics
Lab Corp
Arul Kannan, MD

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- d. Contacted Daylight Donuts to apply for sign permit. It blocks the view of vehicle exiting their driveway.
- e. Contacted Village Point Apartments Management for inspection of complaints from residents.

f. **ORDER TO REMEDY:**

Brady, 73 Oxford Road: accumulation of trash, debris, construction debris. Already had completed Court Summons paperwork for Brady violations

g. **Construction/Property Inspections:**

95 Genesee St.
14 Genesee St.
73 Oxford Road
14 Croft Road
120 Genesee St.
28 Oxford Road
118 Genesee St.

h. **COMMENTS:**

- 1. **Point Apartments:** probably need a resident board since they are getting little response individually and are fearful of retaliation.
- 2. No maintenance person is living at the apartments so there is no one to refer to or oversee the problems. Officer Schreppel will contact manager.
- 3. Electrical issues need to be resolved immediately.

- I. Scott Brady, 73 Oxford Road: the debris outside has been cleaned up and is acceptable. Previously, within a few weeks of warning, the debris begins to accumulate again. Codes Officer Schreppel had issued the Bradys' a court summons before the clean-up.

- 2. **ONE GENNY, 1 GENESEE ST.,** restaurant owned by Phillip Grande, submitted an application to build an addition on the northeast side of their existing building. One Genny is minus 5 on-site parking spaces. The Planning Board recommended approval of the addition. Codes Enforcement Officer Gary

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Schreppel responded to Trustee Butler's concern of adequate parking and verified that there were the required number of parking spaces. Codes Officer Schreppel also recommended approval.

Trustee Grygiel made a motion to approve the One Genny application,

A ROLL ALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Trustee Grygiel	Yea
Trustee Alesia	Nay
Trustee Sherman	Nay
Trustee Butler	Nay
Mayor Ryan	Yea

The application was denied by a 3-2 vote.

Mayor Ryan said Mr. Grande has the option to request a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

ADDENDUM:

ONE GENNY: Mr. Phillip Grande submitted a request for a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to build an addition to his restaurant on 1 Genesee St. despite that he was minus 5 parking spaces. The ZBA meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2022. On April 20th Attorney William Borrill, representing One Genny requested to lease 5 parking spaces on the Village parking lot which would give him the required amount of 75 spaces. Codes Officer Schreppel reiterated Trustee Butler's request of adequate parking and verified that there were the required number of parking spaces. Mayor Ryan contacted the Village Trustees and requested approval of the application.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Trustee Grygiel	Yea
Trustee Alesia	Yea
Trustee Sherman	Nay
Trustee Butler	Nay
Mayor Ryan	Yea

The building application was approved with a 3 -2 vote.

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Mr. Grande cancelled his meeting with the Zoning Board of Appeals

D. PLANNING BOARD:

1. 24 Genesee St., The Sneaker Store: Utica Sign Company represented by John Vella presented an application for a 60' internally lit existing sign. The internally lit sign existed when Byrne Dairy occupied the premises. It is not "grandfathered" for a new incoming business only for an ongoing existing business. The 10' x 6' sign was approved but not approved to be internally lit.

The sign on the front of the building, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

E. DPW REPORT:

1. Superintendent Hughes submitted a monthly report and Mayor Ryan read it in his absence.
 - a. Picking up green waste, trimming street trees, streets swept, cleaning right of ways and parks. Fixing plant hangers and painting them. Patching pot holes throughout the Village and parking lots.
 - b. Eric at Mohawk Valley Water Authority is going to try to install a new water main on Pearl St. this year and before we pave.
 - c. Family Tree Service bill this month is for all the tree removals and trimming from 2021 and one tree in 2022.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Attorney DeTraglia reported:

1. 83 Genesee St., property owned by NJQ Holdings and houses "Central New York Brain and Spinal Medical Office". The flooding issues that were affecting his neighbor Mr. Immoberstag at 79-81 Genesee St. appears to have been corrected. We will continue to observe during the rainy season.

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2. Attorney DeTraglia suggested we proclaim 42nd St. an official street by resolution at the May Board meeting. It has been a street by prescription after being used by the public and maintained by the Village over 10 years. A Public Hearing is not required.
 3. A meeting will be held on April 19th at 11am with officials from the State DOT with Mayor Ryan, Superintendent Tom Hughes and Village Board to discuss the States plans to confiscate a parcel of land at the corner of Oxford Road and Genesee St.
 4. Attorney DeTraglia continues to be in communication with Verizon regarding the proposed cell tower.
10. Mayor Ryan closed the Public Hearing regarding the 2022-23 budget at 8:30pm. No residents were in attendance.

2022/2023 BUDGET: Since no one was present to comment pro or con on the proposed budget Trustee Grygiel made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget,

WHEREAS, estimates, schedules and requirements have been prepared and submitted and a tentative proposed budget established, and

WHEREAS, The Village of New Hartford Board of Trustees have met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the tentative budget and heard all persons desired to be heard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Village of New Hartford Fiscal Year 2022/2023 (June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023) as set forth in the amount of \$2,204,690.00 including amounts in the various identified "Budget 2022-2023 accounts and including the wages and salaries set forth therein, is hereby adopted. This budget adoption shall carry a tax rate of \$ 59.97 dollars of assessed valuation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this adopted budget shall include the Sewer Rate Assessment of \$60.00 per unit assessment. The sewer rate for the adjacent 34 town residents utilizing the Village sewer system is \$95. Revenues from this assessment shall be held in a Capital Sewer Reserve Account for current sewer system maintenance, sewer debt service and for future capital sewer improvements.

Trustee Alesia seconded the motion,

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A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Trustee Alesia	Yea
Trustee Butler	Yea
Trustee Sherman	Yea
Trustee Alesia	Yea
Trustee Grygiel	Yea
Mayor Ryan	Yea

The 2022/2023 budget was approved.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion by Trustee Grygiel, seconded by Trustee Alesia, the Village Board approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet M. Durr
Village Clerk