

Hoosick Falls & Surrounding Areas News

HOOSICK FALLS

Village Board Follow Up And Other Notes

The trustees heard a presentation from Barton and Loguidice concerning the upstream portion of the Woods Brook Drainage Project. According to B & L's Ryan Weitz, permitting for the project has been sent to the Army Corp of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation. The Board approved a resolution requesting bids for the work. Lovejoy Chaplet is requesting a zoning change for a small parcel of land at 17 Carey Avenue. They would like it zoned commercial so the land can be used for employee parking. A local law authorizing the change was introduced with a public hearing slated for June

8 at 6:30 pm.

Hydrant Flushing

The date for the flushing has been pushed back to June 7 for Wards 1 and 2 then June 8 for Wards 3 and 4. The delay is attributable to a GAC Filter change at the pump station.

Memorial Day Parade

Hoosick Post #40 American Legion is proud to announce that Hoosick Falls resident and Purple Heart recipient, James C. Brown has been named Grand Marshal of the 2021 Community Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31.

Born in Quitman, GA, Mr. Brown joined the Army in 1968 as a builder or mechanic, but in order to fill the Army's overwhelming need for ground troops, he was transferred to infantryman and shipped to regions around DaNang and Saigon. The reality of war was quickly realized his first night in Vietnam. A last minute decision by command came down, pulling him from the group he was originally assigned to and placing him with another. That night, a surprise attack hit and his original group suffered serious casualties.

Mr. Brown describes his experience in Vietnam as "bloody." He went on to describe the constant rain or humidity which made it impossible to get dry. His time in Vietnam would be cut short, when an attack would wound him. Mr. Brown survived and was awarded the Purple Heart.

After his recovery at Cam Rhan Bay, he return to the States where he worked at General Cable. He eventually moved with his wife Velma to Hoosick Falls where they raised their three children, Charlotte, James and Janell. Mr. Brown can still be seen doing yard work around the village. His soft spoken mannerisms and humble character led many in the town to have no idea he had a Purple Heart. At the Purple Heart ceremony in August of last year, being shocked to learn he was a recipient, the American Legion knew it was time for Mr. Brown to get the recognition that he deserved for his time served in Vietnam and his earning of the Purple Heart.

The American Legion invites the community to help in the placing of flags on the graves of veterans on Saturday May 29, meet at 10 am at the post. Memorial Day ceremonies will begin at 8 am at the flag pole in Wood Park. The American Legion will then offer Memorial Day rites stepping off at 8:15 am from the corner of Main St. and Wilder Ave. and march to the Shop Bridge to honor men of the Navy who lost their lives at sea. The Auxiliary will offer a prayer, the Legion will fire a volley and taps will be sounded. The Legion will honor the dead of the Civil War at Monument Park, located at the junction of Classic and High Streets. The Auxiliary will offer a prayer, the Legion will fire a volley, and taps will be sounded. The Legion will then assemble at the World War I and Veterans Memorial located in Wood Memorial Park. Wreaths will be placed at WWI, WW II, Korean and Vietnam monuments. The wreaths will be placed by the American Legion Auxiliary after a brief prayer.

The parade, under the direction of the American Legion, will assemble at 9:15 am and step off sharply at 10 am.

The Village Will Propose A Monitoring Well

Part of the meeting was a discussion about the proposed remedial action set for by the Department of Environmental Conservation that proposes drilling two new wells along NYS Route 22 south of the village, filtering the water through the GAC system,

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Fire Destroys Garage



A Sunday afternoon garage fire on Hill Road, just south of the village of Hoosick Falls, brought out the Hoosick Falls and Hoosick Fire Departments. Firefighters arrived to a fully involved fire with half the structure already destroyed. The fire was quickly extinguished with water from the fire trucks. The Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad also responded to the scene. Photo by Steve Bradley.

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