

# January 14, 2019: January 14 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Body:

Present:	Mayor	Absent
	Trustees	Tim Healey, Wally Boyd, Lynn Dumar, Randy Wellman
	Clerk Treasurer	Christine Kearns
	Street & Water Commissioner	Christopher Weaver
	Attorney	Michael Albanese
	Public	Jim & Meg Hoffman, Winnie Blackwood – Recorder Reporter

**Call to Order and Salute to Flag at 6:35 p.m** All financial reports, written correspondence, minutes and Clerk-Treasurer reports distributed in Board packet of materials.

**Public:** Jim & Meg Hoffman requesting to have their 10/1/2018 water bill reduced from the billed amount of \$500.00, They received a letter from the Village of Fonda stating that the village

needs access to the building to read the water meter, Stated that the person renting the building had the only key, They have no extra key. Trustee Healey stated that the Board would discuss it and inform them of their decision.

Jim & Meg Hoffman left at 6:40 pm

**Sewer Plant Report: Chief Sewer Plant Operator Justin Cotter** – Annual inspection was done by DEC on the 18<sup>th</sup>, DEC had some recommendations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Clarifier needs to be fixed, fill hole

in parking lot, Chlorine shed needs repair/replacing; **Trustee Healey** mentioned that the sign by river “Do Not Anchor” needs repair/replacing, area in back of plant where leaves and twigs have been dumped

needs to be cleaned up, need to look in to a 2<sup>nd</sup> person at the plant.

Chief Sewer Plant Operator Justin Cotter left the meeting at 6:54 pm

**Minutes from Previous Meeting(s):** Questions/Clarification/Corrections of Minutes:

December 10 Regular Meeting – Motion to approve as written by Trustee Boyd, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor

December 26 Special Meeting – Motion to approve as written by Trustee Dumar, Second by Trustee Wellman, with all in favor

January 8 Special Meeting – Motion to approve as written by Trustee Boyd, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor

**Correspondence:** None

**Resolution #1-2019: Transfers requested for approval in payment of Abstract #8**

Offered by Trustee Dumar, Second by Trustee Boyd

**General Fund**

To:		From:	
A9055.8 NYS Disability Ins	\$92.00	A9040.8 Workers Comp	\$92.00
A9760.7 Interest on mini exc	82.00	A9010.8 NYS Retirement	82.00

The resolution was put to vote and adopted as follows:

Roll Call Name	Aye	Nay	Abstained	Absent
Mayor Peeler				X
Trustee Boyd	X			
Trustee Dumar	X			
Trustee Wellman	X			
Trustee Healey	X			

**Resolution #2-2019** Authorizing the Purchase of a Skid Steer and Resolution #3-2019 Authorizing the Publication of Adoption of Bonding Resolution

for Skid Steer were tabled until the next meeting

**Street & Water Commissioner Report:** Need county bucket truck to remove the snowflakes from the light poles, Water plant pump will take 8 weeks to get after the order is placed, Small storms

are using up the salt more than when there is a big storm, **Trustee Dumar** asked about the ripped tarp on the back of the salt shed, **Street & Water Commissioner Weaver** stated that they are trying to figure out what to do, tarps are constantly ripping.

**Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Written, attached;

**Audit of Bills:** pre-approved, by Motion Trustee Boyd, Second by Trustee Wellman, with all in favor

	<b>General</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Total</b>
USPS	75.00	75.00		150.00
Pay #2 12/21	8,526.48	3,471.40	97.95	12,095.83
Time Warner	239.54			239.54
Frontier (FFJWWTF)			81.94	81.94
National Grid		21.02		21.02
ss med eft 12/31	906.13	552.92	14.98	1,474.03
MVP	2,202.19	2,202.18		4,404.37
National Grid	807.09	1,563.33		2,370.42
Pay #1 1/4	3,170.73	3,423.30	97.95	6,691.98
Aquilla Byler - Byler's Const	750.00			750.00

**Abstract #8** Motion by Trustee Boyd, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor

<b>General</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Total</b>
45,203.42	6,577.15		51,780.57

**Motion** to enter Executive Session for discussion of negotiations and personnel by Trustee Healey, second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 7:06 pm

**Motion** to end Executive Session and return to open meeting by Trustee Healey, second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor at 7:46 pm

**Actions** per Executive Session

- **Motion** by Trustee Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor, to reject the application received for a Code Enforcer
- **Motion** by Trustee Wellman, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor, to deny the request by Jim and Meg Hoffman to request a reduction in their 10/1/2018 water bill on advice from Attorney Albanese citing § 161-42 *Disputed bill process described.*

*“In the event that the customer is still unsatisfied, the customer should be given a water bill complaint form.*

*[1] This form must be filled out by the customer and signed. The completed complaint form must be returned within 30 days of the date of the bill; complaints for bills over 30 days will not be reviewed.”*

Clerk to prepare letter from the Board

- **Motion** by Trustee Boyd, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor, to publish a Help Wanted ad in the Leader Herald, Amsterdam Recorder and the Daily Gazette for a NYS Certified Code Enforcer.

**Next meeting(s):** Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2019, 6:30 pm

**Adjournment:** Motion by Trustee Healey, Second by Trustee Boyd with all in favor at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns

Clerk Treasurer