

**Present:** Mayor William Peeler  
Deputy Mayor Tim Healey  
Trustees Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague  
Clerk Treasurer Christine Kearns  
Street & Water Commissioner Christopher Weaver  
Code Enforcer Stan Waddle  
Village Attorney Michael Albanese arrived at 6:55pm  
Public Sal Riggi, Assemblyman Robert Smullen left meeting at 6:55pm,  
Chris Dancy via Zoom

**Mayor Peeler Called Meeting to Order and Salute to Flag at 6:34p.m.**

All written Department Reports were distributed in the board packet of materials

**Correspondence** 7/11 NYS Division of the Budget – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) payment  
7/14 Campanelli & Associates, P.C. – Attorney Advertising Zoning update for 5G  
7/15 Jason Butler via email – Return of water deposit, property sold  
7/25 NYMIR – Notification of Changes – General Liability/Cyber Coverage  
7/28 Montgomery Co. Treasurer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2022 Sales Tax Distribution

**Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)** – July 8, 2022, Regular Motion to approve as written by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor.

**Public – Assemblyman Robert Smullen** stopped in to introduce himself, will be representing this area beginning January 11, 2023, if he wins reelection, Lost areas in St. Lawrence County and gained areas in Montgomery County; Lives in Mecos so familiar with area; Currently running unopposed. **Sal Riggi** – Saw someone drive on the sidewalk by the old courthouse, gates were open by Broadway, they thought it was a street; Mayor Peeler asked Street & Water Commissioner Weaver to close the gates; **Mr. Riggi** stated there is going to be major activity in the park on August 16<sup>th</sup>, suggested putting up signs for parking on the street. **Mayor Peeler** asked Mr. Dancy who was joining by Zoom if he had any questions/comments. **Mr. Dancy** said he has been asking for a list of previous boil water notices, has been working with the state on issues in the Village, had emailed other officials and hasn't heard back from them; Mayor Peeler stated that it is the Clerk's job to answer questions from residents along with all the other duties, it is only a 30 hour a week position.

**Mayor Report** – Reviewed the After the 4<sup>th</sup> income and expenses, Income \$12,734.25, expenses \$17,318.44, Clerk instructed to transfer \$4,584.19 from the Park & Waterfront bank account to the General Fund bank account to cover the difference; **Trustee Dumar** stated she has a conversation with Sheriff Smith who said the band was nice, would be nice to have concerts more often.

Attorney Albanese arrived to the meeting at 6:55pm  
Assemblyman Smullen left the meeting at 6:55pm

**Mayor Report cont.** – Has been talking with the Fonda Fultonville School Superintendent regarding the sidewalk, Montgomery County DPW is to help install the sidewalk when they are available, not optimistic that it will happen this fall; Montgomery County Emergency Management would like to use the boat launch area for a rescue drill, **Street & Water Commissioner Weaver** stated the launch can be used, area still needs to be leveled out; Working with the engineers on Broadway Creek flood mitigation, will be attending the Town of Mohawk meeting this Thursday to discuss what they are willing to do on the town side, Town of Mohawk resident is worried that the work has stopped regarding mitigation; **Trustee Dumar** mentioned that the Town has been ditching on Kane Rd; There were 2 accidents on Broadway in July, one took out a power pole the other was a semi sideswiped another semi; The speed limit coming down the hill into the village is now 40 mph, State road Village can not change the speed limit

**Trustee Reports** – **Trustee Healey** discussed an email regarding the parking lot at the park, some think it is a public parking lot, asked what is the intention, is it for public parking? **Mayor Peeler** it has been discussed in the past about a

nearby resident permit parking in the winter but no decision has been made yet; **Attorney Albanese** asked if there are rules posted, **Mayor Peeler** stated that there were not, **Attorney Albanese** suggested posting certain times, no overnight parking allowed, etc., any cars there when not allowed can be towed.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to hire MTB Sealcoating to seal the Village Park parking lot for \$4,800.00. Clerk to transfer same from the Park & Waterfront account for payment.

**Trustee Reports cont. – Trustee Healey** stated because of the weather the Frothingham Library asked to move their beach party event to Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution #22-2022** Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials  
Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Fonda, Location code 40433, hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the NYS and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	SS #	NYSLERS Id	Title	Term Beg	Std Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency
Randy Wellman	XXX	R11041440	Trustee	4/1/2022	1.83	1.83		Quarterly
Scott Sprague	XXX	R13139925	Trustee	4/1/2022	6		X	Quarterly

The resolution was put to vote and adopted as follows:

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

**Resolution #23-2022** Amend Village of Fonda Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment and Village of Fonda Employee Handbook  
Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar

**Whereas**, on July 29, 2022, a confidential hotline for complaints of workplace sexual harassment was established, and;

**Whereas**, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law S.812B/A.2035B, which amended the New York State Human Rights to include this hotline, and;

**Whereas**, an amendment is needed to the Village of Fonda Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment and the Village of Fonda Employee Handbook;

**Now, therefore** let be resolved by the Board of Trustee of the Village of Fonda to include the following in the Village of Fonda Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment and the Village of Fonda Employee Handbook

“New York employees may now call 1-800-427-2773 to receive free legal counseling regarding any complaint of workplace sexual harassment or to submit a complaint regarding such harassment. The hotline will operate during regular business hours and will be staffed by a team of pro bono attorneys for the New York State Division of Human Rights (“Division”)”

The resolution was put to vote and adopted as follows:

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

**Mayor Peeler** asked the Personnel Committee to review the Employee Handbook and make changes/suggestions for Board to review/approve

**Street & Water Commissioner Report** – Written, in addition to the written report the roof was taken off the water plant to take out the old filter and some piping, put new filter in and put roof back on, will do the same for next filter; has been at the plant a lot because currently running on 1 filter while new one is installed; Reservoir is approximately 4 inches low; Water is slightly discolored, comes and goes, nothing wrong with water; **Mayor Peeler** stated it is discolored but is safe, once the improvements are done that should be taken care of; **Commissioner Weaver** stated that the color and taste should improve; Some equipment can be sold; **Trustee Healey** asked Commissioner Weaver how much time he has been spending at the water plant with the improvements, **Commissioner Weaver** said it depends on what the contractors are doing, Contractors are not allowed to turn valves or switches, only Certified Operators are allowed to; There was a problem at the plant, couldn't get the air valve to work, himself and Laborer Gray worked approximately 17 hrs. trying to get it fixed, Plant Operator Ashbey came down also, still having issues; Newer dump truck hoist for the dump body broke off, would be expensive to rebuild it; **Mayor Peeler** asked if the salt spreader had been ordered yet, **Commissioner Weaver** stated not yet; Cover for the salt shed would be more than \$30,000.00, metal work is rotting.

**Mayor Peeler** turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Healey at 7:38pm.

**Street & Water Commissioner Report cont.** – Have to conduct a service line inventory for NYS DOH, want to know what material the lines going into residences is made of, very involved information wanted.

**Deputy Mayor Healey** turned meeting back over to Mayor Peeler at 7:45pm

**Code Enforcement Report** – Written, Good response on the property maintenance issues, only a few haven't responded, only thing left to do is take them to court; Talked with Montgomery County Treasurer regarding foreclosures; Served notice to owner of 10 Hogans Aly regarding the condition of the property; **Mayor Peeler** said blight is a major issue everywhere.

**Clerk Treasurer Report** – Written,

**Audit of Bills:** pre-approved, Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Pay #3 7/15	3,076.21	2,093.08	67.35	5,236.64
ss med eft 7/15	235.33	160.12	5.15	400.60
Skeeter Creek/J Kulewicz	2,500.00			2,500.00
Pay #4 7/22	3,129.63	2,123.69	67.35	5,320.67
ss med eft 7/22	239.42	162.45	5.15	407.02
Pay #5 7/29	2,602.25	2,942.14	67.35	5,611.74
ss med eft 7/29	211.22	212.94	5.16	429.32
Time Warner	84.99			84.99
National Grid		21.02		21.02
CDPHP	1,865.37	1,865.38		3,730.75
National Grid	723.46	1,262.45		1,985.91
NBT Credit Card	331.58			331.58

Pay #1 8/5	3,214.54	2,138.70	67.35	5,420.59
ss med eft 8/5	245.91	163.61	5.15	414.67

**Abstract #3**

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
13,483.26	16,745.24	0.00	30,228.50

**2017 EFC Grant Water Improvements Payment**

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

Check #	Payee	Description	Amount
1026	KB Group of NY Inc	Invoice #39	\$2,071.00

**2021 EFC EPG Wastewater Improvements Payment**

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

Check #	Payee	Description	Amount
004	KB Group of NY Inc	Invoice #21425-08	\$14,364.00

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to enter Executive Session for reasons of litigation at 8:12pm

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to leave Executive Session at 9:17pm

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor for the water service to remain off for account numbers 153 – 164 until such time that the balance of \$4,559.05 is paid in full.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to return to Jason Butler the funds remaining on account from the \$1,500.00 deposit for water service at 118 Wemple Ave. Clerk to research amount remaining and return to Mr. Bulter.

**Next meeting(s):** Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:30 pm

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns  
Clerk Treasurer