

<b>Present:</b>	Mayor (via Zoom)	William Peeler
	Deputy Mayor	Tim Healey
	Trustees	Lynn Dumar
	Clerk Treasurer	Christine Kearns
	Code Enforcer	Stan Waddle
	Village Attorney (via Zoom at 7:04pm)	Michael Albanese
	FFCS Student (via Zoom)	Braxton James

**Mayor Peeler Called Meeting to Order and Salute to Flag at 6:37 p.m.**

**Correspondence:** 12/16/21 Dept of the Treasury – 2022 Deposit Requirements  
12/20/21 NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation – Waterfront Park  
Improvements Phase 5  
12/22/21 Slack Chemical – Price Increase Superchlor 15  
12/27/21 Slack Chemical – Price Increase Sodium Bisulfite

**Minutes from Previous Meeting(s):** December 13, 2021, Regular Meeting Motion to approve as written by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey, with all in favor

**Mayor Report:** Received a call from Sheriff’s department on the evening of January 9<sup>th</sup> about a fire at 44 W. Main St., multi-unit dwelling, 14 residents in the building at the time of fire, 1 injury with burns and smoke inhalation. Would like to publically acknowledge Sgt. Smith with Montgomery Co. Sheriff’s Office & Town of Mohawk Firefighter Josh Mitchell who entered the building before fire department arrived and helped get the residents out; Most of the damage was to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors; **Code Enforcer Waddle** stated he spoke to the County Fire Investigator and the State was not called in because the resident admitted to the cause, smoking in bed, all the evidence pointed to the same. Firefighters said they heard smoke detectors on all floors as they were fighting the fire and getting people out. **Mayor Peeler** thanked Deputy Mayor Healey for representing the Mayor’s office at the scene, also thanked Code Enforcer Waddle, Street & Water Commissioner Weaver, Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department, Montgomery County Emergency Management, NYS Police Department, along with the following Fire Departments: Town of Mohawk, Town of Glen, Village of Fultonville, Tribes Hill, Berkshire, Canajoharie, Fort Plain, City of Johnstown, City of Amsterdam, and Fort Johnson for covering other stations while they were out. Asked Code Enforcer Waddle to speak with property owner to contact insurance company about getting a fence around the property. **Code Enforcer Waddle** stated he contacted Attorney Albanese’s office to make sure everything was in place for scene to be released back to the owner.

**Sewer Plant Report:** Written report attached, **Mayor Peeler** reviewed the proposed sewer plant budget submitted by Chairperson Park and the Sewer Plant report.

**Code Enforcer Report:** Written report attached, **Code Enforcer Waddle** stated he has been in contact with property owners for the Rental Registry and some have stated that they are not renting, relatives are living there, property is listed as apartment with the Assessor, told owners if they want it changed they need to contact the Assessor. **Trustee Dumar** asked what business would be going in the old laundromat, **Code Enforcer Waddle** stated he hasn’t been told yet. **Trustee Dumar** then asked when the pizza place would be opening, **Code Enforcer Waddle** said a Certificate of Occupancy needs to be issued still and they are finishing up information with NYS. **Mayor Peeler** asked how On Track Nutrition was doing since they opened, **Code Enforcer Waddle** stated they are doing well.

**Mayor Report cont.:** Received an email from Deputy Clerk Treasurer Denofrio regarding the total pastdue water and sewer bills, stated need to do something about the outstanding balance; **Clerk Treasurer Kearns** stated the moratorium on water shut-offs ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, which coincided with our normal shut-off schedule, notices will be sent out soon. **Mayor Peeler** stated he would be having a

meeting with Street & Water Commissinner Weaver, Clerk Treasurer Kearns and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Denofrio to discuss funding for additional water meters.

**Resolution #1-2022** Authorizing Adoption by Fonda Village Board of Local Law No. 2 of 2021 Entitled “Amendment of Chapter 130 of the Fonda Village Code Entitled ‘Sewer Use’”  
Offered By Mayor Peeler, second by Trustee Dumar

**Whereas**, the Village Board of the Village of Fonda wishes to amend the current Village Sewer Use Law, Chapter 130 entitled “Sewer Use”; and

**Whereas**, the desired amendments shall include additional language added to Article 5, Section 4(e) to cover the discharge parameters for mercury,

**Now, Therefore, Be It**

**Resolved**, that the Village Board of the Village of Fonda amends the Village Sewer Use Law, Chapter 130, Article 5, Section 4(e) to add and include the following language: “Wastewater containing more than 50 nanograms per liter of mercury or mercury containing compounds.” and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Village Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Fonda, and to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of the State of New York.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows

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

**Resolution #2-2022:** Offered by Mayor Peeler, second by Trustee Healey  
March 15, 2022, Village Election Inspectors Appointed

RESOLVED, that Olive Taylor and Phyliss Smith are hereby appointed to serve as Inspectors of Election therein, to perform all the duties pursuant to Election Law Section 15-116(1) for the Village Election to be held on March 15, 2022, and the Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to give written notification of such appointment to each,

RESOLVED, that Jacquelyn Boyd is hereby appointed as Alternate Inspectors of Election, if additional Inspector is needed, the Clerk of the Board will select from the Board of Elections authorized list,

RESOLVED, that each inspector shall be compensated for his or her services at a rate of \$13.00 per hour.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows

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

**Resolution #3-2022** Approval of 2022 – 2023 Fonda Fultonville Joint Waste Water Treatment Plant Proposed Budget – **Tabled by Mayor Peeler**

**Mayor Peeler** stated that the DPW crew is going around and checking the streetlights and contacting National Grid about nonworking ones and about changing the name on their list from Old Johnstown Rd to Broadway

**Clerk-Treasurer Report:** Written report attached

**Mayor Peeler** received an email from a resident that went to “Junk Mail” regarding the plow drivers dropping the plow by their house, replied to the resident that he asked them to drop the plow sooner, mentioned that the road widens at Upper Prospect and Montgomery Terrace.

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

	<b>General</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pay #3 12/17	5,827.39	2,057.74	431.09	8,316.22
Pay #4 12/24	2,265.45	2,062.37	65.39	4,393.21
Pay #5 12/31	1,899.09	2,062.37	402.50	4,363.96
Time Warner	84.99			84.99
ss med eft 12/31/21	1,098.41	780.45	103.53	1,982.39
CDPHP	1,736.63	1,736.63		3,473.26
National Grid	754.14	1,844.09		2,598.23
Spectrum/Time Warner	364.95			364.95
NBT Credit Card	52.96			52.96
FFJWWTF			57,300.00	57,300.00
Pay #1 1/7	2,202.85	2,005.67	65.39	4,273.91
ss med eft 1/10/22	168.52	153.43	5.00	326.95

**Abstract #8** Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor

<b>General</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>	<b>Total</b>
17,690.27	11,588.29	3,504.25	32,782.81

**2017 EFC Grant Water Improvements Payment** Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

KB Group of NY Inc	EFC Water System Improvements Inv #33	\$1,790.00
Jasblonski Excavating, Inc.	EFC Water System Improv. Application for Payment #2	\$269,800.00

**2021 FFJWWTP EPG Study Grant Payment** by Motion Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

KB Group of NY Inc	Fonda Fultonville WWTP EPG Study Inv #'s 21425-01 & 21425-02	\$2,520.00
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**Public:** FFCS Student Braxton James (via Zoom) asked for the names of everyone present at the meeting.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to enter Executive Session at 8:00 pm for the purposes of Negotiations and Personnel.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to exit Executive Session at 9:10 pm

**Actions per Executive Session:**

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to Amend the motion of December 13, 2021 regarding FFJWWT Board Members to the following:

Village of Fonda appointees to the Fonda Fultonville Joint Wastewater Board will not receive compensation for meetings not attended for any reason.

Any member appointed to the FFJWWB who are absent three or more meetings in a given appointed year are required to provide medical documentation to the Village of Fonda Clerk or may face removal from the appointment.

Appointment to the Board remains at the pleasure of the mayor and members are subject to removal as provided in New York State Law.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to remove FFJWWT Board Member 1 from the Joint Waste Water Board due to non-attendance of meetings and not fulfilling the duties of the position. Clerk to send official notification.

**Trustee Reports: Trustee Healey** add thanks to Teresa Jones of Stewars' for opening early to provide shelter to the residents of the fire and donations to the first responders.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to approve the removal from the transcript of the meeting recording anything recorded after the motion to enter executive session.

**Next meeting(s):** Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022, 6:30 pm

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 9:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns  
Clerk Treasurer