

January 9, 2023, 6:33 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St
Monthly Minutes

Present: Mayor William Peeler (via Zoom)
 Deputy Mayor Tim Healey
 Trustees Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague
 Clerk Treasurer Christine Kearns
 Street & Water Commissioner Christopher Weaver
 Village Attorney Michael Albanese
 Public Linda Bell, John Sullivan & Carol Stuff from
 Frothingham Library, Sal Riggi, Chris Dancy (via Zoom)

Mayor Peeler Called Meeting to Order and Salute to Flag at 6:40pm

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

Correspondence 12/8 NYCOM – Civil Service Administration Publication

Minutes from Previous Meeting Motion to approve December 12, 2022, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes as written by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor.

Resolution #1-2023 Amendment to Employee Handbook Regarding Health Insurance Eligibility
 Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

Whereas, the current Village of Fonda Employee Handbook states:

“All regular full time employees are eligible to participate in the medical insurance plan for themselves and their eligible dependents. Medical benefits begin on the first calendar day following six months employment.” and,

Whereas, the maximum waiting period for newly hired employees per ACA guidelines is ninety (90) days,

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Village of Fonda Board of Trustees amends the current Village of Fonda Employee Handbook to:

“All regular full-time employees are eligible to participate in the medical insurance plan for themselves and their eligible dependents. Medical benefits begin on the first calendar day following ninety (90) days of employment.”

This resolution is to take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted 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 #2-2023 Transfers Requested for FY 2022-2023
 Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

General Fund			
To	Amount	From	Amount
A1210.4 Mayor C/E	11.00	A1210.402 Mayor C/E Website	11.00
A5110.402 Street C/E	357.00	A5110.404 Streets C/E	357.00
A5142.403 Snow Rem C/E Tarps	767.00	A5142.402 Snow Removal CE	767.00
A9040.8 Workers Comp Ins	479.00	A9060.8 Health Insurance	479.00
Total	1614.00	Total	1614.00

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Water Fund			
To	Amount	From	Amount
FX8330.402 Purif Gen Op Exp CE	2158.00	FX8330.2 Purification Equipment	2158.00
FX8340.406 T&D Gen Op Exp CE	5711.00	FX8330.408 Purif Generator MN	711.00
		FX8340.2 Trans&Dist Eqpt(radio)	2000.00
		FX8340.401 Storage Tank CE	3000.00
Total	7869.00	Total	7869.00

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

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

Public Comments – Linda Bell from Frothingham Free Library stated that the library is asking for community support, they are looking for new property to relocate the library, want more space, feel like they aren’t serving the village the best they can at their current location; John Sullivan, also from the library, asked about the status of 30 W. Main St., heard that it was up for auction, Clerk Treasurer Kearns stated that it was not one of the properties auctioned by Montgomery County; Carol Stuff stated they were also wondering about the properties located at 2-6 W. Main St., Possibly buy or have donated to the library, would like more parking space, bigger building space, new programs are bringing more people in; Linda Bell stated they would like to keep the library in the village, green space would be great, keep it within walking distance for residents; John Sullivan stated they would like it to become more of a community space; Mayor Peeler suggested the old Mohawk Valley Democrat building next to the Village Office.

Linda Bell, Carol Stuff and John Sullivan left the meeting at this point

Mayor Report – Received paperwork for a grant from Montgomery County in the amount of \$50,000 for a sidewalk to Fonda Fultonville Central School on Cemetery St., received a proposal from Barton & Loguidice, an engineering firm, for professional services in connection with the sidewalk in the amount of \$27,500; Montgomery County DPW and our DPW crew would provide the labor, nothing would go out for bid.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to accept the grant from Montgomery County in the amount of \$50,000 for construction of a sidewalk on Cemetery St. to Fonda Fultonville Central School and approve the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Report (cont.) - Reviewed the proposal for professional services from Barton & Loguidice in conjunction with the sidewalk.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to accept the proposal from Barton & Loguidice for professional engineering services for the construction of a sidewalk on Cemetery St. to Fonda Fultonville Central School in the amount of \$27,500, pending Mayor Peeler contacting Montgomery County regarding any other proposals received and review.

Mayor Report (cont.) – Asked Street & Water Commissioner Weaver to get prices on replacing the box on the white dump truck, T & T Sales quoted \$11,-31 for a 9’ painted dump box with 18” sides, 24” tailgate, tarp system with mesh, Commissioner Weaver stated he can get a quote from another vendor; Also looking at getting quotes to fix the dump truck that was bought from Montgomery County; Mayor Peeler ask to get a quote for a stainless steel dump box. Reviewed the proposed 2023-2024 budget from the FFJWWTF, Village share \$241,008.50, total from both villages \$482,017; Mayor questioned whether any unused funds from FYE 2023 would be deducted from final payment.

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Resolution #3-2023 Approval of FFJWWTF 2023-2024 Budget

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey

To approve the presented proposed FFJWWTF budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted 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 Report (cont.) – Received resignation letter from Trustee Wellman effective 1/9/2023.

Building and Fire Code Officer Report: Written

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor for the Code Officer to contact the buyers of the 4 properties auctioned by Montgomery County and within 60 days, obtain a timeline of repairs to bring the properties up to code.

Street & Water Commissioner Report: Written report submitted. Stated the 2nd new filter is in the building, possibly have it up and running within a month; Sale shed frame and cover installed; Mayor Peeler would like DPW to continue working on the bath house.

Trustee Reports – None

Mayor Peeler completed a draft of a new Employee Handbook with changes suggested by the Handbook Committee and highlighted other items to be reviewed, asked committee to review the draft.

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 12/16	6,213.92	2,420.54	67.35	8,701.81
ss med eft 12/16	475.36	185.17	5.16	665.69
Pay #4 12/23	2,236.14	1,874.24	67.35	4,177.73
ss med eft 12/23	171.06	143.38	5.17	319.61
NBT withdrawal		314.54		314.54
Pay #5 12/30	1,892.46	1,999.79	67.35	3,959.60
ss med eft 12/30	144.77	152.99	5.13	302.89
Charter Comm	84.99			84.99
CDPHP	1,865.37	1,865.38		3,730.75
National Grid		21.02		21.02
Charter Comm	369.95			369.95
NBT Credit Card	77.80			77.80
FFJWWTP			60,306.00	60,306.00
National Grid	754.53	912.76		1,667.29
Pay #1 1/6	1,916.06	1,811.04	67.35	3,794.45
ss med eft 1/6	146.58	138.54	5.15	290.27

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

General	Water	Sewer	Total
\$23,896.03	\$12,884.74	0.00	\$36,780.77

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

Check #	Payee	Description	Amount
1032	KB Group of NY, Inc	Inv #44	\$11,538.75

Public – Sal Riggi spoke on behalf of the Park Committee stating that planning needs to start now for the After the 4th celebration as vendors are booking up already.

Executive session for reasons of litigation and personnel

Motion In Mayor Peeler seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor at 8:03 pm

Motion out Mayor Peeler seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor at 8:29 pm

Actions per Executive Session: Mayor Peeler asked that Commissioner Weaver and Clerk Treasurer Kearns prepare a letter in response to the NYS Department of Labor Violation Notice

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to accept the resignation of Trustee Wellman effective immediately.

Executive session for reasons of personnel

Motion In Mayor Peeler seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 8:32 pm

Motion out Mayor Peeler seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor at 8:37 pm

Actions per Executive Session: Mayor Peeler asked Clerk Treasurer Kearns to get a copy of FFJWWTF Operator 1's employment contract from the Village of Fultonville

Next meeting(s) Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns
Clerk Treasurer