

April 10, 2023, 6:37 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St
Monthly Minutes

Present:

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| Mayor | William Peeler via Zoom |
| Deputy Mayor | Tim Healey |
| Trustees | Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague |
| Clerk Treasurer | Christine Kearns |
| Deputy Clerk | Andrea Sprague |
| Street & Water Commissioner | Christopher Weaver |
| Code Enforcer | Stan Waddle |
| Attorney | Michael Albanese |
| FFJWWT Board Member | Raymond Blackwood |
| Public | Sal Riggi, Kathleen Wood, Michelle Wadsworth via Zoom |

Mayor Peeler Called Meeting to Order at 6:37 pm

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

Correspondence

- 3/9 National Grid – Update Emergency Contact Information
- 3/9 Montgomery Co. Office for Aging – 2023 Program Booklet Ad
- 3/13 Montgomery Soil and Water Conservation District – NYS DEC Training
- 3/15 TRC – ConnectGen LLC; Mill Point Solar Project
- 3/20 Montgomery Co. Treasurer – Payment of 2022/23 Village taxes turned over to County
- 3/23 Frontier – Emergency Contact Numbers
- 4/3 Montgomery Co. Bar Assoc. – Law Day Luncheon Invite

Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to approve March 13, 2023, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes as written.

Resolution #10-2023 Transfers Requested for FY 2022-2023

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

| General Fund | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| To | Amount | From | Amount |
| A1010.4 Legislative C/E | 100.00 | A1210.2 Mayor Eq | 140.00 |
| A1210.4 Mayor C/E | 40.00 | A1990.4 Contingency Account | 727.00 |
| A3620.4 Bldg & Code C/E | 89.00 | A5142.4 Snow Removal C/E Salt | 1043.00 |
| A5110.402 Street C/E | 81.00 | A5110.1 Street Admin P/S Labor 1 | 136.00 |
| A5110.403 Street C/E Vehicle Rep | 557.00 | | |
| A5142.402 Snow Removal CE | 1043.00 | | |
| A7110.1 Park P/S Labor 1 | 136.00 | | |
| Total | 2046.00 | Total | 2046.00 |
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| Water Fund | | | |
| FX8320.401 Pwr Old Jtown H2O Tow | 462.00 | FX1990.4 Contingency | 462.00 |
| FX8330.103 P/S DPW Labor 1 | 1195.00 | FX8330.104 P/S DPW Labor 2 | 595.00 |
| FX8330.402 Purif Gen Op Exp CE | 4908.00 | FX8340.103 Trans PS DPW Labor 2 | 600.00 |
| FX8330.405 Purif Heating Oil CE | 1668.00 | FX1440.4 Engineer Consultants | 2000.00 |
| FX8330.406 Purif CE Phone | 226.00 | FX8330.2 Purification Equipment | 1000.00 |
| FX8340.102 Trans DPW Labor 1 | 261.00 | FX8330.403 Purif C/E Labtests | 1908.00 |
| FX8340.405 T&D Postage CE | 192.00 | FX8330.404 Purif C/E Electricity | 1668.00 |
| FX8340.406 T&D Gen Op Exp CE | 224.00 | FX8330.409 Electric Repairs Plant | 226.00 |
| | | FX8340.103 Trans PS DPW Labor 2 | 261.00 |

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| | | | FX8340.403 Trans & Dist Mt Co Bill | 192.00 |
| | | | FX8340.402 T&D Meters | 224.00 |
| Total | 9136.00 | | Total | 9136.00 |
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| Sewer Fund | | | | |
| G8110.4 Postage Sewer Billing | 58.00 | | G8110.401 Attorney C/E | 58.00 |
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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 Sprague | X | | | |

Resolution #11-2023 Amend FY 2022-2023 Budget

Offered by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Healey

Amend Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Village of Fonda Budget to increase account General Fund A599 Appropriated Fund Balance by \$2,269.43 and A7110.4 Parks C/E by \$2,269.43 to account for money transferred from the Park and Waterfront Reserve account for continued construction at the Waterfront Park/Village Park.

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 Sprague | X | | | |

Public Comments – Michelle Wadsworth, via Zoom, We attended the board meeting in May of 2022 requesting a variance for a 4th apartment at 22 Broadway property, have a studio apartment in question right now. Mayor Peeler aske Code Enforcer Waddle where we are at in the process, Code Enforcer Waddle stated they need to fill out an application for a variance, Mrs. Wadsworth stated that when they were at the meeting they thought they were applying, handed out a letter, thought that was all that was needed. Code Enforcer Waddle had sent a draft application since the village didn't have an application already in place, Mayor Peeler requested Mrs. Wadsworth to email a completed application to himself, Code Enforcer Waddle and to the Village Clerk. **Kathleen Wood** on behalf of her daughter, Kimberly Wood, spoke about a water break on L. Prospect St. that caused water to come into her daughter's basement at 15 L. Prospect St., they had to have furnace replaced, insurance company won't pay for surface water damage to furnace, looking for help in paying the \$9,850 bill to replace furnace. Mayor Peeler asked Commissioner Weaver where the break was. Commissioner Weaver stated that it was on the service line to 16 L. Prospect St. Mayor Peeler referred to Attorney Albanese that Ms. Wood should file a claim with the Village insurance company, Attorney Albanese agreed.

Kathleen Wood left the meeting at 7:02pm.

Public (cont.) – Sal Riggi stated he submitted an animal complaint form today regarding dogs, Mayor Peeler stated the Village Clerk would forward it to the Dog Warden, Mr. Riggi stated that there was a mechanic shop in the old Cumberland Farms building and another truck load of stuff was unloaded into the old Napa building.

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Mayor Report – Has been looking at playground equipment for the park, Needs to sign the agreement for the engineering for the sidewalk to the school on Cemetery St. in the amount of \$27,000, Montgomery County to pay.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to approve the engineering fee of \$27,000 to Barton and Loguidice D.P.C., and allow the Mayor to sign the contract.

Mayor Report (cont.) – Previously spoke about the waterfront park completion, boat docks, paving the entrance, have a quote from JM Electric Services for \$4,500 to complete the electric at the bathhouse, would like to put lights in the dock area and in the field by the stage, working on calculating the total funding needed, reviewing the ytd budget, will ask for transfers of budget lines to finish the work; Been talking with Commissioner Weaver regarding next year’s budget to replace the pickup truck, replace motor on the International dump truck, replace dump body on white dump truck and replacing the treads on the skid steer. Asked Commissioner Weaver if there was anything else, Commissioner Weaver stated there were sewer and water line repairs he would like to do. Looking for a band for the After the 4th, would like to have music in the park over the summer 1 or 2 times a month, Trustee Healey suggested Sunday afternoons, Commissioner Weaver stated Ft. Plain, Canajoharie and St. Johnsville hold it once a week, get grants to help pay, Mayor Peeler suggested getting businesses to sponsor nights; would also like to start doing movie nights in conjunction with the library, asked board members for suggestions on number of nights, all agreed with 2 times each for movies and music, Mayor recommended Thursday nights and alternate between music and movies; Also wants to start doing Saturday Markets, had a vendor at the After the 4th that was interested, 8am – noon with setup time 7:00-7:30am, Trustee Dumar asked starting when, Mayor Peeler suggested the second week in June for the market, music and movies. Commissioner Weaver asked who would be working the movie and music nights, Mayor Peeler stated that volunteers would be needed; Saturday of the fair was pulled from the not-for-profit parking schedule, Village will be parking cars that day, looking for volunteers; Would like to make space in the waterfront park for grass only camping, Commissioner Weaver stated that there is no water, sewer or electricity there.

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written; Would like to sit down and go over the water/sewer laws, with the upcoming lead line inventory need to spell out who is responsible.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written

- Disputed Water Bill form from account #483 tabled to executive session

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

| | General | Water | Sewer | Total |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Pay #42 3/17 | 6,410.08 | 2,485.75 | 67.35 | 8,963.18 |
| ss med eft 3/17 | 490.37 | 190.16 | 5.17 | 685.70 |
| Pay #43 3/24 | 2,248.32 | 2,501.26 | 67.35 | 4,816.93 |
| ss med eft 3/24 | 172.00 | 191.35 | 5.14 | 368.49 |
| Frontier Comm | | 127.07 | | 127.07 |
| Charter Comm | 94.99 | | | 94.99 |
| USPS | | 189.00 | 126.00 | 315.00 |
| Pay #44 3/31 | 2,281.59 | 2,260.67 | 67.35 | 4,609.61 |
| ss med eft 3/31 | 174.54 | 172.94 | 5.15 | 352.63 |
| CDPHP | 1,865.37 | 1,865.38 | | 3,730.75 |
| National Grid | | 462.71 | | 462.71 |
| Charter Comm | 369.95 | | | 369.95 |
| NBT Credit Card | 184.10 | | | 184.10 |

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| National Grid | 966.89 | 976.22 | | 1,943.11 |
| FFJWWTF | | | 60,305.00 | 60,305.00 |
| Pay #45 4/7 | 2,203.43 | 2,253.87 | 67.35 | 4,524.65 |
| ss med eft 4/7 | 168.56 | 172.42 | 5.16 | 346.14 |

Abstract #11 Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

| General | Water | Sewer | Total |
|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|
| 13,743.29 | 7,321.92 | 320.64 | 21,385.85 |

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

| Check # | Payee | Description | Amount |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1036 | KB Group of NY Inc | Inv #46 & 47 | \$18,841.25 |

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor, to accept \$30,000.00 from NY Power Authority for reimbursement of 2015 Canalway Grant Contract #C010358 disbursement #1.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to approve the April 1, 2023, Water and Sewer billing for regular and commercial customers.

- Quarterly Commercial Accounts Water/Sewer billing
Water \$35,528.60 Sewer \$11,889.80
- Regular Water/Sewer billing
Water \$67,286.27 Sewer \$99,745.79

Building and Fire Code Officer Report Written, Part of the wall on the Broadway Creek fell in and Commissioner Weaver had it cleaned up right away; Town of Mohawk is having a Public Hearing regarding zoning for multiple businesses on a single property.

Trustee Reports – Trustee Healey stated that all the parking dates have been assigned to not-for-profit groups. Trustee Sprague signed up for NYCOM classes, Mayor Peeler approved payment of the classes.

Motion to enter executive session by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 8:03pm for reasons of litigation and personnel. Attorney Albanese, Commissioner Weaver and Code Enforcer Waddle were invited to stay.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor to deny the request by water account customer #483 of cancellation of the \$100 penalty for a non-working meter. Street and Water Commissioner to provide 4 dates within a 2-week period to make the correction to the meter. If a date is not scheduled in that time period, the Commissioner is to discontinue service to the property. Customer to be advised of the local law for disconnect/reconnect and the requirement for a deposit moving forward. Contract for services will be required for further water service.

Motion to exit executive session by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor at 9:07pm.

Actions per executive session – matter was voted on by motion. Clerk to send letter by first class mail and also certified mail.

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Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to amend the above motion to “arrangements to be made by May 2, 2023”

Next meeting(s) Special Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2023, 6:30 pm
Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023, 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded Trustee Healey with all in favor at 9:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns
Clerk Treasurer