

May 8, 2023, 6:34 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St
Monthly Minutes

Present: Deputy Mayor Tim Healey
 Trustees Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague
 Clerk Treasurer Christine Kearns
 Street & Water Commissioner Christopher Weaver
 Attorney Michael Albanese (arrived at 6:43pm)
 Public Sal Riggi, Dianna Giardino

Deputy Mayor Healey Called Meeting to Order and salute to the flag at 6:34 pm

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

Public Comments – Sal Rigi stated there is a new business opening on Main St.; He doesn't think Thursday nights are good for the movie/concert nights, people have to work the next day; **Dianna Giardino** submitted the Facilities Use form and fee for the stage rental for class reunion, asking the Board if wine and beer would be allowed, Deputy Mayor Healey state the Board would have to discuss and get back to her.

Correspondence

- 4/12 National Grid – Potential change in electric rate for Old Johnstown Water Tower
- 4/21 Montgomery County Treasurer – Distribution of Mortgage Tax
- 4/26 ConnectGen – Mill Point Solar 1 Project Community Meetings
- 5/1 Montgomery County Treasurer – Distribution of Sales Tax

Motion to approve April 10, 2023, Organizational Meeting minutes as written by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to approve April 10, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as written by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to approve April 17, 2023, Special Meeting minutes as written by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to approve April 27, 2023, Special Meeting minutes as written by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor, motion passes.

Resolution #17-2023 Transfers Requested for FY 2022-2023

Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar

General Fund			
To	Amount	From	Amount
A1010.4 Legislative C/E	100.00	A1210.2 Maoyr Eq	290.00
A1210.4 Mayor C/E	190.00	A1620.1 Building PS Laborer1	630.00
A3620.1 Bldg & Firecode P/S	1,827.00	A1620.102 Building PS Laborer2	630.00
A3620.4 Bldg & Code C/E	135.00	A1910.4 Insurance S/E	702.00
A5110.401 Street C/E fuel	207.00	A5142.4 Snow Removal C/E Salt	260.00
A5110.403 Street S/E VehicleRep	53.00	A8810.1 Cemetery P/SLabor1	343.00
A5182.4 Street Lighting CE	301.00	A9060.8 Health Insurance	301.00
A7110.1 Park P/S Labor 1	343.00		
Total	3,156.00	Total	3,156.00

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Water Fund			
FX8320.401 Pwr Old Jtown H20Tow	377.00	FX8310.4 Water Adm Assoc Dues	377.00
FX8330.103 P/S DPW Labor1	232.00	FX8330.104 P/S DPW Labor2	232.00
FX8330.402 Purif Gen Op Exp CE	860.00	FX8330.403 Purif C/E Labtests	860.00
FX8330.405 Purif Heating Oil CE	818.00	FX8330.404 Purif C/E Electricit	818.00
FX8330.406 Purif CE Phone	142.00	FX8330.407 Pur D/E Training	142.00
FX8340.102 Trans DPW Labor1	290.00	FX8340.105 Trans-Dist DepClerk	290.00
Total	2,719.00	Total	2,719.00

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution #18-2023 June 1, 2023, wage rates as follows:

Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague

Position	Wages/Salary as of June 1, 2023
Street & Water Commissioner	\$62,418.00 annual
Laborer #1	\$19.92 per hour
Laborer #2	\$16.00 per hour
Laborer #3	\$15.50 per hour
Water Plan Operator	\$23.01 per hour
Clerk Treasurer	\$36,070.00 annual
Deputy Clerk Treasurer #1	\$20.05 per hour
Deputy Clerk Treasurer #2	\$20.00 per hour
Code Enforcer	\$23.39 per hour
Code Enforcer as Laborer	\$15.00 per hour
Summer Laborer	\$14.20 per hour
Mayor	\$6,000.00 annual
Deputy Mayor	\$4,500.00 annual
Trustees (3)	\$3,000.00 annual

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution #19-2023 Employees Health Insurance
Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague

To approve CDPHP Gold 224 option with Benetech Inc. for the health insurance for employees beginning June 1, 2023; employees to continue to contribute 20% of cost via payroll deduction.

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution #20-2023 Agreement with Frothingham Free Library June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023
Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar

Resolved, that the Village of Fonda enter into an agreement with Frothingham Free Library to furnish library privileges to the People of the Village of Fonda, pursuant to Section 256 of the Education Law, for the sum of 2,000.00 Dollars for the year June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution #21-2023 Agreement with Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023
Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague

WHEREAS, Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens is an organization of senior citizens, including residents of the Village of Fonda, organized to provide social and entertainment benefits to its members, it is hereby agreed:

1. That Glen-Mohawk Senior Citizens shall provide a variety of social and entertainment benefits to its members, including bus trips to various places of interest and entertainment.
2. That the Village shall pay up to \$1,200.00 per year for said bus transportation; payment will be paid upon the submission of a voucher upon approval during the month of May 2023.
3. The term of this agreement will be from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			

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Trustee Sprague	X			
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Resolution #22-2023 Agreement with F.O.N.D.A. Inc. June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023
Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague

WHEREAS, F.O.N.D.A. Inc. is an organization of citizens, including residents of the Village of Fonda, organized to provide beautification enhancement benefits to the residents of the Village, it is hereby agreed:

1. That F.O.N.D.A. Inc. shall provide a variety of beautification enhancement benefits to the residents of the Village.
2. That the Village shall pay up to \$500.00 per year for said purpose. That payment will be paid upon the submission of a voucher upon approval during the month of May of each year.
3. The term of this agreement will be from June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023.

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution #23-2023 Amend 2023 – 2024 Fees and Deposits Schedule
Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar

Amend the 2023 – 2024 Fees and Deposits schedule to decrease the Residential Sewage Supply Re-connection fee from \$40.00 to \$30.00 and Remove the Village Market Space Seasonal fee of \$450.00.

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written report, Deputy Mayor Healey asked how the new filters are doing at the water plant, Commissioner Weaver stated they are running well, contractor was there today, production vs distribution is good; Deputy Mayor Healey asked that the DPW crew get the cemetery clean up for Memorial Day, stated the May 15th is Peace Officer’s Day, flags to be flown at half-staff, He will take care of that with help from Deputy Clerk Denofrio.

Recess from 6:55 pm to 7:00 pm

Street & Water Commissioner Report (cont.) – Received an application for water service to property located at 2426 Hickory Hill Rd, tapping fees and outside Village User deposit need to be paid before any

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work done, Property owner needs to contact Montgomery County because line needs to go under the road. Deputy Mayor Healey stated the Village only does the tapping; Commissioner Weaver stated the property owner does all the digging.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to all the property located at 2426 Hickory Hill Rd to connect to the Village of Fonda water supply.

Street & Water Commissioner Report (cont.) – Deputy Mayor Healey asked when the last time the fire hydrants were flushed, Commissioner Weaver stated it has been a while, held off with all the changes at the plant and also have testing coming up; Additional locations for lead testing required, lead isn't in the distribution system, it's in the lines from the main to the houses.

Mayor Report – Deputy Mayor Healey stated Mayor Peeler received a quote for the playground equipment and asked Clerk Treasurer Kearns to complete the order, 8' merry-go-round, multi play unit and mulch \$21,566.80, doesn't include teeter totter, previous motion included teeter totter, discussion held, Commissioner Weaver stated a teeter totter is around \$700, Board said to include teeter totter and needed mulch.

Building and Fire Code Officer Report Written report reviewed, Commissioner Weaver stated that the planned placement of the dumpster at Stewart's had to be changed because of truck issues with the powerlines.

Audit of Bills pre-approved, Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor.

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Pay #46 4/14	2,064.89	2,236.07	67.35	4,368.31
ss med eft 4/14	157.96	171.06	5.15	334.17
Pay #47 4/21	3,088.10	1,569.80	67.35	4,725.25
ss med eft 4/21	236.24	120.09	5.17	361.50
Pay #48 4/28	2,703.40	1,863.78	67.35	4,634.53
ss med eft 4/28	206.81	142.58	5.14	354.53
Frontier Comm	94.99			94.99
CDPHP	1,865.37	1,865.38		3,730.75
National Grid		376.65		376.65
Charter Comm	369.95			369.95
NBT Credit Card	233.10			233.10
Pay #49 5/5	3,186.71	2,058.40	67.35	5,312.46
ss med eft 5/5	243.78	157.47	5.15	406.40

Abstract #12 Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
\$11,785.15	\$3,061.32	\$16,500.00	\$31,346.47

2017 EFC Grant Water Improvements Payment

Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

Check #	Payee	Description	Amount
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1037	KB Group of NY Inc	Inv #48	\$6,560.00
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Discussion held on disputed water/sewer bill for account #196, property bought at Montgomery County Tax Auction, new owner state they should not owe past due sewer bills, Deputy Mayor Healey stated item #34 of the Montgomery County Online Auction Terms state “Purchasers are not responsible for payment of any delinquent Town/County Taxes that were owed prior to foreclosure. The purchaser IS responsible for the ENTIRE current year school bill and village bill (if applicable), regardless of date of ownership. The 2023 Town and County tax bills will be generated for each parcel and include any and all relievs owed and be the sole responsibility of the purchaser. It is solely the Bidder’s responsibility to conduct all due diligence prior to bidding.” Clerk Treasurer Kearns stated she contacted the Montgomery County Treasurer’s office and was told that only items due to the County were included in the sale. Trustee Sprague asked Clerk Treasurer Kearns if the clerk’s office was contacted about and past due bills, she stated no. Item “F” of Chapter 130 Sewers, Article 1. Sewer Rents, § 130-4 Bills; payment of the Village of Fonda code states “The minimum charge for sewer rentals established by this article shall be charged even if the property is unoccupied and no consumption of water is shown on the water meter or if no sewage is discharged into the sewer system.”

Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to deny the request by water/sewer account #196, 10 Hogans Alley, to forgive the past due and current sewer billing.

Resolution #24-2023 To Approve Area Variance for 22 Broadway SBL #35.11-1-22
Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar

To approve the area variance for the property located at 22 Broadway, SBL #35.11-1-22, to renovate the old dentist office building into 4 residential rental apartments. The Village has made a SEQR determination of type 2 with no findings of environmental impact.

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Discussion was held regarding the need to update the current QuickBooks program by the end of the month.

Motion by Trustee Sprague, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to approve the purchase of QuickBooks Enterprise Gold Edition with Enhanced Payroll for \$1,281.00, 1 year subscription.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written

Dog Warden Report – Written, follow up to Animal Complaint received by Clerk’s office on April 10, 2023, 8 dogs on the property, Village ordinance states 3 allowed, gave owners 30 days to find homes for 5 of the dogs. Will follow up on the progress.

Trustee Reports – Trustee Dumar inquired about the hanging baskets, Commissioner Weaver said he would check with Sand Flats Orchard. Deputy Mayor Healey stated that he is meeting with VFW Post 942 regarding the military banners, shooting form Veteran’s Day to have them up; Open Market – has someone willing to manage the market, current fee is high compared to other municipalities, Sundays would be better because of

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race parking on Saturdays, vendors like to be set up all day not just a few hours, Trustee Dumar asked if a fee was suggested, Deputy Mayor Healey said \$25 per spot per day, vendors would be on the grass area.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to adjust the Village Market Space to \$25.00 per day per 10 feet.

Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 29th starting in Fultonville at 9:00am and proceed to the Montgomery County Office building on Broadway in Fonda

Next meeting(s) Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, seconded Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns
Clerk Treasurer