October 10, 2023, 6:30 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St Monthly Minutes

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Present:

Mayor Deputy Mayor Trustees Deputy Clerk Street & Water Commissioner Public

William Peeler (entered at 7:15 p.m.) Tim Healey Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague Dan Denofrio Christopher Weaver Sal Riggi, Jason Blowers, Alexa Blowers, Tonya Bogenschutz

Deputy Mayor Healey Called Meeting to Order and salute to the flag at 6:35 pm

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

Public

Sal Riggi – Inquired as to tree lighting. Tonya Bogenschutz – Inquired as to the status of the sidewalk project on Cemetery St.

Correspondence

- 9/14 AJ Sign Company Notice of application submitted to T/Mohawk Zoning Board for area variance
- 9/20 Mill Point solar 1 Project Notice of intent to file an application
- 9/26 Slack Chemical Price increases

Motion by Trustee Dumar, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to approve the September 11, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

Resolution #35-2023 Adopt Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment Offered by Trustee Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague

WHEREAS, the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR) has made revisions to their sexual harassment prevention policy and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda believes in the dignity of the individual and recognizes the rights of all people to equal employment opportunities in the workplace,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Fonda does hereby adopt a new Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment effective October 10, 2023.
- 2. Said policy shall supersede and replace any prior Municipality policies and regulations regarding employee discrimination and harassment.

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				Х
Trustee Dumar	Х			
Trustee Healey	Х			
Trustee Sprague	Х			

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Trustee Report

Trustee Healey – Parking revenue. Trustee Healey noted the fact that parking revenue for the Monster Truck show at the fairgrounds was very good.

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written report distributed. Street & Water Commissioner Weaver noted that Hanson paving was working within the village to complete the paving as planned with the help of his Department.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written report distributed.

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	General	Water	Sewer	Total	
Pay #16 9/15	5,122.08	2,822.82	69.37	8,014.27	
ss med eft 9/15	391.84	215.95	5.33	613.12	
Pay #17 9/22	1,520.57	2,742.20	69.37	4,332.14	
ss med eft 9/22	116.32	209.78	5.31	331.41	
Frontier		129.75		129.75	
USPS		198.00	132.00	330.00	
Pay #18 9/29	2,270.91	2,944.78	69.37	5,285.06	
ss med eft 9/29	173.72	225.28	5.32	404.32	
CDPHP	2,061.66	2,061.66		4,123.32	
Elan Financial (NBT CC)	40.00			40.00	
Charter Comm	94.99			94.99	
FFJWWTP			60,250.00	60,250.00	
Pay #19 10/6	2,145.18	2,773.55	69.37	4,988.10	
ss med eft 10/6	164.11	212.18	5.31	381.60	
Charter Comm	369.95			369.95	
National Grid	562.91	1,027.62		1,590.53	

Audit of Bills pre-approved, by Motion_Trustee Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

Abstract #5 Motion by Trustee Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
9,870.81	8,683.40	172.55	18,726.76

Building and Fire Code Officer Report – Written report distributed

Mayor Peeler entered the Board Meeting and assumed the lead at 7:15 p.m.

Trustee Report

Trustee Dumar – Employee Handbook. Discussion concerning the work done by the Employee Handbook Committee and the draft Employee Handbook for Board consideration.

Resolution 36-2023 Amend Village of Fonda Code of Ethics Policy

Offered by Trustee Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda has made revisions to their Code of Ethics Policy

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

 The Board of Trustees of the Village of Fonda does hereby amend Code of Ethics Policy, Section 3 (a) Gifts from a "value of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more" to a "value of fifty dollars or more received annually from any individual" effective October 10, 2023

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	Х			
Trustee Dumar	Х			
Trustee Healey	Х			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution 37-2023 Amend Employee Handbook

Offered by Trustee Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda has made revisions to their Employee Handbook.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Fonda does hereby adopt an amended Employee Handbook effective October 10, 2023, except as regards full-time DPW employees winter coats and allowance for work boots, which will become effective June 1, 2024.
- 2. Said Employee Handbook shall supersede and replace any prior Village of Fonda Employee Handbooks.

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	Х			
Trustee Healey	Х			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Mayor's Report – Safe Route to School Trail Project on hold. Montgomery County states the project is beyond the scope of their capabilities, and thus they will not be participating. Mayor Peeler concerned about the engineering cost of the project at \$25000 as a result of Montgomery County no longer participating. Mayor Peeler and Fonda-Fultonville School District Superintendent Thomas Ciaccio plan to meet with representatives from Montgomery County to further discuss the project.

Mayor Peeler interested in installing solar powered speed signs at various entry points to the village to try to reduce speeding issues.

Town of Mohawk is assisting with the waterfront project by supplying the use of a bulldozer. Cost will be \$2000 per week. Future plan is to order docks over the winter and pave in the spring.

Mayor Peeler is looking at sign replacement in the Village to be done over the winter. Said project will be accomplished per Code.

Trees on Main St. Need a plan over next summer in conjunction with National Grid and DOT.

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Mayor Peeler is investigating a multi-million dollar NY Culvers Grant. Said Grant is without local match and could be used for the flood mitigation project on Broadway Creek.

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

Adjournment Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Denofrio Deputy Clerk