

December 11, 2023, 6:31 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St
Monthly Minutes

Present:

Mayor	William Peeler (via Zoom 6:37pm)
Deputy Mayor	Tim Healey
Trustees	Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague
Clerk Treasurer	Christine Kearns
Attorney	Michael Albanese
Street & Water Commissioner	Christopher Weaver
Public	Sal Riggi, Ben Kruger – T/Mohawk Fire Dept., Marlene Vunk, Susan Vunk, Doug Cole – Prime Engineering (via Zoom)

Deputy Mayor Healey Called Meeting to Order and salute to the flag at 6:31 pm

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

Correspondence

- 11/27 NYS DOT – BRIDGE NY Program
- 12/1 Montgomery Co Treasurer – Mortgage Tax Distribution

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to approve the November 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

Resolution #41-2023 Transfers Requested

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar

General Fund			
To	Amount	From	Amount
A1620.404 Garage C/E	158.00	A1640.400 Central Garage Build	158.00
A5110.403 Street C/E Vehicle Rep	300.00	A5110.402 Street C/E Repair Eqp	1,146.00
A5110.404 Streets C/E	846.00	A1990.4 Contingency Account	1,156.00
A5110.406 St Paving (Not CHIPS)	1,156.00		
Total	2,460.00	Total	2,460.00
Water Fund			
FX8340.407 T&D Pavement Repairs	1,131.00	FX8340.404 Trans&Dist Repair Line	1,131.00

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution #42-2023 Accept Disposition of Records Log

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Fonda that *Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts & Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, had been duly adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Records Retention and Disposition Schedule MU-1* after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Fonda was presented the most recent Official Records Retention Disposition (RRD) Form and does hereby accept the same as indicated by the signatures attached hereto;

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Public – Ben Kruger from the Town of Mohawk Fire Department spoke about the property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters, exemption of 10% of the assessed valuation pro primary residence, must have at least 2 years active service, Fire department would submit a list of eligible volunteers. Mr. Kruger left the meeting at 7:47pm. **Marlene & Susan Vunk** spoke about the maintenance of the sidewalk and grass area on the Center St. side of their property at 3 E. Main St., she was told by Montgomery County Real Property and the Town Assessor that she doesn't own it, doesn't pay taxes on it and is not responsible for maintaining it. Mayor Peeler apologized and stated that they were out of line and do not know the village laws, Village law states homeowner is responsible, doesn't know why it wasn't brought up to Mrs. Vunk in the past, Susan Vunk asked if they pave the area, and it gets dug up by someone for repairs of things underneath who is responsible for fixing it? Street & Water Commissioner Weaver stated whoever dug it up must fix it to the pre-existing state. Marlene & Susan Vunk left the meeting at this point. **Doug Cole** from Prime Engineering spoke about the Bridge NY Program and the FMA Flood Grant Application, FMA Grant application is due 12/15/2023, Bridge NY Culvert application is due 1/19/2024. With regards to Broadway Creek the only area eligible is the culvert under Midway Alley, Approximate fee of \$5,000 to do the application. Mr. Cole left the meeting at 7:56pm.

Mayor Report – Spoke with FFCS Superintendent Tom Ciaccio regarding funding for the sidewalk leading to the school, school is looking into some funding and asked for letters of support.

Resolution #43-2023 Support for Sidewalk Leading to Fonda Fultonville Central School on Cemetery Street

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

WHEREAS Cemetery Street in the Village of Fonda is the main pedestrian thoroughfare for access to the Central School District from West Main Street and its ancillary streets;

WHEREAS Traffic has increased due to Montgomery County officials closing permanently the roadway known as Switzer Hill Road, which flows parallel to Cemetery Street;

WHEREAS The safety of our school children is of critical importance, and it is the opinion of the Mayor and the Board of Trustees that additional traffic will degrade the safety of Cemetery Street further;

WHEREAS There are no safe pedestrian or bicycle routes to the Fonda-Fultonville Central School;

WHEREAS The Village of Fonda has applied for the TAP/CMAQ “Safe Routes to Schools” grant funding on two occasions since 2017, being denied on both occasions;

WHEREAS Montgomery County has funded the engineering study creating a sidewalk plan for the school that includes sidewalk improvements for Cemetery Street and is now ready for construction;

WHEREAS Students and visitors travel to the school for attendance of classes and after-school extracurricular activities;

WHEREAS the General Public was allowed to be heard through written correspondence and electronic video or audio communication during the Hearing, having only heard from one resident in favor of the Resolution; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees believe the construction of a safe pathway for pedestrians and bicycles is of the utmost importance for the safety of Villages of Fonda, Town of Mohawk, Town of Glen, students and visitors;

The Village of Fonda Mayor and Board of Trustees approve identifying funding streams for the construction of the safe pathway and;

The use of village-owned property for the construction of the new pathway.

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			
Deputy Mayor Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Mayor Report (cont.) – Working with Montgomery County Business Development on the hazard mitigation plan, form need to be completed by 12/31/2023, Mayor asked Trustee Sprague to contact Business Development about them.

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written report distributed. Having issues with decorative lights on E Main St, just about every other light is out; Will be repairing water leak on Veeder St. tomorrow; There was a small mudslide on Mills Terrace/Putman Ave next to Rt 30A, NYS DOT will be repairing. Trustee Healey stated residents on Rt 334 have mentioned there is low water pressure.

Building and Fire Code Officer Report – Written report distributed. Tom Mancini contacted him about possibly doing a housing development in the Town of Mohawk on Rt 30A across from the new fire department and wondered if village water and sewer could be made available. Mayor Peeler suggested Mr. Mancini talk to Street & Water Commissioner Weaver and have a feasibility study done.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written report distributed.

Abstract #7 Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
32,273.95	48,914.85		81,188.80

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

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Pay #25 11/17	2,192.64	2,219.67	69.37	4,481.68
ss med eft 11/17	167.74	169.80	5.31	342.85
Pay #26 11/24	2,541.06	2,212.84	69.37	4,823.27
ss med eft 11/24	194.39	169.28	5.31	368.98
National Grid		161.25		161.25
CDPHP	2,061.66	2,061.66		4,123.32
Pay #27 12/1	1,907.40	2,375.45	69.37	4,352.22
ss med eft 12/1	145.92	181.72	5.32	332.96
Elan Financial (NBT CC)	129.00			129.00
Charter Comm	94.99			94.99
National Grid	552.73	1,288.47		1,841.20
Charter Comm	369.95			369.95
Pay #28 12/8	1,992.72	2,682.09	69.37	4,744.18
ss med eft 12/8	152.44	205.18	5.33	362.95

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

To transfer \$5,952.38 from the Park & Waterfront Reserve account to General Checking account for continued construction done at the waterfront park.

Sal Riggi left the meeting 8:40pm

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to enter executive session for reasons of personnel and litigation at 8:40pm

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to exit executive session at 9:43pm.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to increase the rate of pay for Laborer #1 by \$1.00/hr beginning January 1, 2024.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to increase the rate of pay for Laborer #2 by \$0.50/hr beginning January 1, 2024.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor, after further discussion and consideration of the previous arrangement for electricity at the water tower made with Bruce Roblee, which in this Board's opinion should never have happened, and in order to help Mr. Roblee's business not lose revenue, the following offer was agreed on by the Board:

- Pay \$2,221 in arrears
- \$300.00/month for 3 months
- Establish an account for electricity by the end of March 2024

Should Mr. Roblee not agree to the above conditions, the electric supply will be disconnected immediately.

Next meeting(s) Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor at 9:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine Kearns
Clerk Treasurer