

November 13, 2023, 6:30 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St
Monthly Minutes

Present: Deputy Mayor Tim Healey
Trustees Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague
Clerk Treasurer Christine Kearns
Attorney Michael Albanese
Street & Water Commissioner Christopher Weaver
Public Sal Riggi, William VanGorder – NBT Insurance Agency

Deputy Mayor Healey Called Meeting to Order and salute to the flag at 6:30 pm

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

Public – William VanGorder from NBT Insurance Agency, distributed copies of insurance renewal proposal, current policy cost was \$25,612.23, the renewal policy cost would be \$26,809.64, increase of \$1,197.41. Mr. VanGorder left the meeting at 6:52pm.

Correspondence

- 10/3 Montgomery County Business Development Center – Hazard Mitigation Actions update request
- 10/13 NYS DOT – CHIPS, PAVE-NY, EWR and POP balances
- 10/16 Montgomery County Treasurer – Mortgage Tax Distribution
- 10/30 Montgomery County Treasurer – Sales Tax Distribution
- 10/30 Via Email Christine Harvey, Nationwide – New Federal Legislation
- 11/1 Letter from 14 L. Prospect St. – Petersen – Response to Board of Trustees letter
- 11/6 Mohawk Valley Economic Development – No Cost Local Government Technical Assistance

Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to offer to employees the option of contributing Roth, in addition to offering the NYSDCP, through Nationwide, per new Federal legislation passed in Secure Act 2.0.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to approve the October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes.

Resolution #39-2023 Amend Village of Fonda Employee Handbook Regarding Business Gifts

Offered by Trustee Sprague, Second by Trustee Dumar

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda Employee Handbook contains a section titled Business Gifts containing the following wording,

“Employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly requesting or accepting a gift for themselves or the Village that has a dollar value greater than \$50.00 from an individual as stated in the Code of Ethics (see Addendum “A” – Code of Ethics).”

And,

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda Code Chapter 42 Code of Ethics, §42-3 Standard of Conduct, Section A contains the following wording regarding Gifts,

“Gifts. He shall not directly or indirectly solicit any gifts or accept or receive any gift having a value of \$75 or more, whether in the form of money, services, loan, travel, entertainment, hospitality, thing or promise, or any other form, under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence him, or could reasonably be expected to influence him, in the performance of his official duties or was intended as a reward for any official action on his part.”

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that, the Employee Handbook be updated to change the dollar value regarding gifts to \$75.00.

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 #40-2023 Establish New Expense Accounts in General and Water Funds and Make Transfers
Offered by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar

To establish account numbers A5110.406 St Paving (Not Chips) and FX8340.407 T&D Pavement Repairs to account for pavement repairs not covered by NYS DOT Chips program.

Transfers requested

General Fund				
To	Amount		From	Amount
A5110.406 Street Paving (Not Chips)	5,800.00		A5182.2 Ornamnt Streetlights	2,500.00
			A7110.401 Parks C/E weedeater	500.00
			A8140.402 Storm Sewers	1,800.00
			A8170.400 Street Clean Brooms	1,000.00
Total	5,800.00		Total	5,800.00
Water Fund				
To			From	
FX7340.407 T&D Pavement Repairs	10,000.00		FX8330.408 Purif Generator Mn	1,500.00
			FX8330.409 Electric Repairs plant	1,500.00
			FX8340.2 Trans & Dist Eqpt	5,000.00
			FX8340.401 Storage Tand CE	2,000.00
Total	10,000.00		Total	10,000.00

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			

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written report distributed. Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the lead service line inventory is due in less than a year, will possibly need to start going door to door.

Building and Fire Code Officer Report – Written report distributed, working on pursuing delinquent property violations through legal means and Attorney Albanese’s office.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written report distributed.

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

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Pay #20 10/13	2,007.45	2,567.34	69.37	4,644.16
ss med eft 10/13	153.57	196.40	5.29	355.26
National Grid	1,733.59			1,733.59
Pay #21 10/20	2,370.76	2,143.51	69.37	4,583.64
ss med eft 10/20	181.36	163.98	5.32	350.66
Frontier		129.75		129.75
NYS Unemployment	1,435.00	1,435.00		2,870.00
Pay #22 10/27	2,465.50	2,174.70	69.37	4,709.57
ss med eft 10/27	188.61	166.36	5.31	360.28
Charter Comm	94.99			94.99
CDPHP	2,061.66	2,061.66		4,123.32
National Grid		145.76		145.76
Pay #23 11/03	3,190.75	2,206.75	69.37	5,466.87
ss med eft 11/03	244.09	168.82	5.31	418.22
Elan Financial (NBT CC)	40.00			40.00
Charter Comm	369.95			369.95
Pay #24 11/9	2,376.44	1,841.55	69.37	4,287.36
ss med eft 11/9	181.80	140.88	5.28	327.96

Abstract #6 Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
120,238.48	16,620.07	4,534.74	141,393.29

2017 EFC Grant Water Improvements Payment

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

Check #	Payee	Description	Amount
1040	Hodgson Russ LLP	Bond Counsel	2,900.00
1041	O’Connell Electric	Payment App #3	92,357.10

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

To transfer \$8,080.10 from the Park & Waterfront Reserve account to General Checking account for continued construction done at the waterfront park. \$793.27 of which is the remaining balance of the money set aside from year ending 5/31/2023 (Balance now \$0.00)

Motion by Deputy Mayor Healey, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor, to authorize the Clerk to notify Montgomery County Board of Elections of the following poll site for the March 19, 2024, Village Election

- 8 E. Main St., Fonda, NY

Clerk Treasurer Kearns requested a change be made to the wording on the front of the water/sewer bills, Board approved.

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Trustee Report – Trustee Dumar stated the F.O.N.D.A Christmas Tree lighting is scheduled for December 3, 2023, in the park. **Deputy Mayor Healey** would like to limit the lights that are on at the waterfront park now that the park is closed for the season. Asked Street & Water Commissioner Weaver to see what can be done.
Sewer Plant Operator Report – Written report distributed.

Board directed the Clerk to draft a letter to Bruce Roblee regarding electric use at the water tower on Old Johnstown Rd.

Next meeting(s) Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Trustee Dumar, seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns
Clerk Treasurer