

February 12, 2024, 6:33 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St
Monthly Minutes

Present:	Mayor	William Peeler (via Zoom)
	Deputy Mayor	Tim Healey
	Trustees	Lynn Dumar, Scott Sprague
	Clerk Treasurer	Christine Kearns
	Attorney	Michael Albanese (arrived at 6:37pm)
	Street & Water Commissioner	Christopher Weaver
	Public	Sal Riggi

Mayor Peeler Called Meeting to Order and salute to the flag at 6:33 pm

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

Correspondence

- 1/4 MVEDD – New Municipal Grant Funding
- 1/16 NYS DOT – CHIPS, Pave – NY, EWR and POP Balance
- 1/22 Laberge Group – 2024 Grants Survey
- 1/23 ConnectGen – Mill Point Solar 1 Project
- 1/26 Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility – Permission/Cost to Accept Sludge
- 2/2 Montgomery Co Treasurer – 4th Qtr. Sales Tax

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to approve the January 8, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with Trustee Dumar in favor to approve the April 15, 2021, Special Meeting minutes, Trustee Sprague abstained.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with Trustee Dumar in favor to approve the May 10, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes, Trustee Sprague abstained.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with Trustee Healey in favor to approve the May 25, 2021, Special Meeting minutes, Trustee Sprague abstained.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with Trustee Dumar in favor to approve the June 14, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes, Trustee Sprague abstained.

Resolution #1-2024 Transfers Requested for FY 2023-2024

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar

General Fund			
To	Amount	From	Amount
A1210.4 Mayor C/E	15.00	A1210.2 Mayor eqt	15.00
A1620.404 Garage C/E	546.00	A1620.405 Building C/E	546.00
A5110.403 Street C/E VehicleRep	1,910.00	A5182.2 Ornamnt Streetlights	1910.0
A7110.1 Park P/S Labor 1	1,135.00	A1620.1 Building PS Laborer1	600.00
A9010.8 State Retirement E/B	2,239.00	A1620.2 Building PS Laborer2	535.00
		A9040.8 Workers Comp Ins	1,350.00
		A1990.4 Contingency Account	889.00
Total	5,845.00	Total	5,845.00
Water Fund			

To	Amount	From	Amount
FX9010.8 NYS Retirement E/B	2,239.00	FX1990.4 Contingency	2,239.00
Total	2,239.00	Total	2,239.00

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			
Trustee Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Resolution #2-2024 Amend FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget to Account for the Increase in CHIPS Funds Available

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

Amend FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget to Account for the increase in available CHIPS funds, increase revenue account A3501 Consolidated Highway Aid by \$14,190.00 and increase expense account A5112.403 Street Paving (Chips) by \$14,190.00.

The question of 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			
Trustee Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			

Public – Sal Riggi mentioned a new barber shop opening soon on Main St and the raceway has a race in May 2024 that should draw a big crowd.

Mayor Report – Discussed the revised proposed 2024-2025 Budget from the FFJWWTP, the Village of Fultonville rejected the initial budget because of the budget lines for the road paving and equipment replacement, revised budget has both items removed, Mayor asked Board members for opinion on the roadway paving; Trustee Sprague – Villages should not be responsible for portion of road used for race track; Trustee Dumar asked if we can not allow the race track to use the road, Mayor Peeler stated the road is owned by the Montgomery County Agriculture Society, we only have a right of way; Trustee Healey – Against spending any money on paving, need an agreement in place, would like the barriers moved, if paved no racing on road; Street & Water Commissioner Weaver stated that the sludge hauler didn’t want to go down the road because of the pot holes; Had to clean out the drains in the road that were filled with clay from the track with help from Village of Fultonville; Mayor Peeler to send email to Sewer Board Chairman Parks for further explanation on the equipment replacement; Working on updating the Comprehensive Plan; Discussed building a new municipal office building and demolishing current building; Looking into several grants to see what is available, Brownfield Planning, Downtown or Waterfront Revitalization, Community Initiatives, Resiliency Planning, Coastal natural Resource Protection, Community Planning and Zoning to name a few; Discussed the After the 4th Celebration, not sustainable, need more donations, will have to discontinue the fireworks show; Discussed having concerts in the park.

Motion by Trustee Healey, Second by Mayor Peeler with all in favor to contract with Skeeter Creek to play a 3-hour concert on July 12, 2024, for a cost of \$2,550.

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written report distributed. Received a proposal from Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Waste Water Treatment Plant to receive the sludge from the backwash lagoons at the water plant for a fee of \$0.055 per gallon; Estimate from sludge hauler of \$250-\$300 per load to transport to GJJWTP, more information is needed.

Mayor Peeler stated he has been talking with Fultonville Mayor Tim Morford about consolidating the DPW departments, they are working out the details then will present them to the Boards.

Street & Water Commissioner Report (cont.) – Received a proposal from Prime AE for Engineering Services regarding the Water Filtration Plant Backwash Lagoon Study in the amount of \$14,700.00, NYSDOH required report to be submitted by May 31, 2024.

Resolution #3-2024 Approval of Prime AE Proposal for Water Filtration Plant Backwash Lagoon Study
Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

Approve the Mayor to sign the proposal from Prime AE to provide engineering services to complete a study of the Water Filtration Plant Backwash Lagoons in the amount of \$14,700.00. Scope of work to include:

- Provide a study evaluating the current condition of the lagoons and detailing recommended necessary improvements summarized in an engineering report.
- Provide an engineer’s opinion of probable construction cost for the recommended improvements.
- Provide a project schedule for design and construction.
- Attend one (1) site visit to the lagoons for field investigation.

Clerk to make adjustments to the current fiscal year budget as required.

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			

Street & Water Commissioner Report (cont.) – Had a meeting with EPA regarding their Get the Lead Out Initiative which will help identify lead service lines and apply for funding for lead line replacement.

Resolution #4-2024 Authorize Street & Water Commissioner to Apply for EPA Get the Lead Out Initiative

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar

Whereas, the EPA has required a lead line inventory of every service line on the Village of Fonda water system be completed, and,

Whereas, the inventory is to be completed by October 2024, and,

Whereas, the EPA has established the Get the Lead Out Initiative to partner with 200 underserved communities to provide support with the development of:

- Lead Service Line inventories.
- Community Engagement Plans
- Lead Service Line Replacement Plans

Therefore, the Village Board authorizes the Street & Water Commissioner to apply for this assistance and accept any assistance offered in the above outlined areas.

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			

Building and Fire Code Officer Report – Written report distributed. Trustee Dumar asked when Subway was going to reopen. Code Officer Waddle stated they are looking to open Wednesday, February 14th.

Trustee Reports – Trustee Healey commented how all the staff has done a great job getting the information needed for the time sheets for the all employees that worked on the Waterfront project so it can be sent in to the state for reimbursement.

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

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
NY Rural Water		225.00		225.00
Pay #33 1/12	1,913.73	2,651.70	69.37	4,634.80
ss med eft 1/12	146.40	202.86	5.29	354.55
National Grid	464.32			464.32
Pay #34 1/19	2,438.91	2,654.37	69.37	5,162.65
ss med eft 1/19	186.58	203.06	5.29	394.93
Charter Comm	94.99			94.99
National Grid	1,550.60			1,550.60
Frontier		134.49		134.49
Pay #35 1/26	2,327.84	2,479.20	69.37	4,876.41
ss med eft 1/26	178.08	189.66	5.33	373.07
CDPHP	2,061.66	2,061.66		4,123.32
Elan Financial (NBT CC)	90.00			90.00
Charter Comm	369.95			369.95
National Grid		233.35		233.35
Pay #36 2/2	2,443.99	2,498.06	69.37	5,011.42
ss med eft 2/2	186.97	191.10	5.29	383.36
National Grid	907.64	975.66		1,883.30
Pay #37 2/9	2,548.53	2,246.03	69.37	4,863.93
ss med eft 2/9	194.96	171.82	5.33	372.11

Abstract #9 Motion by Mayor Peeler Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
13,592.18	20,737.01	7,978.12	42,307.31

Motion to correct the summary of Abstract #8 by Mayor Peeler Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor Previously stated as:

General	Water	Sewer	Total
\$29,641.48	\$24,879.29		\$54,520.77

Corrected to:

General	Water	Sewer	Total
\$29,641.48	\$24,879.29	41.32	\$54,562.09

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written report distributed. Mentioned that they are working on updating the Official Minute book and they were unable to locate minutes for a special meeting that was held on March 25, 2021, where Resolution #29-2021 Authorization for Credit Card was presented and approved, Attorney Albanese was asked if the resolution should be included in the minute book, Attorney Albanese said to include it in the minute book.

Public left the meeting 8:43pm

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to enter executive session for reasons of personnel at 8:43 pm.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to exit executive session at 9:04 pm.

Actions per Executive Session –

Resolution #5-2024 Increase Salary of Street & Water Commissioner

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague

Increase the salary of the Street & Water Commissioner to \$1,300.00 per week beginning March 10, 2024, in order to qualify for NYS overtime pay exemption for executive, administrative and professional employees.

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			

Next meeting(s) Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns
 Clerk Treasurer