

Present: Mayor William Peeler
Trustees Lynn Dumar, Timothy Healey, Bob Klim, Scott Sprague
Clerk Treasurer Christine Kearns
Street & Water Commissioner Christopher Weaver
Attorney Michael Albanese
Public Sal Riggi, Jackie Lape, Warren Roosevelt, Jr,
Tonya Bogenschutz

Mayor Peeler Called Meeting to Order and salute to the flag at 6:32 pm.

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

Correspondence

- 7/15 NYS Department of Transportation – CHIPS, PAVE-NY, EWR AND POP
- 7/29 Mill Point Solar 1 – Notice of major amendment to application
- 8/6 Mohawk Valley Economic Development District – No-match grant funding
- 8/6 Montgomery County Treasurer – 2nd quarter 2024 sales tax distribution
- 8/6 Carver Sand & Gravel – Acquisition by Heidelberg Materials

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Klim with all in favor, to approve the July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes.

Public – Jackie Lape – Spoke about the Fonda Speedway Museum looking for new location, need a better building, wondering if space would be available in the Village Park near the bath house; Warren Roosevelt, Jr. thinks it would be a good location, gateway to the Adirondacks, close to interstate, thinks it would draw more people; Paperwork has been sent to NYS for Not-for-Profit status; Mayor Peeler stated that the Board would have to discuss it. Jackie Lape and Warren Roosevelt, Jr. left at 6:56pm. **Tonya Bogenschutz** – Looking for an update on the sidewalk project on Cemetery St., asked if it has been put out to bid yet, Mayor Peeler stated that it had not been put out to bid yet. Discussion held on virtual meetings.

Mayor Report – Mayor Peeler reviewed switching to Verizon Wireless for phone and internet service, Will need to purchase 5 phones at \$80 each after discounts, 2 Internet Gateway, 1 for each water tank, at \$399.99 each. Phones – 2 in clerk office, 1 for DPW, 1 for Code Enforcer and 1 for Mayor. DPW, Code Enforcer and Mayor phones will be equipped with One-Talk app, internet at 3 locations, municipal office building, park and water plant.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor to approve switching to Verizon Wireless for phone and internet services at the municipal office building, Village Park and the water plant and purchase needed equipment to implement the service.

Mayor Report (cont.) – Written report from Mayor regarding the boil water notice that had been issued June 27th, Discussion regarding meeting, social media and notification methods; Mayor also mentioned that under Village Law there is no refunds for water rents.

Resolution #29-2024 Approving and Endorsing NYS Homes and Community Renewal New York Main Street Technical Assistance Grant Funding Application

Motion By Mayor Peeler, Seconded By Trustee Sprague

Resolution by the Village Board approving and endorsing the Village of Fonda in its application to NYS Homes and Community Renewal for funding under the NYS Homes and Community Renewal New York Main Street Technical Assistance grant funding.

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda desires to apply for \$20,000 in financial assistance through the 2024 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) under the Fonda Main Street Design project; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Fonda will be committing a 5 percent match in the form of \$1,000 towards the Fonda Main Street Design project, creating a total project cost of \$21,000; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to assist property owners to complete building renovations to downtown “main street” buildings on and adjacent to Main Street between Cemetery Street and Cayadutta Street, South Bridge Street and Park Street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed funding will contribute to ongoing community revitalization efforts; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Fonda approves and endorses the 2024 Fonda Main Street Design project for assistance prepared and to be submitted by the Montgomery County Business Development Center.

The question of adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows.

Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Peeler	X			
Trustee Dumar	X			
Trustee Healey	X			
Trustee Sprague	X			
Trustee Klim	X			

Mayor Report (cont.) – Grant application for the boat launch, total cost of the boat docks, composite with hand railings \$141,899.84; Stairway to be installed by village personnel, \$35,000 in-kind services.

Mayor Peeler turned the meeting over to Trustee Healey at 8:07pm

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written report distributed to Board, gave out a sample letter from another municipality regarding high water readings, read the radio read meters and there were a lot of high readings, would like to adapt the sample for use here, would like to read meters monthly to help monitor for residents and notify if high readings; Found 2 water leaks on Park St., will fix on August 13th, distributed notices to all residents south of the railroad tracks, possibly have to shut off water service, possibility of a boil water issued; Need to schedule Cemetery St. to figure out what is happening there with the water in the road.

Meeting turned back over to Mayor Peeler at 8:15pm

Street & Water Commissioner Report (cont.) – Approval given by Board for high usage letter, send by mail or email if email address on file; Plant has been running well.

Building and Fire Code Officer Report – Written report distributed to Board, disregard item #1 was from last month’s report; 25 E Main St – will send letter to owner, usually no response, will have to take to court;

DPW crew has started cleaning up properties that had violations and didn't respond to notices, procedures currently are – cite them, the clean-up, let issue go again, cite them again. Spoke to Gloversville, their procedure is to cite and penalize, if issue is not fixed higher penalties are imposed. Tractor trailers for the solar project on Kane Rd have been sighted going up and down N Center St., only local deliveries allowed per Village Code, Kane Rd. in the Town has a weight restriction but no signage on N Center St. stating so, Mayor Peeler authorized the Town of Mohawk to install a sign on N Center St by Main St. stating weight restriction ahead.

Discussion held regarding Halloween and trick or treating/trunk or treat.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written report distributed to Board.

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

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Pay #6 7/12	2,293.94	2,731.26	72.83	5,098.03
ss med eft 7/12	175.49	208.94	5.55	389.98
Joseph Kulewicz - Skeeter Creek	2,550.00			2,550.00
National Grid	1,626.73			1,626.73
Pay #7 7/19	4,107.11	3,431.03	72.83	7,610.97
ss med eft 7/19	314.19	262.47	5.60	582.26
Frontier		131.22		131.22
Pay #8 7/26	3,159.62	3,311.61	72.83	6,544.06
ss med eft 7/26	241.71	253.34	5.56	500.61
CDPHP	2,278.37	2,278.36	2,278.36	6,835.09
Elan Financial - NBT CC	2,313.72			2,313.72
Charter Comm	464.94			464.94
Pay #9 8/2	2,677.17	3,256.01	72.83	6,006.01
ss med eft 8/2	204.80	249.08	5.59	459.47
National Grid		169.12		169.12
Pay #10 8/9	2,646.90	3,895.16	72.83	6,614.89
ss med eft 8/9	202.48	297.98	5.57	506.03

Abstract #3 Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
13,094.51	61,030.06	0.00	74,124.57

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor for the Clerk to return \$120.00 to James Smith, Water account #382, 2337 Hickory Hill Road and \$200.00 to PHJ Holdings, LLC – Brianna Gifford, Water account #502, 2426 Hickory Hill Road, for refund of the Outside Village Water Users deposit. Checks to be written from the Village of Fonda Agent Account.

Mayor Peeler reported on the concession sales from the Skeeter Creek Concert - \$3,340 gross sales included beverages, food, 50/50 sales and donations, Thinks people would rather have the After the 4th Celebration, Booked Skeeter Creek for next year, need to get more community involvement.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to enter executive session for reasons of litigation at 9:05 pm.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to exit executive session at 9:27 pm.

Actions per Executive Session – None

Discussion was held on a proposed law regarding the use and maintenance of creeks and streams within the village. Attorney Albanese stated that the law would need to be reviewed by the Montgomery County Planning Board.

Next meeting(s)

- Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns
Clerk Treasurer