

June 10, 2024, 6:42 pm. Municipal Building 8 E Main St  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Mayor William Peeler (via Zoom)  
Deputy Mayor Tim Healey  
Trustees Lynn Dumar, Bob Klim, Scott Sprague (arrived at 7:02pm)  
Clerk Treasurer Christine Kearns  
Street & Water Commissioner Christopher Weaver  
Attorney Michael Albanese  
Public Sal Riggi, Tonya Bogenschutz

**Mayor Peeler Called Meeting to Order and salute to the flag at 6:42 pm.**

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

**Correspondence**

- 5/13 Montgomery Co. Treasurer – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024 Sales Tax Distribution
- 5/28 NYS Comptroller – Financial Operations Audit
- 6/3 Montgomery Co. Treasurer – Mortgage Tax Distribution

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor, to approve the May 13, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor, to approve the May 30, 2024, Special Meeting minutes.

**Resolution #23-2024 Credit of Village Taxes 2024-2025 Spectrum Northeast Albany Bill #298**

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar

WHEREAS, as a regular meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Fonda was convened in public session at the Municipal Building, 8 E. Main Street, Fonda, County of Montgomery, State of New York, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 at 6:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Spectrum Northeast, LLC. states no property taxes are levied for the duration of said agreement dated March 15, 2024,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF FONDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village Board hereby finds and determines that by virtue of the Section 626 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and the cable franchise agreement dated March 15, 2024, by and between Village of Fonda and Spectrum Northeast, LLC., the Village Board has been vested with the authority to approve the credit to assessments on Tax Bill No. 298 in the amount of \$596.27

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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
Trustee Klim	X			

**Resolution #24-2024 Transfers needed for payment of Abstract #13 2023-2024 End of Fiscal Year bills**

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey

General Fund			
To	Amount	From	Amount
A1210.4 Mayor C/E	173.00	A1210.2 Mayor Eq	173.00
A1620.404 Garage C/E	415.00	A1620.405 Building CE	415.00
A1620.407 Bldg Siding/Masonry	7,460.00	A1640.400 Central Garage Build	3,800.00
A5110.402 Street C/E Repair Eqp	2,758.00	A1910.4 Insurance C/E	1,000.00
A5110.403 Street C/E Vehicle Rep	462.00	A8030.4 Consultant (Grant) P/S	2,660.00
A5110.404 Street C/E	961.00	A5110.401 Street C/E Fuel	1,663.00
A5182.4 Street Lighting CE	1,645.00	A5142.2 Snow Removal Eqpt	2,518.00
		A5182.2 Ornamnt Streetlights	545.00
		A5182.402 Streetlight C/E repair	1,100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,874.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,874.00</b>
Water Fund			
FX8320.401 Pwr Old Jtown H2O Tow	171.00	FX1990.4 Contingency	381.00
FX8340.2 Trans & Dist Eqpt	3,443.00	FX8330.2 Purification Equipment	3,443.00
FX8340.406 T&D Gen Op Exp CE	339.00	FX8340.405 T&D Postage CE	129.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,953.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,953.00</b>

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
Trustee Klim	X			

**Resolution #25-2024 Transfers Allowed to Close Out FY 2023-2024**

Offered by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar

To allow the Clerk Treasurer to transfer between subsidiary accounts within funds to close out Fiscal Year 6/1/2023-5/31/2024.

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
Trustee Klim	X			

**Public** – Tonya Bogenschutz inquired about the sidewalk project on Cemetery St., Mayor Peeler said the federal funding that he applied for was denied, will look at putting it out to bid this summer. Sal Riggi mentioned some properties that need maintenance done, Mayor Peeler asked him to contact Code Enforcer Waddle.

**Mayor Report** – Bond resolution needed for paving, Attorney Albanese to complete; Street & Water Commissioner Weaver is meeting with Montgomery Co. Business Development and dock company on Friday at the boat launch regarding a grant Montgomery Co. is preparing for docks; need to get the electrical and plumbing finished in the vending area of the bath house, new 3 bay sink has been ordered, old one needs to be sent back approximately \$100 for shipping; Spoke with NBT Bank regarding interest bearing account, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk to signers; Verizon Wireless quote regarding service at the water plant, \$40.00 per month for internet, \$399.00 internet gateway device purchase required, Mayor to reach out regarding trial period.

**Street & Water Commissioner Report** – Written report distributed to Board, Company working with EPA regarding lead line survey was here Monday and Tuesday of last week, went around to all the places not already covered by DPW crew, left notices, may need to send further letters/notices and keep track for further action to get inventory completed; One lagoon at water plant has been cleaned and emptied, need to buy pipe to clean 2<sup>nd</sup> lagoon, sent pictures to Matt Lord at Prime Engineering, Matt is working on the report with Sarah Nowalk from NYS Department of Health; MCC cabinet and transfer switch for the generator at the plant are in.

**Building and Fire Code Officer Report** – Written report distributed to Board.

**Clerk Treasurer Report** – Written report distributed to Board.

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

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Pay #51 5/17	2,716.97	1,958.99	69.37	4,745.33
ss med eft 5/17	207.85	149.86	5.33	363.04
Frontier		131.22		131.22
Pay #52 5/24	2,757.74	1,639.66	69.37	4,466.77
ss med eft 5/24	210.97	125.43	5.30	341.70
Pay #53 5/31	3,167.61	1,610.55	69.37	4,847.53
ss med eft 5/31	242.32	123.21	5.29	370.82
USPS	121.83			121.83
Charter Comm	94.99			94.99
Abstract #13	24,722.22	7,944.57	15.00	32,681.79
Transfer to Trust Account		150.00	519.02	669.02
CDPHP	1,674.83	1,674.83	1,674.81	5,024.47
NBT Bank	5,090.19	5,090.19	5,090.18	15,270.56
Pay #1 6/7	2,390.08	2,225.74	72.83	4,688.65
ss med eft 6/7	182.84	170.27	5.59	358.70

**Abstract #13** Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
24,722.22	7,944.57	15.00	32,681.79

**Abstract #14** Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague, with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
128.00	3,091.00	0.00	3,219.00

**Abstract #1** Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
6,646.95	0.00	0.00	6,646.95

**2017 EFC Grant Water Improvements Payment**

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

Check #	Payee	Description	Amount
1043	O'Connell Electric	Payment App #5	14,250.00

**Sewer Plant Report** – Written report distributed to Board.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to enter executive session for reasons of litigation at 7:30 pm.

**Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to exit executive session at 7:59 pm.

**Actions per Executive Session** – **Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague, with all in favor to hire Heath Port as a Summer Laborer pending interview with Street & Water Commissioner Weaver and Mayor Peeler upon recommendation from the Personnel Committee. 20 hours per week for 12 weeks, \$16.00/hr, approximate start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Motion** by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Healey with all in favor to hire Tracy Cranker as Deputy Clerk #2, pending interview with Mayor Peeler, \$20.00 per hour, weekly hours and start date to be determined.

Mayor Peeler will be submitting for a beer and wine license, donation from Stewart's for hot dogs and ice cream for the night the Skeeter Creek concert, July 12, 2024.

**Next meeting(s)**

- Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm

**Adjournment** Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns  
Clerk Treasurer