

Present: Mayor William Peeler
Trustees Lynn Dumar, Timothy Healey, Bob Klim, Scott Sprague
Clerk Treasurer Christine Kearns
Street & Water Commissioner Christopher Weaver
Code Enforcement Officer Stan Waddle
Village Historian Beverly Guiffre
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 packets of materials.

Correspondence

- 10/15 NYCOM – Comp Alliance partnership
- 10/21 Repsol Renewables – Mill Point Solar I Project Community Meeting
- 10/28 Amos King – Vendor Room Lease 2025
- 11/4 Montgomery Co-Treasurer – 3rd Quarter 2024 Sales Tax Distribution
- 11/6 Letter from Deputy Mayor Healey – Bath House Inspection

Mayor Peeler approved the Clerk Treasurer to return the security deposit to Amos King/BBQ Hut in the amount of \$800.00.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Dumar, with all in favor, to approve the October 15, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes with typo change noted by Trustee Sprague.

Mayor Report –

- Reviewed the NBT/Mang Insurance renewal proposal for 10/17/2024 – 10/17/2025
 - Total premium \$28,959.29
 - Commercial Package \$23,330.29 increase of \$1,923.65
 - Owners & Contractors Protective Liability \$275.00 no change
 - Commercial Auto \$3,734.00, increase of \$183.00
 - Commercial Umbrella \$1,650.00, increase of \$83.00Total increase of \$2,464.65 from 10/17/2023 – 10/17/2024 policy.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Sprague, to approve the NBT-Mang/NYMIR Insurance renewal of \$28,956.29, an increase of \$2,464.65, for the policy period October 17, 2024 – October 17, 2025, as presented and authorized the Mayor to sign renewal policy

- Reviewed the proposed Village of Fonda Data Security and Storage Policy.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor to approve the Village of Fonda Data Security and Storage Policy as written.

- Reviewed the proposed updated Code Enforcement Officer job description

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to approve the updated Code Enforcement Officer job description.

- Fonda Fultonville Waste Water Plant sludge hauler has decided not to renew the contract citing the road condition, Sewer Board will be putting out an RFP for sludge hauling. Mayor will be writing letters to Montgomery County Agricultural Board and to the raceway promoter, First step is to identify where the easement is. Trustee Healey stated he is not in favor of spending any money on the road.

Trustee Klim's main concern is what the cost would be and how it would be funded. Mayor Peeler suggested that the Fair/Raceway is the #1 attraction in Montgomery County, therefore Montgomery County, Town of Mohawk and both Village forces could do the work, would still need to buy supplies, cost should be shared between Montgomery County Agricultural Society and the Villages of Fultonville and Fonda.

- Discussion on Bid #24-01 regarding a new pickup truck. Mayor Peeler spoke to Denooyer Chevrolet and Main Motorcar, Denooyer's bid is higher by approximately \$2,800 and has the truck on the lot, Main Motorcar truck is on route to them and could deliver to us by end of December, After consulting with Attorney Albanese who thought it should be put back out to bid, Mayor doesn't want to slow the process down and would like to move forward with either Main Motorcar or Denooyer Chevrolet. Street and Water Commissioner Weaver's only concern is the shifter, does not want the dial shifter.

Mayor Peeler called for a recess at 7:11pm

Mayor Peeler resumed the meeting at 7:17pm

Mayor Report (cont.) –

- Truck from Main Motorcar possibly has the dial shifter, dealer to confirm and get back to us.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor to accept the bid from Main Motorcar to purchase 2024 Dodge Ram 3500 Tradesman Reg Cab 4x4 with stainless steel plow and 48" rooftop emergency light bar in the amount of \$55,975.00 providing it does not have the dial shifter. If the Dodge does have the dial shifter approve the Mayor to purchase the 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD CK30903-LWB, 4WD, Reg Cab, with stainless steel plow and 48" light bar, if compatible, in the amount of \$58,852.80. If the light bar is not compatible, we will purchase on our own.

Public – Village Historian Beverly Guiffre has been doing some history of a family from Fonda for Amsterdam DAR and Ft. Plain DAR. Dorothy Morford's old house on W Main St next to Stewarts is a historic building. In the 1880s J F Starin converted it to a school, converted in 1918 to a grange hall and then opened as an antique store by the Morford's. Stewarts wants to purchase it and tear it down; NYS Parks says they can't step in to save the building. The Village of Fonda is on the list to become a historic district, she will be getting a package on how to apply. Mayor Peeler stated he would hate to see the building torn down, will try to talk to Stewarts about other options. **Dorian Gray** from Renegade Ink and Piercing introduced himself to the Board as a new business on Main St., needs to get his business insurance and then will be all set to go. **Sal Riggi** stated he spoke to someone at the Reformed Church who said they would not be participating in the tree lighting, On Track Nutrition has closed the store on Main St and the building is for rent.

Mayor Peeler mentioned that Trunk or Treat had a very poor turn-out again, suggested not doing it again next year, Trustee Healey mentioned he is good either way.

Street & Water Commissioner Report – Written report distributed to Board; Trustee Dumar asked about the Christmas tree and when they would like to pick it up, Commissioner Weaver stated by the 25th at the latest; Getting ready to send out the letters to water customers regarding the lead line survey, have to be mailed by the 15th, Seaway diving will be cleaning out the tank at the water plant, will try to check for the media that is showing up at Keymark, possibility of getting reimbursed through the EFC grant for the cleaning, Fixed water services on Broadway and Route 5 west of the Village, NYS DPW was very helpful at both locations.

Mayor Peeler stated they had the first meeting of the Fonda Water Cooperative Committee, next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2024, Anthony Mendetta appointed chairman.

Clerk Treasurer Report – Written report distributed to Board.

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

	General	Water	Sewer	Total
Pay #20 10/18	2,441.54	2,278.62	72.83	4,792.99
ss med eft 10/18	186.78	174.31	5.59	366.68
Pay #21 10/25	3,006.98	2,252.75	72.83	5,332.56
ss med eft 10/25	230.03	172.34	5.59	407.96
National Grid		153.59		153.59
CDPHP	2,278.37	2,278.36	2,278.36	6,835.09
Elan Financial - NBT CC	655.98			655.98
Charter Comm	369.95			369.95
Pay #22 11/1	2,607.43	2,347.65	72.83	5,027.91
ss med eft 11/1	199.47	179.60	5.54	384.61
National Grid	658.73	1,571.55		2,230.28
Pay #23 11/8	2,161.11	2,231.13	72.83	4,465.07
ss med eft 11/8	165.32	170.68	5.59	341.59

Abstract #6 Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Sprague with all in favor

General	Water	Sewer	Total
106,422.45	58,137.59	403.50	164,963.54

Street & Water Commissioner Weaver informed the Mayor and Board that a plan needs to be made of what the Village is going to do about the lead and galvanized service lines in the future.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Healey with all in favor to correct the dollar amount for the Park & Waterfront account in the motion made at the October 15, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting regarding transfers to the newly established IntraFi checking account ending with 5534 at NBT Bank.

Previously stated:

- Park & Waterfront account ending with 8571 - \$70,525.22

Corrected to:

- Park & Waterfront account ending with 8571 - \$71,095.44

Mayor Peeler asked Village Historian Beverly Guiffre if she would like to do history tours of the Village next year possibly during Octoberfest, she agreed.

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

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to approve the payment of the NYSLRS Annual Invoice for pension contributions due by December 15, 2024, in the amount of \$28,682.00 which includes a discount of \$206.00 for prepayment.

Mayor Peeler had Media Pros come in and give an estimate for upgrades to Wifi access points, conference room video conference system, equipment closet and setting up new Verizon phone system, including an external antenna. Estimate in the amount of \$4,906.93 for wifi access, video conference system, and equipment closet, additional fees for setting up Verizon phone/fax lines with

antennas to be determined, billed on time (\$85.00/hr) and materials.

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Seconded by Trustee Klim with all in favor to approve Media Professionals to do the upgrades to the Wifi access points, conference room video conference system, equipment closet and set up new phone system in the amount of \$5,900.00.

Attorney – No report

Sewer Plant Operator Report – Written report

New Business - None

Motion by Mayor Peeler, Second by Trustee Dumar with all in favor to enter executive session for reasons of negotiations and personnel at 8:12 pm.

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

Attorney Albanese left the meeting at 9:27 pm.

Actions per Executive Session – None

Trustee Reports – Trustee Dumar doesn't want to lose the historic buildings, but costs would be too much to repair. Trustee Klim gave an example of the old stone wall on Main St. When the state was redoing the Main St. they were going to replace the wall, no one wanted that to be done, now the wall is falling down.

Next meeting(s) Regular Monthly Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment Motion by Mayor Peeler, seconded by Trustee Dumar with all in favor at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Kearns
Clerk Treasurer