

# **Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting and Public Hearing of the Town Board of the Town of Fabius**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Present:

Mrs. Melanie Vilardi – Supervisor	Mr. Dennis Bobbette – Highway Supervisor
Mr. James Conway – Councilmember	Mrs. Peggy Riker – Town Clerk ( <i>Absent</i> )
Mr. Peter Schlicht – Councilmember	Mr. Thomas Chartrand – Bookkeeper
Mrs. Deborah Foster – Councilmember	Mr. Michael Decker – Zoning/Codes Officer ( <i>Abs</i> )
Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember	Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to open the **Public Hearing** at 5:30 PM. First order of business is to review a Special Use Permit regarding the Route 80 Solar Project. Public comments as to participation, savings expected and decommissioning were addressed.

The second order of business is to amend the Zoning map to include the Solar Overlay District. No public comment. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to close the Public Hearing at 5:45 PM. Both motions PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown.

Mrs. Vilardi went over the SEQR form. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to appoint the Town of Fabius as lead agency. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown.

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mrs. Vilardi at 5:45 PM.

Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mortgage tax is \$26,000 to the positive and NYCLASS is up to 4%. General spending is at 64% and revenue at 107%. Highway spending is at 55% and revenue at 111%.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** No report.

**ZONING REPORT:** No report.

**HISTORIAN:** A snowplow hit the “Dam” sign at West Lake and Dam Roads.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Ms. Beglinger is retiring as President but will still be running the Pioneer Museum.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

***Elevator:*** Discussion regarding a 5-year load test will be postponed until next month’s meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Fabius Evergreen Cemetery:*** Ms. Beglinger reported their current bank balance is \$3,716.30.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

1. Rate of compensation and salary payment schedule for elected and appointed officials per budget.
2. Designate NBT as official bank for Town of Fabius and participation in NYCLASS.
3. Petty cash for Town Clerk/Tax Collector - \$100.00. Petty cash for Justice Court - \$200.00.
4. Highway Superintendent be authorized to purchase equipment and tools for Highway Department up to the sum of \$500.00.
5. Designate voting delegate Robert DeMore to the Association of Towns meeting in February.
6. Allocate .655¢ per mile for Town business.
7. Designate Robert DeMore as Attorney for the Town.
8. Designate The Post Standard as our legal newspaper.
9. Set aside monies, per budget, for Item #1 for Primary Work and General Repairs.
10. Approve all bonds as to form and sufficiency.
11. Authorize Supervisor to invest in prudent manner all idle funds.
12. Enter into agreement with Smith Ambulance Service and Tully Ambulance District per budget.
13. Designate James Conway Power of Attorney.
14. Adopt Town Procurement Policy.
15. Adopt Town Harassment Policy.
16. Adopt Town Code of Ethics Policy.
17. Adopt Town Employee Handbook.
18. Adopt Town Investment Policy.
19. Adopt six (6) hours as standard workday for elected and appointed officials for retirement.
20. Authorize Supervisor to enter into agreement with Onondaga County Youth and Recreation.
21. Designate meeting night as third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.
22. Appointments:
  - Bookkeeper to the Supervisor and Budget Officer – Tom Chartrand
  - Animal Control Officer – Laura Holt
  - Historian – Peter Schlicht
  - Secretary to Zoning – Peggy Riker
  - Town Engineer – CNS
  - Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – Michael Decker
  - Building Custodian – Shealynn Card
  - Assessment Board of Review – Jeffrey Skinner
  - Zoning Board – n/a
23. Authorize Town Supervisor to enter into agreement with Country Acres and SPCA for animal cruelty.
24. Authorize Supervisor to enter into a contract with electrical inspection contractor.
25. Designate Margaret Riker as FOIL Officer.
26. Designate Melanie Vilardi as FOIL Appeals Officer.

Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve the above items. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to pay the bills on Abstract #12 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Vouchers 133 through 142
\$ 14,803.73	
General Fund	Vouchers 281 through 313
\$ 34,594.61	

Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Schlicht.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13, 2023**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM**.

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Schlicht.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker  
Town Clerk