

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting  
of the  
Town Board of the Town of Fabius**

Monday, October 16, 2023

**Present:**

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| Mrs. Melanie Vilardi – Supervisor   | Mr. Dennis Bobbette – Highway Supervisor    |
| Mr. Craig Powers – Councilmember    | Mrs. Peggy Riker – Town Clerk               |
| Mr. Peter Schlicht – Councilmember  | Mr. Thomas Chartrand – Bookkeeper           |
| Mrs. Deborah Foster – Councilmember | Mr. Michael Decker – Codes Officer (Abs)    |
| Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember      | Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town (Abs) |

Regular meeting called to order by Mrs. Vilardi at 5:35 PM. A moment of silence was observed in memory of James Conway, recent Town Board Councilmember.

**Election Issues:** Mrs. Jennifer Gallagher addressed the Board regarding the nonprofit volunteer group NYCA, “New York Citizens’ Audit”. The group is spearheading an investigation into errors in the voting and election systems. 50 towns in 17 counties are joining in sending resolutions to New York State to demand audits of the election procedures and systems. In 2020, there were 383,000 more votes than registered voters. This started as a New York State initiative and has grown nationwide. Mrs. Vilardi said Mr. DeMore is reviewing the requested resolution and it is expected that the Board will pass a resolution if the review is positive.

**Previous Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- NYCLASS is up to 5.25%, the NBT account is still yielding 3% and revenue sharing AIM is up.
- Court fines are improving.
- Franchise fees are a little low due to people streaming more.
- General spending is at 50% and revenue is at 103%. Highway spending is at 44% and revenue is at 108%. Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the financial report. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.
- A motion was made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to approve one budget transfer for \$200 from Contingent Contractual to Assessor’s Contractual. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.
- We will have a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM on the Preliminary Budget.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

- Received fuel reimbursement check from the Fire District for \$ 903.34.
- The new truck should be back in a couple of weeks.
- The sand and salt are ready for winter.
- Mr. Bobbette bought new cutting edges for the plows.

**ZONING REPORT:** No report.

**HISTORIAN:** No report.

**PIONEER MUSEUM:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***F.A.C.C. Snow Shoveling:*** Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to authorize the Supervisor to sign snow shoveling contract with JCK Exteriors. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

***Senate Race Candidate:*** Mr. Caleb Slater introduced himself.

***Southern Hills Preservation Corp.:*** Mrs. Vilardi received a letter from them informing they have \$4.5 million funding available for low income families.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Highway Garage Addition:*** Mrs. Vilardi met with CCC (Construction Concepts Cortland) about their design and build plan. When it is approved, we will put it out to bid. This company also was involved with the building of Cuyler Fire Department, Groton joint Fire and Highway Departments, Delphi Falls Fire Department and the Pompey Mall.

***Fabius Evergreen Cemetery:*** No report.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers, to pay the bills on Abstract #9 in the following amounts:

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| Highway Fund | Vouchers 74 through 77   | \$ 9,607.65  |
| General Fund | Vouchers 202 through 216 | \$ 28,117.51 |

Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on **Monday, November 20, 2023** at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM**.

Motion to adjourn at 6:04 PM made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker  
Town Clerk