

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

Monday, May 20, 2024

**Present:**

Mr. Michael 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. Paul Brown – Councilmember  
Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town  
Also present: Mr. Paul Sheneman, Engineer

Mr. Michael Decker – Zoning/Codes Officer      *(Absent)*

Mr. Vilardi led in the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order the regular meeting at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, 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:**

\* Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht to accept the bank reconciliation. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.  
\* We have been reimbursed for the total salary and benefits from the Fire District for their Clerk.  
\* General spending is at 27% and revenue is at 96%. Highway spending is at 16% and spending is at 65%. Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to accept the financial report.  
Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.  
\* While attending finance training, Mr. Chartrand learned that we need to spend the ARPA funds, (currently \$149,000), by the end of 2024. We had planned on using that toward the highway garage building project.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

\* Mr. Bobbette received fuel reimbursement checks from the Fire District for \$146.30 (for March) and \$310.20 (for April).  
\* We will receive \$32,800 for the truck we are auctioning through Auctions International.  
Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept sale. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.  
\* South Street is ready for paving.  
\* Mr. Bobbette noted they are spending about 20 hours per week to keep up with mowing.

**ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Vilardi reported we currently have two new constructions, one subdivision and one pole barn going up.

**HISTORIAN:** No report.

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** No report.

\*\* Mr. Vilardi opened the meeting up for public comment. No comments \*\*

### Regular Town Board Meeting

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## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Solar-Berry Road:** Mr. Sheneman, the Engineer, read through parts 1, 2 & 3 of the SEQRA forms and answered any questions. Once started, the project is expected to take about a year to complete. Mr. Matt Kerwin, the representative for the applicant, further explained the process and expectations.

RESOLUTION #2024-4  
(SEQRA for Solar Farm – 1120 Berry Road)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Vilardi, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes -5 Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers  
Nays - 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fabius hereby determines the Project will comply with all applicable Town plans, laws and regulations and further finds the Project will not cause a significant adverse environmental impact.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers, to set a Public Hearing for June 17, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Fabius Area Community Center to consider the Solar Overlay District application of Fabius CSG LLC. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

**Zoning Deputy:** Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to appoint Mr. Ben Vincent as Deputy Code Enforcer. There will be no salary; Mr. Vincent will bill for his services. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

**Court Audit:** Mr. Vilardi and Mrs. Foster met with Judge Malone to audit the Court's 2023 records.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Website:** Mr. Artyukhin, is doing a fantastic job. Discussion about getting the minutes completed. Mr. Artyukhin will work with Mrs. Riker to get that done.

***Fabius Evergreen Cemetery:*** Ms. Beglinger reported their current bank balance is \$24,451.63.

**Highway Garage:** Mike Barnes from C&S Engineers will be making a visit to the Highway garage.

**NBT Bank Fund:** Mr. Chartrand has transferred some money from NYCLASS to the fund.

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**Swim Program:** Registration is open and there will be two sessions. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement for the swim program. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

**General Code:** We need to have the last eight laws put into the Town Code. The quote for supplementation is between \$2,690 and \$2,740. Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve the update. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to pay the bills on Abstract #4 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Vouchers 26 through 34
	\$ 19,623.02
General Fund	Vouchers 65 through 92
	\$ 19,300.07

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

There will be a **Public Hearing** held on **Monday, June 17, 2024**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM** to consider the application of Fabius CSG LLC for a Solar Overlay District in connection with a solar farm proposed for property located at 1120 Berry Road. The regular Town Board meeting will immediately follow.

Motion to adjourn at 6:07 PM made by Mr. Vilardi, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker  
Town Clerk