

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

Monday, July 17, 2023

**Present:**

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

Regular meeting called to order by Mrs. Vilardi at 5:30 PM.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes of the last meeting.  
Motion PASSED – Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- NYCLASS is up to 4.99%.
- Justice Court is ahead year-to-date on revenue.
- We received a refund from Comp Alliance.
- Franchise fees came in a little lower than expected.
- Joint Youth money was received from the Village. That will enable us to pay for the summer swim program with Tully this year.
- General spending is at 37% and revenue is at 98%. Highway spending is at 30% and revenue is at 86%, which makes us way ahead year-to-date. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept the financial report. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown.
- There is one budget transfer for insurance from General Fund Contingent to Unallocated Insurance for \$3,000. Motion by Mrs. Vilardi, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve the budget transfer. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown.
- We have discussed a new money market account at NBT Bank. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to authorize the Supervisor to sign for a new account.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:**

- Mr. Bobbette received two checks for fuel reimbursement: one from the School District for \$1,192.55 and one from the Fire District for \$224.91.
- Oil and stone work is done.
- The two trees are down on South Street. Still need to grind stumps.

**ZONING REPORT:** Mrs. Vilardi reported Mr. Decker is working with residents in Apulia.

**HISTORIAN:** No report.

**PIONEER MUSEUM:** Ms. Beglinger reported 68 visitors since June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***Solar Route 80 Project:*** A change is requested to have the wiring go partially above the stream instead of below it to avoid environmental impacts on the stream.

**RESOLUTION #2023-6**

(Overhead stream crossing - Route 80 Solar Project)

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

ADOPTED    Ayes –3            Vilardi, Foster, Brown  
                 Nays - 0

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fabius hereby approves the minor modification of crossing the stream overhead with the electrical wiring to avoid environmental impacts to the stream.

***South Street Paving:*** RSD will prepare an Environmental Assessment form.

***DeRuyter Lake Property:*** This was a blueline property acquired from the State. There is approximately 810 feet of waterfront. Mrs. Vilardi spoke with both the Town and Village of DeRuyter about the future of the property. They want to retain ownership. When asked if they would be willing to buy out the Town of Fabius, the Village was interested but the Town was not. Mrs. Vilardi suggested having the property appraised.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

***Highway Garage Addition:*** Mrs. Vilardi and Mr. Bobbette met with a Cortland company who worked on Preble's highway barn. We are waiting to receive a quote.

***Fabius Evergreen Cemetery:*** The bank balance is \$17,952.64.

***Swim Program:*** The preliminary feedback is good.

***S.O.T.S.:*** The contract went out to bid. The contract is set to begin on September 3, 2023 and last for two years. Bids from Dependable Disposal and one from Superior, out of Warners, NY, were very close. There is much to consider; i.e., Superior handles Towns like Salina, but does not use totes with their current trucks.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Vilardi, to pay the bills on Abstract #5 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund

Vouchers 44 through 54  
\$ 118,563.20

General Fund

Vouchers 131 through 156

\$ 33,293.92

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Motion PASSED – Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on **Monday, August 21, 2023**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM**.

Motion to adjourn at 5:49 PM made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brownr. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 3, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker  
Town Clerk