

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Town Board of the Town of Fabius held at the Town Hall on
Monday, July 19, 2021**

Present:

Mrs. Melanie Vilardi – Supervisor
Mr. Warren Virgil – Highway Supervisor
Mr. James Conway – Councilmember (*ABSENT*)
Mrs. Peggy Riker – Town Clerk
Mr. Peter Schlicht – Councilmember
Mr. Thomas Chartrand – Bookkeeper
Mrs. Deborah Foster – Councilmember
Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember
Mr. Michael Decker – Zoning/Codes Officer (*ABSENT*) Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town
Ms. Sandy Beglinger – Historical Society

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mrs. Vilardi at 7:00 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, Foster, Brown, Schlicht.

FINANCIAL REPORT: NYCLASS interest is down just a bit; franchise fees are up due to a problem with Spectrum’s billing; building permits are up slightly year-to-date. After some discussion, we will schedule our first Budget Workshop for September 20th after our regular Town Board meeting, the second Budget Workshop for October 18th after our regular Town Board meeting and a Public Hearing for the budget on November 3rd at 5:00 PM. Motion by Mrs Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to set the Public Hearing for the budget on November 3, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Schlicht.

ZONING REPORT: No report.

HIGHWAY REPORT: A resignation is expected from Gene Schaeffer. Mr. Virgil noted that our equipment operators are making several dollars an hour less than many surrounding towns. Regarding the accident last year on Route 80 involving a chain link fence and the Fire Department’s rescue efforts, Mr. Virgil informed the Board that our Fire Department will be recognized and receive the “EMS Provider of the Year” award. Congratulations to the Fabius Fire District and all of its volunteers!

HISTORIAN: Highland Forest has been keeping the gate closed when the Pioneer Museum is open, discouraging visitors. Mrs. Vilardi will talk with Mr. Dave Knapp to try to rectify this.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: 70 people visited the Pioneer Museum since last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Solar Speed Limit Signs: Mr. Virgil received a quote from a third vendor, Elan City, for \$5,779 for the solar speed limit signs. He has received permission from the County to place the signs on Route 80.

Some discussion about where exactly to place the signs and how often to move them. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to purchase two solar speed limit signs for \$5,779.

General Code: We will have three new local laws to send them for update to the zoning code.

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Cannabis Dispensary: Towns can opt-out, via local law, of allowing retail dispensaries by December 2021. If they do not opt-out by then, these dispensaries will be allowed. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to set the Public Hearing to opt-out for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:45 PM. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Schlicht.

Farm Event Center Law: Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to set the Public Hearing for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Schlicht.

Toggenburg Ski Center: The center was bought by the owners of Song Mountain and Labrador Mountain. The intention of the new owner presently is to close Toggenburg.

Pompey Center Road Disturbances: Mrs. Vilardi gave a brief update about a few residents creating disturbances and leaving trash along Pompey Center and Toggenburg Roads, as reported by a resident to Mrs. Vilardi.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fabius Evergreen Cemetery: Ms. Beglinger reported their current bank balance is \$3,450.50.

Solar Farm: There was an informational presentation last month. The Town Board is investigating what surrounding towns are doing.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlich, to pay the bills on Abstract #6 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Vouchers 62 through 69
	\$ 11,016.59
General Fund	Vouchers 136 through 160
	\$ 6,578.30

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

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on **Monday, August 16, 2021**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at 7:00 PM, preceded by a Public Hearing on the Farm Event Center local law at 6:30 PM and then a Public Hearing on opting-out of the cannabis dispensaries at 6:45 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28 PM made by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Schlicht.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker
Town Clerk