

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Town Board of the Town of Fabius

Monday, July 15, 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. Michael Decker – Zoning/Codes Officer (Abs)
Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember
Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town

Mr. Vilardi led in the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order the Town Board Meeting at 5:30 PM.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

* The second half of the snow and ice removal money was received.
* General spending is at 37% and revenue is at 97%. Highway spending is at 23% and spending is at 87%.
Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the financial report. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.
* Mr. Chartrand moved all the NYCLASS funds to the new NBT account.
* Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve the budget transfer from Estimated Revenues (CHIPS, PAVENY) to Improvement Program (Construction Expense) for \$269. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.
* Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to accept the bank reconciliation. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

* Mr. Bobbette reported the paving of Shackham Road is now completed.
* He received a check for \$157.32 from the Fire District for fuel reimbursement.
* There is a Highway Superintendents' conference in September in Ellicottville. The conference is \$550 and the room is \$169 per night. The Towns of Pompey and Fabius are planning to split the room cost. Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve Mr. Bobbette's attendance at the conference. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.
* The old pickup was sold at auction for \$2,100.
* We received a quote of \$84,394.44 from Van Bortel Ford for a new 2024 Ford F-450 XL Crew Cab 4x4 with a western 8'6" – 9'8" Prodigy plow. We also received a quote from Tracey for \$15,551 for a 2024 Felling 14-ft IT-I drop deck trailer. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to authorize up to \$100,000 of the ARPA funds to purchase the new pickup with plow and trailer for betterment of maintaining Town roads. Another motion was made by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mr. Powers, to purchase the pickup truck with plow on County Contract #ONGOV-106-19 2024 for \$84,394.44. A final motion was made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown, to authorize the purchase of a trailer from Tracey under Sourcewell Contract #121918-FTS for \$15,551. All motions PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.
* There was a discussion about possibly entering into an agreement with the Village of Fabius for materials and time when the Town Highway's help is requested within the Village of Fabius.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Vilardi reported aside from the usual building permit activity, Mr. Decker just finished a subdivision and is now working on a new building permit for the resident.

HISTORIAN: Mr. Schlicht said the family of Bernice Seamans was very grateful for the use of the Community Center for their celebration of life.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: No report.

FABIUS EVERGREEN CEMETERY: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resident Mr. Bill Casey: Mr. Casey asked for more information regarding any requirements concerning the landscaping to surround the solar farm on his land on Berry Road. It was explained that it is a work in progress and we have not gotten that far in the process yet to determine the exact landscaping needed. His concern was how much landscaping upkeep he would need to be responsible for. He hoped to keep it simple so that his upkeep would not be complicated or too time-consuming.

Resident Mr. Aaron Brown: Mr. Brown introduced himself as a new resident on Swift Road. He and his wife both were in the Navy. He offered his help/services to the Town in any way that is needed. He expressed a desire to know more about the Town and to get involved. The Town Board thanked him.

Insurance Walkthrough: Mr. Vilardi met with a risk analyst last week, who made suggestions to help the Town mitigate their risk in general.

OLD BUSINESS:

Berry Road Solar: We received County Planning's resolutions of approval.

Highway Garage: Mr. Vilardi and Mr. Bobbette met with the engineers, CNS to discuss the feasibility of a new Highway garage.

Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mr. Powers, to pay the bills on Abstract #6 in the following amounts:

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| Highway Fund | Vouchers 44 through 54 |
| | \$ 51,369.84 |
| General Fund | Vouchers 115 through 136 |
| | \$ 45,336.36 |

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

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to go into Executive Session at 6:00 P.M. to discuss an employee issue. Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to exit Executive Session at 6:24 PM.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be a held on **Monday, August 19, 2024**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30**.

Motion to adjourn at 6:24 P.M. made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker
Town Clerk