

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

Monday, December 16, 2024

**Present:**

Mr. Michael Vilardi – Supervisor  
Mr. Craig Powers – Councilmember  
Mr. Peter Schlicht – Councilmember  
Mrs. Deborah Foster – Councilmember  
Mr. Paul Brown – Councilmember

Mr. Dennis Bobbette – Highway Supervisor  
Mrs. Peggy Riker – Town Clerk  
Mr. Thomas Chartrand – Bookkeeper  
Mr. Tim Bearup – Zoning/Codes Officer (*Absent*)  
Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town

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

Interim Judge Gary Malone gave a brief summary of what has been happening and where the Court stands to date. He gave several suggestions to improve the efficiency and safety of the Court: (1) secure the computers in the locked office – Judge Betty DeLuna will contact Office of Court Administration to work with her; (2) spending time doing records retention, perhaps using microfiche. He suggested the Court could take 6 months or longer to get the retention done. Judge Malone will be mentoring Judge DeLuna for 60 days into the new year.

Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, 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 at 4.49% and NBT is holding steady at 4.55%.
- \* Justice Court fines are up from budget by \$276.
- \* Dimension Energy developer fee was brought back up to where it should be.
- \* The Host Community Benefits fee (first 1/2) was received.
- \* Building permit fees are coming in as expected.
- \* General spending is at 67% and revenue is at 109%. Highway spending is at 62% and revenue is still at 120%.
- \* Budget transfer: From the ARPA funds of \$149,332.84 we will move \$49,387.40 into the Engineering account line to cover the new Highway building project. Another \$84,394.44 will go toward a new truck next year. Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to accept the budget transfers.
- \* Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to accept the financial report.
- \* Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to accept the bank reconciliation.
- \* Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, authorizing the Supervisor to make any necessary end of the year payments.
- \* Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to authorize the Supervisor to sign Court banking documents.
- \* Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise the Organizational meeting for January 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm and move the regular Town Board meeting to immediately follow the Organizational meeting.

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

**ZONING REPORT**

Mr. Vilardi reported Mr. Bearup is keeping very busy with building permits and some violations.

**HIGHWAY REPORT**

- \* Mr. Bobbette received fuel reimbursement of \$173.29 from the fire district.
- \* One employee is still out with medical injury and Mr. Rick Putnam has been filling in for him.
- \* We have a quote for new plow equipment with Henderson Products for \$210,561 on Onondaga County contract #10914. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to authorize the purchase of

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the new plow equipment from Henderson Products as quoted. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

\* Mr. Bobbette received quotes on a generator:

(a) Krystal Jayne Systems	\$15,195.00
(b) Community Power Systems	18,474.00
(c) Halco	26,400.00

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Vilardi, to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the generator from Krystal Jayne Systems for \$15,195.00 as quoted. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

**HISTORIAN**

Mr. Schlicht attended a Fire District banquet celebrating 100 years.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Pioneer Museum opened on November 9<sup>th</sup> for orienteering groups and received 124 visitors that day, making the total for 2024 241 visitors.

**FABIUS EVERGREEN CEMETERY**

The bank balance is currently \$18,717.54.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Justice Court:** Judge DeLuna refunded the Town \$282 from her recent Justice Court training as many of the meals were included with registration. Motion by Mr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to appoint Margaret Riker as Court Clerk to Judge Betty DeLuna. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Powers, to pay the bills on Abstract #11 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund		Vouchers 93 through 101
	\$ 14,450.83	
General Fund		Vouchers 223 through 238
	\$ 12,187.86	

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

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on **Monday, January 13, 2025**, following the **Organization meeting**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:00 P.M.**

Motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM made by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker  
Town Clerk