

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

Monday, February 19, 2024

Present:

Mrs. 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. Michael Decker – Zoning/Codes Officer
Mr. Robert DeMore – Attorney for Town (*Absent*)

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Vilardi at 5:30 PM.

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:

* Mr. Chartrand gave the December report, noting that we ended the year well with NYCLASS at 5.25%. After reviewing the January financial report, a motion was made by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to accept the December and January financial reports. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

* Property taxes have been paid by the Tax Collector to the Town in full.

* There are three budget transfers: Surplus to Garage Equipment for \$52,000; Surplus to Machinery for \$8,000; Surplus to General Repairs Contractual for \$52,000. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve the budget transfers. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

* Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, that the Supervisor's records have been reviewed. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

* The Annual Financial reports for the Town of Fabius and Southern Onondaga Trash System have been uploaded to New York State. Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Powers, to authorize the Town Clerk to place a notice in the paper that these reports are filed in her office and are available for inspection. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

* Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Schlicht, to authorize Judge Gary Malone and Mrs. Peggy Riker to be signors on the NBT bank account for the Justice Court. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Mr. Bobbette received a fuel reimbursement check from the Fire District for \$130.72. George is back from medical leave.

ZONING REPORT: We have three new homes and three new pole barns in the works.

HISTORIAN: No report.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Swim Program: Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to authorize Mr. DeMore to prepare an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Tully. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Earth Day: This will be held on April 22nd.

Shred Day: We usually have this in May with Weitzman for the metal collection.

Solar – Berry Road: Dimension Renewable Energy has applied for a Solar Overlay District at 1120 Berry Road.

Resolution 2024-1
(Dimension Solar Overlay District Application)

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Fabius is declaring it’s intent to act as Lead Agency under SEQRA for this project.

Town Justice: Judge Denise Johnson has resigned as Town Justice effective February 7, 2024. The Board will appoint Mr. Gary Malone as the Interim Justice at an annual salary of \$10,000 and Mr. Tony Iozzo as Interim Court Clerk at an annual salary of \$6,000, both effective February 19, 2024. Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to approve these appointments. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Community Center Fees: After some discussion, it was agreed to lower the rental fees to residents of the Fabius-Pompey area to \$100 (Monday through Thursday) and \$150 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). The deposit will remain at \$200 per event. Motion by Mr. Vilardi, seconded by Mr. Powers, to approve the fee changes. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

Main Street Grant: Mr. DeMore is working on this Community Development Grant application for 2024. There will be a Public Hearing held immediately before the March Town Board meeting. Motion by Mr. Schlicht, seconded by Mrs. Foster, to set the Public Hearing as noted. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Schlicht, Foster, Brown, Powers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fabius Evergreen Cemetery: Ms. Beglinger reported their current bank balance is \$26,692.

Highway Garage: Mr. Vilardi received a quote from the Utica firm and it is very close to that of C&S.

Motion by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mr. Vilardi, to pay the bills on Abstract #1 in the following amounts:

Highway Fund	Vouchers 1 through 7	\$ 21,090.16
General Fund	Vouchers 1 through 22	\$ 324,270.22

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

The next regular Town Board meeting will be held on **Monday, March 18, 2024**, at the Fabius Area Community Center, Fabius, New York at **5:30 PM**, preceded by a Public Hearing on the Community Development Grant application/Main Street Grant.

Motion to adjourn at 6:00 PM made by Mr. Vilardi, seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion PASSED – Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Voting aye – Vilardi, Foster, Brown, Schlicht, Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret M. Riker
Town Clerk