

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on February 5, 2019, at the Village Hall.

Call to Order: Mayor Fogel called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Present: Mayor David Fogel, Trustees Miles McCarty, Jason Cuykendall, Lotte Carpenter, Clerk-Treasurer: Virginia Mott, CEO: Rick Fritz, Residents: Stephanie Goddard, Jean Simmons.

Privilege of the Floor: Stephanie Goddard spoke regarding the Freeville Community Council, that it will either be changing or it will dissolve as they currently do not have enough participation from the community.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement: Rick will proceed with the lawyer from Jeff Walker's office in regard to 17 Main Street. Discussed updating our fee schedule for the Life Safety Inspections and possibly adding a special permit for solar power. Discussed with Rick about how often he should attend the meetings. Trustee Carpenter motioned to approve the Code Enforcement report. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Works: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Public Works Report. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Planning Board Minutes: Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the Planning Board minutes for January 15, 2019. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Justice Report: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Justice Report. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report: Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the Clerk's Report. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Vouchers: Trustee Carpenter motioned to approve abstract #0219. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

LED Street Light Replacement: Miles will try to get Casey Mastro from the New York Power Authority to come to our March meeting to present the options for changing our street lights.

Fire Department Contract: WB Strong Fire Department contract is on our computer, we initiate the contract.

New Business:

Resolution for Local Law 1: Trustee Cuykendall made a motion to adopt Local Law 1,
A Local Law to override the tax cap levy limit established in General Municipal Law Section 3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

It is the intent of this Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Village of Freeville, County of Tompkins and pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c, to allow the Village of Freeville, County of Tompkins to adopt a village budget for (a) village purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the Village Trustees for the fiscal year 2019/2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 2. Authority.

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law Section 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Trustees to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a Local Law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Village Trustees.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.

The Village Trustees of the Village of Freeville, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2019/2020 that requires a real property tax levy in excess if the limit specified in General Municipal Law Section 3-c.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Resolution Election Inspectors: Motion was made by Trustee McCarty to appoint Election Inspectors Brian Buttner and Diane Eaton. Seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

NYS AIM Elimination: NYCOM contacted the Village regarding the elimination of the AIM funding for the municipalities in New York State. They recommend that the Village send letters to our state representatives and have provided a template for the village to use. It was agreed that the Village will send letters to James Seward and Barbara Lifton.

Freeville Community Council: It was noted that Arlene Krebs is the only member left on the FCC when the other officers leave. It was agreed that the Village would wait and see if other residents step up to volunteer.

Executive Session: Motion was made by Trustee Cuykendall, to go into executive session at 8:37 pm for personnel matters. Seconded by Trustee Carpenter, motion approved by all present. Executive session ended at 8:52 pm.

Trustee McCarty motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Mott
Village Clerk-Treasurer