

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on February 4, 2020, at the Village Hall.

Call to Order: Mayor Fogel called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

Present: Mayor David Fogel, Trustees: Miles McCarty, Jason Cuykendall, Lotte Carpenter, Clerk-Treasurer: Heather Murray, Residents: Ron Szymanski, Loren Sparling

Privilege of the Floor: Resident Szymanski discussed the recent improvements to Dryden High School, and invited the Board to take a tour of these improvements. Discussion was also held regarding the recent vote on the new turf field at the High School.

Minutes: Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the January 7, 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Treasurer's Report: Discussion was held regarding Account 1620.41 Miscellaneous Repairs. Clerk-Treasurer Murray will conduct research and provide a transaction detail at the next meeting. Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement: Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the Code Enforcement report. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Planning Board: Trustee Carpenter motioned to approve the November 26, 2019 Public Hearing and Planning Board Minutes. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Justice Report: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the December 2019 and January 2020 Justice Reports. Seconded by Trustee Carpenter. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Vouchers: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve abstract #0220. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Summer Recreation Program: The Town of Dryden has agreed to take over administration of the Summer Recreation Program beginning in the summer of 2020. Marty Conger, head of Recreation from the Town of Dryden, requested that the Village agree to transfer ownership of its summer recreation supplies. The supplies will continue to be used at the Freeville Elementary School, but will belong to the Town of Dryden. The Board unanimously agreed to transfer ownership.

New Business:

Local Law 1: Trustee Cuykendall motion to adopt Local Law 1 of the Year 2020

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 2020/2021 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 2020/2021 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 present voted aye. Motion passed.

Fire Department: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the following new members of the Freeville Fire Department:

Adam Talbott
Kristen Persichilli
Marie Apgar

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

EFC Engineering Planning Grant #94046 - January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Discussion was held regarding the Grant application process. A follow up meeting was set with a representative from the William George Agency as well as representatives from GHD Engineering and the EFC on Tuesday February 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

EFC Engineering Planning Grant #94046 - Resolutions: Trustee McCarty motioned to accept the following resolutions:

Authorization for Representative to Execute Grant Agreement

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville wishes to comply with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Regulations regarding waste water treatment guidelines, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville believes it would be in the best interest of the Village to participate in the Engineering Planning Grant Program by conducting a Waste Water Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that David Fogel, Mayor, is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents, and instruments necessary to bring about the project and to fulfill the Village of Freeville's obligations under the Grant Agreement.

Authorization and Appropriation of Local Match

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville wishes to comply with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Regulations regarding waste water treatment guidelines, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville believes it would be in the best interest of the Village to participate in the Engineering Planning Grant Program by conducting a Waste Water Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Village of Freeville authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Study. Under the EPG program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of \$24,900. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be provided from the general fund, sewer fund, and in-kind services. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$4,980 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$24,900. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Village of Freeville.

SEQR Determination (Type II)

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations (6 NYCRR) Section 617.5 under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Village of Freeville hereby determines that the proposed Waste Water Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Study is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) paragraph (24) which constitutes "information collection including basic data collection and research, water quality and pollution studies, traffic counts, engineering studies, surveys, subsurface investigations and soils studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action" and is therefore not subject to further review under 6 NYCRR Part 617.

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

Election Resolution: Trustee Cuykendall motion to adopt a resolution appointing Diane Eaton and Brian Buttner election inspectors for the Village Elections Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The inspectors will be compensated \$80 and provided dinner. The appointed election inspectors will meet at the Village of Freeville Court Chambers, 5 Factory Street, Freeville NY from 12:00 noon until 9:00 pm on Election Day. *Per New York State Election Law § 15-116(1)*

Ricoh Lease Expiring this May - Upgrade Options: the current lease for the Ricoh copier will expire in May. Discussion was held regarding whether to lease a color or black and white machine; Clerk-Treasurer Murray will verify the difference in cost between the two units and report back at the next meeting.

Sexual Harassment Training and Policies: Discussion was held regarding the NYS mandated sexual harassment prevention training requirements. Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adopt the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Tompkins County Request for Letter of Intent to Participate in the Update of the Tompkins Hazard Mitigation Plan: Tompkins County has requested that municipalities submit a letter of intent to participate in a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Discussion was held regarding whether the Village would like to participate, and which Trustee would be appointed as a point of contact. Trustee Cuykendall will contact Scott Doyle for more information regarding the participation requirements.

Fourth Quarter Sales Tax Report - FYI: Discussion was held regarding the increase in sales taxes received.

Trustee Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray
Village Clerk-Treasurer