

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on March 1, 2016, at the Village Hall.

Call to Order: Mayor Fogel called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm

Present: Mayor David Fogel, Trustees Jason Cuykendall, Diana Radford, Penny Beebe & Lotte Carpenter, Zoning Board & FCC member Holly Lockwood, Planning Board Chair Miles McCarty, Planning Board Member Ron Szymanski, Village Resident Stephanie Ortolano, Chair Dryden Conservation Board Bob Beck, Public Works Superintendent Patrick Brennan, Clerk-Treasurer Ron Campbell.

Privilege of the Floor: Holly Lockwood reminded all that the Freeville Community Council was holding their quarterly meeting on Sunday, March 6. On the agenda are deciding what date to hold Easter Craft day, as well as the summer picnic. They'll also be firming up plans for the next Wine & Cheese History event (April 13th or 20th) Garage Sale is coming up May 7. They'll also be discussing a flower garden at the flag pole. President's report & budget should be presented. She stated that the Pot Luck February 13th was well attended. She pointed out an article in the Cortland Standard regarding county laws for "No Drone Zones". She suggested that the Village Board may wish to discuss ideas on any local restrictions. Bob Beck is on a committee to expand a rec-trail from Varna to Freeville for walking and cycling, mostly concentrating on old railroad tracks. He's starting an outreach to property owners to obtain easement rights for trail. The DEC, Cornell, GWA are among those in addition to private owners. They'll be looking into funding for crossing road safety measures, and ensuring any bridge safety. Ideally he imagines the trail connecting Ithaca, Varna, Etna, Freeville, Dryden, McClean, & Cortland. He also stated that the county will be replacing the Red Mill bridge and heard that if they're willing to move it to another location if any municipality is interested. Board of Trustees will discuss the possibility of using it to connect the Groton Ave. Park to the Genung Preserve. Stephanie Ortolano is interested in starting a Village Community Garden at the Groton Ave Park. She has measured out 16 10'x10' lots, with space in-between. She'll look into fencing the area and perhaps having a water barrel on or near the location for ease in watering-perhaps to be filled by Fire Company? Ron gave her CEO contact information if storage shed needed or questions on fence height.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016, Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Public Works: Trustee Radford motioned to accept the Public Works report. Trustee Beebe seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement: Trustee Radford motioned to approve the CEO report. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Planning Board: Minutes not submitted for February 16th meeting.

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

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

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

Vouchers: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve abstract #0316. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

New Business:

Annual Meeting: Annual meeting to be held at 7pm on April 5, before regular Board of Trustees meeting.

Deputy Clerk: Nanci McCraine gave 2 week's notice. She's willing to fit in training for replacement if possible/necessary. All employees are hired through the Tompkins County web site. Ron will also send notice via list-serve with link to TC web site to generate local interest.

Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Beebe seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Campbell
Clerk-Treasurer