

**VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 1, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on Sept 1, 2020, at the Village Hall.

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

**Present:** Mayor David Fogel, Trustees: Jason Cuykendall, Diana Radford, Lotte Carpenter, Miles McCarty; Clerk-Treasurer: Heather Murray; Superintendent of Public Works: Patrick Brennan; NYPA Representative: Casey Mastro; Planning Board Member: Tom Cavataio (arrived late)

**Privilege of the Floor:** New York Power Authority Representative Casey Mastro attended the meeting to discuss the financing of the LED Streetlight Replacement Project. Mr. Mastro stated that he would prepare a variance document comparing the original 2018 utility analysis versus the costs currently presented by NYPA. Mr. Mastro will follow up with the Board after the variance document has been prepared.

**Minutes:** Trustee Radford motioned to approve the August 4, 2020 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Public Works:** Discussion was held regarding the electrical issues at the pump stations and the possibility of acquiring a generator for the sewer plant. Superintendent Brennan explained the procedure for the upcoming smoke testing of the sewer lines on the 14th and 15th. Discussion was also held regarding the proper procedure for handling resident concerns and complaints. Trustee Radford motioned to approve the Public Works Report. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

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

**Planning Board:** Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the July 28, 2020 Planning Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Justice Report:** Trustee Radford motioned to approve the July 2020 Justice Report. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Clerk's Report:** Discussion was held regarding the changes in speed limit as well as new signage installed by the NYS DOT. 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 #0920. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**Bow Hunting in Genung Nature Preserve:** Discussion was held regarding the options for deer conservation in the Village. Trustee Cuykendall contacted Bailey's Insurance, and the agent stated that no additional policies would need to be purchased. Planning Board Member and Genung Steward Tom Cavataio joined the

discussion and stated that he would be open to the possibility of allowing bow hunting in the Preserve. Discussion was also held regarding conducting a survey to determine the views of Village residents on the issue.

**LED Streetlight Replacement:** The Board will wait to review Mr. Mastro's variance document before deciding how to proceed on the project.

**EFC Grant For I/I Study:** Clerk-Treasurer Murray stated that the EFC Grant Committee approved the application and released the first half of the grant funds.

**Proposed Fee Schedule - Suggestions from CEO:** Discussion was held regarding the proposed fees—Trustee Cuykendall is concerned about the complexity of the suggested fees. Trustee Cuykendall would like to merge the two documents (original and suggested fee schedule) with advice from the CEO. A revised schedule will be reviewed at the October 6th meeting.

**New Business:**

**Resolution - Acknowledging Court Records Audit:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to acknowledge and accept the August 4, 2020 audit of the Freeville Village court records. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Cornell ILR School Internship:** Discussion was held regarding the benefits of sponsoring an internship from the Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations. The Board agreed to move forward with an application for sponsorship.

**Planning Board - Appointments:** Trustee McCarty motioned to make the following appointments to the Planning Board:

- ❖ Brian Buttner - Term ending 3/31/2023
- ❖ Stephanie Ortolano - Term ending 3/31/2024
- ❖ James Krebs - 3/31/2025

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

**FYI - Local Sales Tax Collections Drop 8.2% in July:** Sales tax revenue for local governments in July fell 8.2% compared to the same period last year.

**Executive Session:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to enter into executive session for legal matters at 9:17 p.m. Trustee Radford Seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Trustee Radford motioned to exit the executive session at 9:42 p.m. Trustee Cuykendall Seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution - Hire Part Time Laborer:** Trustee Radford motioned to hire Elijah Speight as a part time, temporary, seasonal employee at a rate of \$16 an hour. Trustee Carpenter seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Trustee Radford motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray

Village Clerk-Treasurer