

**VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 5, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on October 5, 2021, at the Village Hall.

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

**Present:** Mayor David Fogel; Trustees: Jason Cuykendall, Miles McCarty, Diana Radford; Clerk-Treasurer Heather Murray; Planning Board Chairman: Justin Dimatteo; Freeville Fire Chief Michael Parker; Public Attendance: Michael Whalen, Catherine Whalen, Thomas Corey; Absent: Trustee James Krebs

**Privilege of the Floor:** Planning Board Chairman Justin Dimatteo gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan Survey results as well as results of a discussion on the newly passed NYS Cannabis Legislation. The Planning Board discussed the positives and negatives as well as the processes in place to implement their decisions according to the Land Use Code.

Town of Dryden County Legislature Candidate Thomas Corey spoke about his campaign and his wish to maintain a close relationship with the Village, should he be elected.

Resident Michael Whalen discussed the traffic on Johnson Street, as well as the danger posed to pedestrians on the road. He requests that the Board consider placing speed bumps on the road similar to those on Ferguson and Irish Settlement Rd.

Fire Chief Michael Parker gave an update regarding construction projects taking place at the Fire Hall. Discussion was held regarding electrical issues and an exterior fire at 7-9 Union Street. The NYS Department of Transportation has been in contact with Fire Chief Parker about rectifying the issue of the inoperable dry hydrant on Route 38.

**Minutes:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the September 7, 2021 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Public Works:** Discussion was held regarding bus traffic on Union Street—several residents have had an issue with the narrow passage available on Union Street when the TCAT bus travels the road. Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the Public Works Report. Trustee Radford 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.

**Code Enforcement:** Discussion was held regarding refuse on a property on Railroad Street. Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Code Enforcement Report. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Planning Board:** Trustee McCarty motioned to approve the August 24, 2021 Planning Board meeting minutes. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Justice Report:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the August 2021 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 McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Vouchers:** Trustee Radford motioned to approve abstract #1021. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

### **Old Business:**

**EPA - Nitrogen Non-Compliance Notice:** Discussion was held regarding the Draft Compliance Schedule and the Service Proposal from BlueLine Engineering. Clerk-Treasurer Murray will investigate the procedure for using Unexpended Funds to cover the Engineering Study Fee.

**Deer Management:** Discussion was held regarding amending the current Firearms and Explosives Law of 2010. The Board will review the proposed law and continue discussion at the next meeting.

**Cannabis Dispensary Regulations:** Discussion was held regarding opting out of allowing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries and On-site Consumption Establishments within the Village. A Public Hearing will be held in December before consideration of a law to Opt-Out.

**LED Streetlight Replacement:** Construction for the LED project is set to begin on October 11th.

### **New Business:**

**Resolution - Court Records Audit:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adopt a resolution to accept the results of the October 5, 2021 Court Records Audit. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution - Office of Court Administration Grant:** Trustee Radford motioned to adopt a resolution to authorize the Freeville Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2021-2022 grant cycle up to \$15,000.00. Trustee McCarty seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Village Speeding:** The Board will ask Superintendent Brennan if he can install temporary speed bumps on Johnson Street.

**Resolution - Adopt Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Freeville, with the assistance from Scott Doyle, AICP, has gathered information and prepared the Tompkins County Resiliency and Recovery Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Resiliency and Recovery Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Village of Freeville is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Village of Freeville have reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that Village of Freeville adopts the Tompkins County Resiliency and Recovery Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 5th day of October, 2021 at the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

**Village Financial Records Audit:** The date for the Village Financial Records Audit was set for January 4th, 7:00 pm.

Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray  
Village Clerk-Treasurer