

**VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 6, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on September 6, 2022, at the Village Hall.

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

**Present:** Mayor Miles McCarty; Trustees: Jason Cuykendall, David Fogel, Diana Radford, Stephanie Ortolano; Clerk-Treasurer: Heather Murray. Public Attendance: Lorraine Buonviri, Nancy Carver, Stephanie Goddard, Jean Simmons, Melanie Allen, and Brian Buttner.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Discussion was held regarding the state of 52 Main Street. Stephanie Goddard, Jean Simmons, Nancy Carver, and Melanie Allen spoke regarding the issue of rodents on and near the property as well as the hazardous condition of the building.

Nancy Carver spoke regarding the Freeville Elementary School—she stated that discussions of closure were being held by the Dryden Board of Education. She also asked if the Village would consider placing American flags on the light poles for Memorial Day.

Melanie Allen spoke regarding the noise and traffic at the intersection of Route 38 and 366. She stated that she has witnessed several tractor-trailers drive through the intersection without stopping.

Brian Buttner provided an update regarding Planning Board business. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a subdivision of 13 TanBark Circle. The Planning Board is currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan as well as the Land Use and Development Code. Mr. Buttner also spoke regarding FEMA's draft update of local flood maps as well as Village code enforcement.

**Minutes:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the August 2, 2022 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

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

**Code Enforcement:** Trustee Fogel motioned to approve the Code Enforcement Report. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Justice Report:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the July 2022 Justice Report. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**Vouchers:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve abstract #0922. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**DEC / WWTP:** Discussion was held regarding the BlueLine Engineering Draft Short Term Corrective Measures Report. Mayor McCarty provided an update on the I/I Study with GHD Engineering and the William George Agency.

**Derelict Properties:** Discussion was held regarding 52 Main Street and the measures which may be taken to address the complaints. Mayor McCarty will follow up with the Tompkins County Department of Health.

**New Business:**

**Building Improvements - Gutters / Tree Removal / Motion Lights:** Discussion was held regarding property maintenance at Village Hall, including tree removal and gutter cleaning/repair. Mayor McCarty will call another vendor for a quote on gutter repair and cleaning.

**NYS Reduced Speed Limits:** Discussion was held regarding the new legislation authorizing Villages to lower speed limits to 25 mph. Clerk-Treasurer Murray will follow up with NYCOM on the questions presented by Trustee Cuykendall.

**Resolution - Authorize Mayor to Sign Fire Contract:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to authorize Mayor McCarty to sign the Town of Dryden Fire Contract on behalf of the Village. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution - Court Records Audit:** Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville wishes to comply with the requirements of Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges and accepts the following audit of the Freeville Village Court records, conducted by Mayor McCarty, Trustee Cuykendall, and Trustee Ortolano on August 31, 2022 at Village Hall at 9:00am.

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

**Resolution - Bank Signature Cards:** Trustee Ortolano motioned to remove Trustee Fogel and add Mayor McCarty as an authorized signatory on the Village Accounts. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Road Signs at Nature Preserve:** Discussion was held regarding the placement of signs on Village property near the Genung Nature Preserve.

**Court JCP Grant - Records Management:** The Board supports Court Clerk Vicedomini's application for a JCAP Grant for records management.

**FYI - 2nd Quarter Sales Tax Report:** Distributions for Towns and Villages were down 3.68%.

**Executive Session - Personnel Code Enforcement:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 9:04 p.m. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Trustee Cuykendall motioned to exit the executive session at 9:26 p.m. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Trustee Fogel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray  
Village Clerk-Treasurer