

**VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 7, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on February 7, 2023, 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, Stephanie Ortolano;  
Clerk-Treasurer: Heather Murray. Code Official Casey Drader; Absent: Trustee Diana Radford

**Privilege of the Floor:** No comments were heard at this time.

**Minutes:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the January 3, 2023 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussion was held regarding the sidewalk grant program. Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Code Enforcement:** Code Official Drader provided an update on code enforcement within the Village. Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Code Enforcement Report. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Planning Board:** Trustee Fogel motioned to approve the December 1, 2022 Planning Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

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

**Vouchers:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve abstract #0223. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**DEC / WWTP:** Discussion was held regarding the I/I study being conducted by GHD Engineering.

**New Business:**

**Vote - Local Law #1 of 2023, Tax Cap Levy Override:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adopt Local Law #1 of 2023 a Local Law to Override the Tax Cap Levy Limit. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution - Election Inspectors:** Trustee Fogel motioned to adopt a resolution appointing Diane Eaton and Melanie Allen election inspectors for the Village Elections Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The inspectors will be compensated \$110 and provided dinner. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution -2022 EFC Grant / BlueLine Sewer Study:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve 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 wastewater 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 WasteWater Treatment Plant and Collection System Improvements Study,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED that Miles McCarty, 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 wastewater 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 WasteWater 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 WasteWater 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 \$25,000. 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 \$5,000.00 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$25,000. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Village of Freeville.

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

**Planning Board Meeting Date Changes:** Trustee Fogel motioned to approve the meeting date change to the second Tuesday of the month for the February, March, and April Planning Board Meetings. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Fire Department - 2023 Elected Officers:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the 2023 Elected Officers List. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Resolution - Authorize 2023 Town Fire Protection Contract:** Trustee Fogel motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the 2023 Fire Protection Contract between the W.B. Strong Fire Company and the Town of Dryden. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Set Date - Budget Workshop:** The FY 2023-2024 Budget Work Session was set for Friday March 24, 2023 at 11:00am.

**Investment of Village Funds:** Discussion was held regarding investing Village funds in higher interest bearing accounts.

**Village Speed Limit:** Discussion was held regarding the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Village streets to 25 mph.

Trustee Fogel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray  
Village Clerk-Treasurer