

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

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on March 7, 2023, at the Village Hall.

**Call to Order:** Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm

**Present:** Mayor Miles McCarty; Trustees: Jason Cuykendall, David Fogel; Clerk-Treasurer: Heather Murray; Absent: Trustee Diana Radford, Stephanie Ortolano

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

**Minutes:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the February 7, 2023 Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Discussion was held regarding the LED Streetlight purchase. Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**Planning Board:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the January 26, 2023 Planning Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Justice Report:** Trustee Fogel motioned to approve the January 2023 Justice Report. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**Vouchers:** Trustee Fogel motioned to approve abstract #0323. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**DEC / WWTP:** Trustee Fogel motioned to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution of Authorization and Project Costs for Award Allocation

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville submitted and was awarded an Engineering Planning Grant (EPG) under the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process on behalf of the Village, for an Inflow & Infiltration Study; and

WHEREAS, that the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees, accepts the EPG program grant award on behalf of the Village for an Inflow & Infiltration Study; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Freeville authorizes and appropriates a minimum 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Inflow & Infiltration Study. Under the EPG program, this local match must be at least 20% of the EPG grant award of up to \$30,000. The source of the local match, and any amount in excess of the required match, shall be provided through the sewer fund. The maximum local match shall not exceed \$6,000 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$36,000. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Village of Freeville Board.

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

**New Business:**

**FY 2022-2023 Budget Modifications:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adopt the following FY 22-23 Budget Modifications:

FY 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Modification

To account for an increase in CHIPS funding:

Revenue Account	From	To	Difference
A3501 CHIPS	\$ 29,600.86	\$ 33,796.65	\$ 4,195.79↑
Expense Account	From	To	Difference
A5110.41 Street Repairs	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 34,195.79	\$ 4,195.79↑

To account for a decrease in Street Maintenance Salary Expense:

Expense Account	From	To	Difference
A5110.1 Street Maintenance Salaries	\$ 43,745.00	\$ 39,495.00	\$ 4,250.00↓
Expense Account	From	To	Difference
A5132.44 Brush Removal	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 12,750.00	\$ 4,250.00↑

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

**Volunteer Firefighter Property Tax Exemption:** Discussion was held regarding adopting a partial property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters. Clerk-Treasurer Murray will post a draft law for public hearing before the Budget Work Session.

**Tompkins County Parks and Trails Grant:** Discussion was held regarding applying for a Parks and Trails Grant with Tompkins County. Trustee Fogel will complete the grant application.

**NYS Historical Marker Grant:** Trustee Fogel motioned to allow a historical marker to be placed on Village property on Route 38. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Village Speed Limit:** Discussion was held regarding conducting a survey on Village speed limits.

**Village Tax Limit:** Discussion was held regarding the tax limit form for FY 23-24, including discussion of the PILOT payment (payments in lieu of taxes) distributed by the county.

**Tax Parcel Number 2.-1-2:** Discussion was held regarding tax parcel 2.-1-2. In a conversation with a County representative, the owner expressed interest in donating the parcel to the Village.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray  
Village Clerk-Treasurer