

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on November 5, 2024, at the Village Hall.

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

Present: Mayor Miles McCarty; Trustees: Diana Radford, David Fogel, Jason Cuykendall, Stephanie Ortolano; Clerk-Treasurer Heather Murray; Planning Board Member Ryan Maher. Members of the Public: Chrystine Shepard, Kristina Endler, Max Shuhan. Deputy Town Supervisor Daniel Lamb (arrived late).

Privilege of the Floor: Kristina Endler discussed her concerns regarding the speed limit on West Dryden Road, including several accidents that have occurred near her home. Ms. Endler would like to petition Tompkins County to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph, and asked the Board to support her petition.

Planning Board Member Ryan Maher provided an update on current board activities, including updating the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use and Development Code.

Minutes: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the October 1, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

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

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

Planning Board: Trustee Fogel motioned to approve the September 24, 2024 Planning Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Zoning Board: Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the September 9, 2024 Zoning Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Justice Report: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the September 2024 Justice Report. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Vouchers: Trustee Fogel motioned to approve abstract #1124. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

DEC / WWTP: Trustee Cuykendall voted to adopt the attached WWTP Generator Bid Resolution. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

LUDC Draft Laws: Discussion was held regarding the language of the draft laws. Clerk-Treasurer Murray will contact the Planning Board for review.

Rail Trail Easement: Deputy Town Supervisor Daniel Lamb arrived. Discussion was held regarding the terms of the proposed Rail Trail Easement. Clerk-Treasurer Murray will contact the Village attorney regarding proposed changes.

New Business:

Resolution - Bank Signatory (Justice Account): Trustee Cuykendall voted to adopt the attached resolution adding Mayor McCarty as a signatory to the secondary Village Justice Account. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Resolution - Payroll Adjustment for Health Insurance Policy: Trustee Ortolano voted to adopt a resolution to increase the Working Supervisor salary by \$150 a month from its current rate for the months of January 2024 to May 2024. This increase is to coincide with the implementation of the new Health Insurance Contribution Policy. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

County Tax Exemption Increases: Discussion was held regarding the increased tax exemption limits adopted by Tompkins County. Clerk-Treasurer Murray will ask the assessor for an analysis on how this exemption will affect the tax base.

2024 Tax Relevy: Trustee Fogel motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing Clerk-Treasurer Murray to relevy unpaid tax bills, in the amount of \$4,581.05. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Executive Session: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to enter into executive session for personnel matters at 8:48 p.m. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Trustee Cuykendall motioned to exit the executive session at 8:56 p.m. Trustee Ortolano Seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Resident Concern - Dog Park: Discussion was held regarding the lack of available areas to permit unleashed dogs in the Village.

Resolution - Seasonal Employee: Trustee Fogel voted to adopt a resolution creating a seasonal employee position for \$18 an hour from January 2025 through May 2025 for the purpose of completing a records management project. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray
Village Clerk-Treasurer