

**VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 3, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on December 3, 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 Members Tom Cavataio, Diane Eaton; Fire Chief Michael Parker; Deputy Fire Chief Gregory Parker; Code Enforcement Official Casey Drader.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Planning Board Member Tom Cavataio thanked the Board for their service as well as their support of the tree planting program. He also discussed the events of the last Planning Board Meeting, including a site plan review for a business on Main Street.

Fire Chief Michael Parker and Deputy Chief Gregory Parker provided a report on the number of calls that have been answered by the department this year. He also discussed the budget and the need for capital reserve funds to replace aging equipment.

Code Enforcement Official Casey Drader provided an update on complaints and life safety inspections within the Village. Discussion was also held regarding annual training required by NYS.

**Minutes:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the November 5, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes; November 14, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes; November 14, 2024 Special 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 Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

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

**Planning Board:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the October 22, 2024 Planning Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

**Vouchers:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve abstract #1224. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

**DEC / WWTP:** Discussion was held regarding sampling and the monthly discharge report.

**County Tax Exemption Increases for Low-Income Senior/Disabled Residents:** Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the following low income senior/disabled property tax exemption scale:

UP TO	29,000	50%
EQ/MORE	LESS THAN	
29,000	30,000	45%
30,000	31,000	40%
31,000	32,000	35%
32,000	32,900	30%
32,900	33,800	25%
33,800	34,700	20%
34,700	35,600	15%
35,600	36,500	10%
36,500	37,400	5%
24,000	37,400	

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

**LUDC Draft Laws:** Planning Board Member Diane Eaton provided input on draft revisions to the Land Use and Development Code. Trustee Cuykendall will revise the language and provide updated drafts at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Office Holiday Schedule:** Discussion was held regarding closing the Clerk’s Office the week of 12/23-12/27/24.

**Rail Trail Easement Legal Fees:** Discussion was held regarding the legal fees incurred during the rail trail easement negotiations.

Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Radford seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray  
Village Clerk-Treasurer