

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2025

A regular meeting of the Village of Freeville Board of Trustees was held on February 4, 2025, at the Village Hall.

Call to Order: Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm

Present: Mayor Miles McCarty; Trustees: David Fogel, Jason Cuykendall, Stephanie Ortolano; Fire Chief Michael Parker; Assistant Fire Chief Nelson Mead; Planning Board Member Juan Vasquez-Leddon; Village Resident Ronald Szymanski; Absent: Trustee Diana Radford.

Privilege of the Floor: Fire Chief Michael Parker and Assistant Fire Chief Nelson Mead provided an update on the Village Fire Department including recruitment activities and emergency calls. Village resident Ronald Szymanski asked several questions regarding fire department activities within the Town of Dryden.

Minutes: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve the January 7, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes and January 22, 2025 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 Ortolano 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 Fogel motioned to approve the Code Enforcement Report. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Planning Board: Planning Board Member Juan Vasquez-Leddon discussed updates to Article 2 of the Land Use and Development Code. Trustee Ortolano motioned to approve the December 17, 2024 Planning Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

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

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

Vouchers: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to approve abstract #0125. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

Vote - 2025 Local Laws 1 through 9: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to adopt the following Local Laws: Local Law No. 1 of 2025 A Local Law to Override the Tax Cap; Local Law No. 2 of 2025 Dog Law; Local Law No. 3 of 2025 Dumping and Burning; Local Law No. 4 of 2025 Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law; Local Law No. 5 of 2025 Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law; Local Law No. 6 of 2025 Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law; Local Law No. 7 of 2025 Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law; Local Law No. 8 of 2025 Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law; Local Law No. 9 of 2025 Real Property Partial Tax Exemption Law

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

Freeville Farmer's Market GAP Grant for Community Arts: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to authorize the Freeville Farmer's Market to apply for a Community Arts GAP grant in the 2025 grant cycle up to \$5,000.00. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Resolution - Election Inspectors: Trustee Ortolano motioned to adopt a resolution appointing Diane Eaton and Melanie Allen election inspectors for the Village Elections Tuesday, March 18, 2025. The inspectors will be compensated \$150 and provided dinner. Trustee Fogel seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Set Date - Budget Workshop: Item was tabled until the next meeting.

Easement Map: Discussion was held regarding the map for the Town of Dryden Rail Trail Easement, provided by the Town's attorney.

ListServ Commentary: Mayor McCarty will contact the NYS DOT regarding resident concerns over the safety of the intersection of Fall Creek Rd and Railroad St.

Executive Session: Trustee Cuykendall motioned to enter into executive session for clerk personnel matters at 8:41 p.m. Trustee Ortolano seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Trustee Fogel motioned to exit the executive session at 8:51 p.m. Trustee Cuykendall Seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed.

Trustee Fogel motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cuykendall seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Murray
Village Clerk-Treasurer