

Village Board Meeting
Village of Fishkill
1095 Main Street
Fishkill, NY 12524

January 22, 2024

Mayor opens Village Board Meeting at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance, Remain standing for Moment of Silence for Willa Skinner and Judith Williams

Present: Mayor Martin, Trustee Newhard, Trustee Scofield, Trustee Ruggerio, Pam Ruyack Village Clerk
Absent: Trustee Forlano

Mayor entertains motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting. So move, Trustee Newhard, Second Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried

Mayor reads Abstracts:

General \$114,557.84

Water \$45,496.18

Sewer \$54,973.73

Mayor entertains motion to accept the abstracts as read. So move Trustee Scofield, seconded Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Departments

Attorney – Requests to have a motion to have Village Board as lead agency for SEQR for local law regarding brew pubs and requests for a motion to refer local law to Planning Board for their review & comments.

Building – Submitted and on file

Fire – No Report

Justice – Submitted and on file

Police – Submitted and on file

Water/Sewer – Dave Morrison discussed the building of the new tank and requests motion to have Village of Fishkill as lead agency under SEQR for Water System Upgrade (Water Supply & New Tank)

Mayor entertains motion for resolution to make the Village of Fishkill lead agency under SEQR for Water System Upgrade. So move Trustee Newhard, second Trustee Scofield, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

**VILLAGE OF FISHKILL WATER SYSEM UPGRADES
WATER SUPPLY AND NEW WATER TANK
INTENT TO DECLARE LEAD AGENCY UNDER SEQRA**

WHEREAS, the Village of FISHKILL, DUTCHESS County, New York (hereinafter the “Village”) has established the public benefit to the Village residents of a public water system, located in the Village and additionally serving customers outside the Village; and,

WHEREAS, The Village is considering upgrades to the Clove Road Well Field to include well field equipment, controls and instrumentation, replacing wells two wells and rehabilitation of one other, rehabilitation of one other, and rehabilitation of a water tank. The Village reviewed this project under SEQRA and declared a Type II requiring no further environmental review in 2019. Funding was applied for under the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) and the project advanced to design. The NYS DEC has approved new water withdrawal permits; and,

WHEREAS, the Village’s existing treated water storage capacity (1 million gallons) is not enough to meet the Village’s peak demand, including contractually obligated flow and fire flows, it is the intent to install a second 1-million-gallon storage tank at an appropriate elevation to meet the water system needs; and,

WHEREAS, the project now also involves the placement of a new water storage tank on a parcel owned by the Town of Fishkill, on which there is an existing Town water tank, and connecting water pipe through an easement to existing water system pipe on Merritt Blvd, along with a new interconnection and booster station in the area of connection; and,

WHEREAS, the entire project is now being considered as a Type 1 Action per funding requirements, and is therefore subject to coordinated environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, a coordinated review is necessary, Part 1 of the Long Environmental Assessment Form (hereinafter “EAF”) has been completed by the Engineering Consultant, Delaware Engineering, and the Village of Fishkill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1.** The Water System Upgrade project with Well Field and New Water Tank Project is a Type 1 Action with more than one Involved Agency as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.
- 2.** The Village of Fishkill intends to act as SEQRA Lead Agency for the environmental review of the Project.
- 3.** It is hereby ordered that a copy of this resolution together with Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form, sketch plan and location map shall be circulated to the identified involved agencies to solicit agreement with the City’s declaration of intent to act as SEQRA Lead Agency.
- 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Roll Call Vote

Mayor Martin – Aye
Trustee Newhard – Aye
Trustee Scofield – Aye
Trustee Ruggerio – Recused
Trustee Forlano – Absent

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on January 22, 2024.

Clerk/Treasurer – RBT Contract to assist with the filing of the Annual Financial Report.

Mayor entertains motion to retain RBT for Accounting Services for the Village of Fishkill to assist with the filing of the Annual Financial Report. So move Trustee Newhard, second Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye.

Ambulance – No Report

Planning & Zoning – Hans Klingzahn reports that there will be public hearings for the spa in the building by the Post Office, Marijuana dispensary and All Sport. Jackson Crossing to start SEQR Process.

Kate Dietrich from Ring Squared was present and discussed the contract to upgrade the Voice Service at the Village Hall, Police and Fire Department. She will get references for us from other municipalities that use their service.

Mayor entertains motion for resolution to declare Village Board as lead agency for SEQR review for the Local Law regarding Brew Pubs, Local Law 1 of 2024. So move Trustee Newhard, second Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye.

Mayor entertains motion for resolution to refer Local Law 1 of 2024 to the Planning Board for their review and comments. So move Trustee Newhard, second Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye.

Representative from Delaware Engineering was present and discussed the status of the projects for Water and Sewer. There were a lot of concerns regarding change orders and communication. Dave Morrison requests to go into Executive Session.

Mayor entertains motion to go into executive session for personnel reason, so move Trustee Newhard, second Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye.

Mayor entertains motion to come out of executive session, so move Trustee Newhard, second Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye.

Trustee Newhard moves to adjourn, second Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye. Motion Carried 9:00 PM

Submitted by:
Pam Ruyack
Village Clerk