Village Board Meeting

Village of Fishkill

1095 Main Street

Fishkill, NY 12524

October 21, 2024

Mayor opens meeting at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Martin, Trustee Forlano, Trustee Machado, Trustee Hughes, Pam Ruyack Village Clerk,

Trustee Ruggerio entered meeting at 6:03 pm.

Mayor entertains motion to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting. So moved, Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Machado, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Abstracts:

General $35,933.69

Trust & Agency $3,895.00

CWWW Treatment $900,599.61

Sewer $9,861.45

Water $22,847.70

Mayor entertains motion to accept the abstracts as read, so moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Machado, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayors Comments:

Mayor attended the second meeting of the Beacon Rail Trail feasibility meeting. Reviewed the study of the existing tracks. They can help us alleviate the flooding on elm. The study is moving forward.

We sent out our first email on our new email system on the Village of Fishkill website. You can sign up on the bottom of the website.

We planted fourteen trees at Sarah Taylor Park. We had fireworks this past weekend at the park at the fall festival. Thank you to Legion Fireworks for a great show. I would like to also thank Phil from the Water and Sewer department, our fire department Protective Engine, Julie Spann our volunteer coordinator and our Police Department for a job well done.

Our Halloween parade and costume contest afterwards at the firehouse is this weekend. I would like to recognize Geraldine Fuller and Isabel McDonough for 25 years of volunteering and thank them. The parade is at 1:00 pm. I would like to thank the Girl Scout volunteers as well and the Fire and Police department for a safe event.

Veterans Day is 11-11 at 11 am at the War Memorial.

On Halloween October 31 The Fishkill Elementary School will be coming trick or treating at Village Hall at 9:00 am.

On December 20 we will be having another Candlelight Concert. The Hi-Light String Quartet from NYC will be performing Christmas music at the Reformed Church. Tickets will be going on sale soon.

Our annual tree lighting with Santa and the parade of lights will be on December 8, 2024.

We are always looking for Volunteers, the activities committee is very busy and there next meeting is November 1 at 6:30 pm at the library. Anyone is welcome to attend. We are also always looking for volunteers for Planning and Zoning Board.

Looking into a grant for Food Waste Reduction – will be following up with the County.

Coach Glenn from Total Football Hudson Valley gave us an update. They thank us for the use of our facilities and they hope to establish a girls U10 team.

DEPARTMENTS:

Attorney – Greg Supple reports that Sara Brown prepared draft Cannibas Application Zoning Law. Sara will be present at the November 18, 2024 meeting to discuss and also will discuss the other zoning questions.

Building – Submitted and on File

Fire – N/A

Justice – Submitted and on File

Police – Submitted and on File

Water/Sewer – Submitted and on File

Clerk/Treasurer – Submitted and on File

Ambulance – Submitted and on File

Planning/Zoning – Hans reported there will be no Planning Board meeting in November or December. Received a candidate Cassandra Williams Hunt. Will be in contact with her.

Discussion on a permanent no parking sign on Broad St. Police Department recommends changing zoning for No parking at 42 Broad. On Bedford possibly change speed from 30 to 20-25 mph, would need local law to change it. Discussion on speed bumps on Bedford

Village Clerk reports that the last meeting of the year is on Monday December 2, 2024 not on December 4, 2024.

Mayor entertains motion to designate the Village Board as lead agency for the Cannibas Moratorium. So moved, Trustee Machado, seconded Trustee Ruggerio, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to adopt the negative declaration for the Cannibas Moratorium. So moved, Trustee Ruggerio, seconded Trustee Hughes, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to accept the resignation of Building Inspector Dave Buckley effective December 31, 2024. So moved, Trustee Machado, seconded Trustee Ruggerio, discussion – time line for interviewing – end of November. Post on website, possibly Indeed and professional organization website, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to appoint Mark McHugh as our Storm Water Office Manager, so moved, Trustee Ruggerio, seconded Trustee Forlano, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to accept the Retirement of Police Lieutenant Jim McKenna, so moved Trustee Ruggerio, seconded Trustee Forlano, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried. Mayor thanks him for 14 years of service and wishes him good luck on his retirement. He will be missed.

Trustee Forlano as Liaison to Fire Department met with Chief Brandon Knapp about replacing the 2004 Pumper Truck. Chief Knapp was present and discusses the specs and costs. Any questions contact Chief Knapp.

Energy Company (tabled) – discussion on choosing an Energy Company. Thank you to Trustee Machado for looking into the Village Energy.

Mayor entertains motion to choose our Pass thru Village Electric Company as Smartest, so moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Hughes, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to adjourn, so moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Machado, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried. 7:25 pm

Next Meeting November 4, 2024

Submitted by:

Pam Ruyack

Village Clerk