Village Board Meeting

Village of Fishkill

1095 Main Street

Fishkill, NY 12524

April 15, 2024

Mayor opens Village Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence for the two police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in Liverpool, NY

Roll Call: Mayor Martin, Trustee Forlano, Trustee Newhard, Trustee Ruggerio, Trustee Scofield, Village Clerk Pam Ruyack

Mayor entertains motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024 meeting. So move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Abstracts:

Water $11,833.44

Sewer $44,974.93

General $54,181.73

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

Mayor reports the Village of Fishkill website is live. We thank Dutchess County for their assistance with that. Staff will attend training next week at OCIS. On April 2 she attended the Mayor and Supervisors Meeting which the Town of LaGrange hosted. On April 6 she attended the Hudson Valley Rugby Club matches at Sarah Taylor Park. Their shed is up and was being painted. On April 8 there was a 125th Anniversary committee meeting. The 125th Anniversary banner is up on Main Street and we thank Dan Burke for facilitating that for us. The Block Party is scheduled for May 18 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm and there is no rain date. On April 19 there is a free musical event at the Village Hall @ 6:30 pm. The Memorial Day parade is Monday May 27 @ 1:00 pm. If any groups are interesting in marching, please contact us. The Beacon Hopewell Rail Trail Feasibility study is available online on our website. They are looking for input, please take a look. All Village residents can use the green town dump on Geering Way. Any questions call the Town Highway department at 845-896-6013. The letter for the Hometown Heroes Banners will be signed this evening and they will be mailed out with the application tomorrow.

Departments:

Attorney Supple – Sent over Easement for Continental Commons in the Town of Fishkill. There is now a map and survey description. Board is to review and discuss at next meeting. Need to adopt in the Month of May

Building – Submitted and on file

Fire – Submitted and on file

Justice – Submitted and on file

Police – Commissioner Scofield read report, PD participated in the Books & Badges Program and the 125th Anniversary event at the church was without incident.

Water/Sewer – Dave Morrison reports that the sewer plant is getting to the very end. The water quality report was submitted to the Health Department for review.

Clerk/Treasurer – Treasurer discuss the 2024/2025 Budget

Ambulance – Trustee Newhard read the quarter report from Empress. We would like to continue receiving these reports as they are.

Planning/Zoning – Hans Klingzman reports that the April Planning Board Meeting is canceled to due lack of agenda. Spring classes have been scheduled

Mayor entertains motion to open public hearing on 2024-2025 budget. So move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Treasurer Stephanie Pendleton discusses the tentative budget. There was increase in ambulance, 7% insurance increase and 3% salary increase. Need to increase budget for ambulance for next year to $210,000.00. There was a decrease on homestead tax 3.43 .30 per thousand and non-homestead tax 5.19 .61 per thousand.

Mayor entertains motion to close the public hearing on 2024-2025 budget, so move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to open public hearing on NYS Tax Cap. So move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Attorney Supple reports there is no chance of going over tax cap.

Mayor entertains motion to close the public hearing on NYS Tax Cap. So move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to hold the Village election on Tuesday June 18, 2024 at Van Wyck Hall from noon to 9:00 pm. So move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to appoint Jon Rymer to Village of Fishkill Police Department. So move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion for resolution to adopt the Base Allocations for Village of Fishkill, So move Trustee Forlano, Seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor discusses the ARPA funds. This was money given during Covid. We have ARPA funds ($221,000.00) that need to be allocated by the end of the year. It will be used for ambulance and upgrades to Sarah Taylor Park.

Mayor reads resolution to designate April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor entertains motion to designate April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. So move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor reads proclamation on National Therapy Animal Day.

Mayor entertains motion to declare April 30, 2024 as National Therapy Animal Day, so move Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to adopt the 2024-2025 Village Budget with one addendum change of 5% for ambulance, so move Trustee Scofield, seconded Trustee Newhard, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Trustee Newhard moves to adjourn, Trustee Forlano seconded, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried 6:40 pm

Next meeting Monday May 6, 2024 6:00 pm

Submitted by:

Pam Ruyack

Village Clerk