Village Board Meeting

Village of Fishkill

1095 Main Street

Fishkill, NY 12524

December 2, 2024

Mayor opens meeting at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor asks for a moment of silence for Mayor Clara Lou Gould, may she rest in peace.

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

Mayor entertains motion to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Machado, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Abstracts:

 General - $199,188.26

 Cap. Sewer Waste Water Treatment Expansion - $10,081.40

 Trust & Agency - $2,107.50

 Sewer - $137,324.88

 Water - $38,349.58

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 reports that the paving on Shirley Avenue did not get done due to weather.

Mayor reads press release on the Safe Streets Grant (SS4A) which was awarded to the Village of Fishkill. We are looking forward to working with the State to help address the traffic concerns.

Mayor reads letter from the Hudson Valley Rugby Club thanking us for the use of Sarah Taylor Park.

On Sunday the tree lighting is from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and the parade of lights will follow. This will be a fun and festive event.

The Candlelight Concert at the Reformed Church is on December 20 at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite. There will be a coffee reception afterwards.

On the 18th there is a design meeting on the Rail Trail. We are in the preliminary design stage and it is moving along very well.

We have the Village of Fishkill Christmas decoration contest that started on December 1, 2024. One home and one business will be chosen and winners will be announced on social media.

Mayor reports that she had a conversation with Emily Dozer from the Dutchess County Transportation Council about the Safe Streets Grant. We may be able to use their data for a more in depth study of some of our problems that were having in the Village. This could put us in a good position for implementation funding.

Wreaths across America will be placing the wreaths on December 14 in Fishkill Rural Cemetery. You can still volunteer or purchase a wreath.

Trustee Machado asks about the Toys 4 Tots drive. The box is scheduled to be picked up on December 12.

The prom clothing drop off here at Village Hall is ongoing.

Glen Wrafter from the Total Football Hudson Valley Club updates the board on the success of their first year and thanks the Village for the use of Sarah Taylor Park. They are asking to use the field for their home games on Saturdays and Sundays. They would also like permission to put a shed at the park for their equipment (next to the rugby teams shed). Trustee Forlano asks for them to submit some plans to the Board.

Mayor open bid for the Village of Fishkill snow removal for the Police and Fire Department parking lots. One bid was received from All Hands Landscaping. Mayor entertains motion to accept the bid for the snow removal at the Police and Fire Department, so moved Trustee Ruggiero, seconded Trustee Machado, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to accept the resignation of Sergeant Peter B. Haley from the Village of Fishkill Police Department. So moved, Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to appoint Edward Liotard to the Village of Fishkill Police Department, so moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Mayor entertains motion to set a Public Hearing on Monday January 6, 2024 for local law to change the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Bedford Avenue. So moved, Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Machado, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Treasurer Stephanie Pendleton report the audit results. Mayor discusses interest in NY Class. We can invest money at excellent rates. We would like to use them again. The treasurer will look into the rates.

Trustee Forlano discusses the purchase of the new fire truck. Attorney Greg Supple reports that we need to adopt a bond resolution for up to 1.5 million dollars. He will prepare it for the January 6 meeting.

There will be traffic meeting in the Town of Fishkill on Saturday – 2 members of the Board can attend.

Resident Todd Voltz gives a shout out to the guys from the Water Department (Shane) who stopped and helped him pick up car parts from an accident on corner of Broad and Bedford Avenue.

The Kindergarteners from the Fishkill Elementary School will be coming on Friday December 6 to decorate our Christmas tree in Village Hall.

Trustee Machado asks when Santa will be making his rounds through the Village. Santa is going around the Village on the 21st.

Mayor wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Next meeting is Monday January 6, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Mayor entertains motion to adjourn, so moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried 7:42 pm

Pam Ruyack

Village Clerk