

FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2022

Call to Order by Supervisor Don Oltz at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by Town Clerk Anita Casper found the following Board Members present:

Supervisor Don Oltz
Councilman David MacDonald
Councilwoman Maureen Reister
Councilwoman Karen VanLiew
Councilman Russ Bell via Zoom
Attorney Michael D. Quill, Jr.

Motion to approve minutes as presented by former Town Clerk Jo Anne Cox for 12/29/21 was made by Councilwoman Karen VanLiew, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

Public Hearings/Presentations:

Walt Aikman took the podium to present a proposal for the Town of Fleming to partner with him, Terry Cuddy, Auburn City Councilor, and surrounding towns and schools to create The Auburn Conservation Corps. This is a service program to provide Cayuga County youth experiences in environmental resource conservation. Beginning with a summer program at Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, students can learn about outdoor careers in arboriculture, forestry, watershed management, utilities management, soil conservation, wetland delineation, stream health monitoring and wildlife habitat restoration through practical, hands-on experience. Supervisor Oltz asked Mr. Aikman if he would be submitting a letter of approval for the board to vote on and Mr. Aikman stated he has nothing to submit at this time as this was just an informal preliminary presentation. Supervisor Oltz told Mr. Aikman to come back to the board when he has a completed proposal for consideration.

New Business:

Contracts for Renewal

1. Drug/Alcohol Tests – Evolution Consulting
2. Health Insurance – Matson & Kellogg Benefits Group
3. Fleming Fire Co. #1 & #2, Fire Services Contract \$120,510.00 each
4. Shelterpoint (Disability)
5. Harold Gilfus – Code Enforcement Officer, \$11,000.00 per year
6. Bill Gabak – Zoning Officer, \$11,000.00 per year
7. Dog Control Service Agreement – Carl Collier \$3,710.00 per year
8. SAVAR- Cayuga Counseling Services - \$100.00
9. SCAT Van - \$1,200.00
10. Cayuga County Office for the Aging (Meals on Wheels) - \$610.00
11. Mercy Flight - \$300.00

12. Michael Quill, Town Attorney - \$22,000.00

Miscellaneous

1. Mileage reimbursement – To be set at current IRS standard mileage rate as of 1/1/22, rate will be 58.5 cents per mile (up from 56 cents 2021)
2. Newspaper – The Citizen, Post Standard
3. Depositories – Tompkins Trust, Savannah Bank, CLNB
4. Board Meetings – 2nd Monday of each month @6:30 pm
5. Holiday Schedule
6. Town Insurance – NYMIR

Motion to approve contracts for renewal as a group made by Councilman McDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman Reister. Ayes 5-0. Motion to approve miscellaneous as a group made by Councilwoman Reister, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0.

Positons that Expire 12/31/21 Except for Board of Assessment Review which expired 9/30/21:

Position

Zoning Board of Appeals, (5yr term)- **Donna Gilfus** - Councilwoman VanLiew made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0

Alternate, ZBA Member (yearly) – **John Yurco** – Councilman MacDonald made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilwoman Reister. Ayes 5-0

Board of Assessment Review (5yr term) – **Jeff Schiminske** – Councilwoman VanLiew made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilman Bell. Ayes 5-0

Town Historian (yearly) – **Sheila Tucker** – Councilwoman Riester made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0

New Business

(b) Motion was made by Councilman MacDonald to approve Public Hearing date for DuMond Amended SUP for February 14, 2022, 2nd by Councilwoman Reister. Ayes 5-0

(c) Motion was made by Councilwoman VanLiew to approve a credit of \$75.00 for water/sewer account A3305, 2nd by Councilman Bell. Ayes 5-0

(d) Motion to pass Town of Fleming Resolution #1, 2022 regarding senior citizens and disabled persons to have their 2022 property tax exemptions renewed without filing renewal applications, as requested by the New York State Assessors Association was made by Councilwoman Reister, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0. This was passed on the following roll call:

Councilwoman VanLiew	Yes
Councilman MacDonald	Yes
Councilman Bell	Yes
Councilwoman Reister	Yes
Supervisor Oltz	Yes

(e) Motion was made by Councilman MacDonald to approve automatic transfer switch quote of \$4,153.00 for sewer pump station 4 from Curtis Power Solutions. 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0

BUILDING CODES OFFICER – HAROLD GILFUS: Harold submitted his monthly report.

ZONING OFFICER – BILL GABAK: Bill gave a verbal report on his monthly activities stating still working on the Dollar General Store and is in contact with Andy Leja and will be scheduling a Zoning Board meeting. Supervisor Oltz stated he is also in contact with Andy Leja regarding dog nuisance issues and wants a resolution to increase fines on repeat offenders.

ASSESSOR – TAMMY SCHRAMM: Tammy submitted her monthly report including Resolution #1, 2022

UTILITIES DEPT – JOHN CARTER: Absent

HIGHWAY/RECYCLING – KERRY SMITH: Kerry gave a verbal report of his monthly activities stating checking hydrants, new mulch is available and no reported accidents after first ice event of the season.

REQUESTS & COMMENTS OF THE BOARD: Supervisor Oltz stated there is one board member zooming into the meeting as he is out of town. He checked the legality of that board member voting via zoom through the Association of Towns and was told it is legal through January 15, 2022 and will most likely be extended due to COVID 19. A resolution will be forthcoming for towns to extend that time period regardless of decisions made by New York State.

Motion made to approve the Town Clerk’s report by Councilwoman Reister, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0

Motion made to approve the Supervisor’s report by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2nd by Councilwoman Reister. Ayes 5-0

Approval of Bills for Payment:

General Fund	\$44,821.44	Motion to approve by Councilman Bell, 2 nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0
Highway Fund	\$5859.89	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilwoman Reister. Ayes 5-0
Water District	\$16,185.59	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilman Bell. Ayes 5-0
Sewer Fund	\$1012.55	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Reister, 2 nd By Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0
Refuse Fund	\$60.18	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0

Motion to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. by Councilwoman Reister, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fleming Town Clerk