

FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2023

Call to Order by Supervisor Don Oltz at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of Donna Gilfus, town board member that passed away on August 8, 2023.

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

Supervisor Don Oltz
Councilwoman Karen VanLiew
Councilman David MacDonald
Councilwoman Maureen Riester

A motion to approve the minutes as presented by Town Clerk, Anita Casper, for July 10, 2023 was made by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIFIC PRESENTATIONS: A motion was made to open a Public Hearing by Councilwoman Riester, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0

(a) Spruce Haven Farm SUP – The permit will allow Allen Farms to transfer compressed natural gas via truck to Spruce Haven Farm to utilize their existing gas line to upload the gas. Casey Monagan, manager of Business Development at UGI Energy Services distributed flyers to the board which had a picture of the actual truck that will be used along with the “skid” that will be used at Spruce Haven Farm and also important safety information. Casey introduced Derek Schoiack, lead engineer at UGI Energy Services, to answer any questions from the board and/or public. Supervisor Oltz asked Derek to explain the operation; one truck per day will come from Allen Farms containing the compressed gas at approximately 3500 lbs./square inch and connect to the “Pressure Regulation Skid” located at Spruce Haven Farms which will reduce the pressure to 50 PSI before connecting to the interconnect with NYSEG to upload the gas. The whole process can take up to 10 hours and is remotely monitored by Cetaris software and also by UGI. The gas quality is monitored by NYSEG. Other safety measures were discussed as well as common problems that may occur. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. The hearing was closed by the following

roll call vote:	Councilwoman Riester	Yes
	Supervisor Oltz	Yes
	Councilman MacDonald	Yes
	Councilwoman VanLiew	Yes

Supervisor Oltz indicated he has spoken with Casey Monagan about implementing the following restrictions on the Special Use Permit: 1. No more than one truck round trip per day weather permitting. 2. The Allen Farm will be the only farm allowed to produce and deliver natural gas to Spruce Haven Farm. 3. Two year permit will be reviewed at the end of 2 years. 4. Upon agreeing and signing of these restrictions the Special Use Permit will go into effect. A motion was made to approve the Special Use Permit with Restrictions signed by Supervisor Oltz and

Casey Monagan by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. This was approved on the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Riester	Yes
Supervisor Oltz	Yes
Councilman MacDonald	Yes
Councilwoman VanLiew	Yes

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Mr. Dominick Balistreri took the podium and stated he had a problem with his in-ground pool and needed to drain and refill it. He drained the pool into the lake and refilled it with garden hoses. He now wants to have his sewer bill adjusted as he claims the water did not go through the sewer. Supervisor Oltz stated that the town does not give sewer/water relief for residents that fill and drain swimming pools. Bill Gabak, Fleming Zoning Officer, stated that Mr. Balistreri should not be emptying his pool into a tributary that feeds into the lake because the pool water is treated with chemicals.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Discuss date for 1st Budget Workshop in September – After discussion the date of September 18, 2023 was agreed upon at 6:00 p.m.
- (b) Bleiler Sewer Bill (refer to memo dtd 8/8/23) – Lorraine Bleiler, town of Fleming resident, requested, via email, to receive relief on her sewer bill as she had a new lawn put in and was watering it daily. Supervisor Oltz stated that she will not receive any discount per town policy.
- (c) Approve Penn Power generator contract (2 yrs.) – Kerry Smith got a quote from another power company and the bid was higher than Penn Power. He also stated that he is pleased with their service. A motion to approve the 2 year contract with Penn Power was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.

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

ZONING OFFICER – BILL GABAK: Bill stated that he stopped by a house on South Street Road and spoke with the homeowner's son regarding all the junk and debris in the driveway and front yard. He will stop by to check on the progress on 8/24/23; if it has not been taken care of, he will send him a violation. Bill also left his card with Dacy's Automotive telling them their grass needs to be cut. The ZBA meeting will take place on 8/17/23; there are a few outstanding SUPs that need more information collected.

ASSESSOR – TAMMY SCHRAMM: Tammy was present and submitted her monthly report. Once she gets the ok from the state she will start attaching values to properties for next year's re-assessment. School tax bills will be sent out on September 1, 2023.

UTILITIES DEPT – KARL RINDFLEISCH: Karl was absent. Supervisor Oltz and Kerry Smith stated that there is still work to be done on pump stations #'s 5 and 7. New water meters are being installed, but very few people have been making appointments despite the notices that were sent out and signage in the clerk's office and on the website. Supervisor Oltz stated that if residents don't respond soon that the town will install a meter pit in front of the houses and the owner's will be charged for the service. A new valve was put in on the corner of Dunning Ave. and Riester Rd.

HIGHWAY/RECYCLING – KERRY SMITH: Kerry stated that there are still drainage issues on Almond Drive that are being addressed along with road repairs. The department is very busy and just trying to keep up with the workload. Employees have vacation time during August and September. Recycling and

refuse pick up has not been prompt; containers are over-flowing and replacement containers are not being delivered after full containers are taken away. Kerry will be getting quotes from other vendors for this service and will report that information to Supervisor Oltz.

REQUESTS AND COMMENTS OF THE BOARD – Don reminded everyone that the 200 yr. Anniversary party for the town is Sunday, August 27th 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Fleming Masonic Temple ; Dugan’s Food Truck, Poppy’s Ice Cream Truck and Al’s Kettle corn will be there. Board members will be introduced to the public at 1:00 pm.

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS - A motion to approve was made by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0.

Clerk’s Report – Motion made to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.

Supervisor’s Report – Motion made to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0.

Approval of Bills for Payment:

General Fund	\$6,938.37	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2 nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.
Highway Fund	\$4,985.96	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0.
Water District #1	\$119,004.56	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0.
Sewer Fund	\$31,980.53	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.
Refuse Fund	\$3,837.60	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.
Lighting Districts	\$353.40	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0.

A motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita Casper
Fleming Town Clerk