

FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2023

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

At this time, Supervisor Oltz stated he appointed Melissa Deyo to the board at the November 13th meeting, but neglected to ask for board approval. Therefore, he asked for a motion to approve Melissa's appointment. Councilman MacDonald made a motion to approve, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew; Ayes 4-0. The motion was approved on the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Riester	Yes
Supervisor Oltz	Yes
Councilman MacDonald	Yes
Councilwoman Van Liew	Yes

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
Councilwoman Deyo

Also present: Town Attorney, Michael Quill, Jr.

A motion to approve the minutes as presented by Town Clerk, Anita Casper, for November 13, 2023 was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – Mr. Chris Haff, resident of Townline Road, took the podium and expressed his concern about the amount of water running off the farm fields and into the ditches. He stated that the town of Scipio installed a drainage pipe in a farm field across the street from his residence a few years ago and since then, there has been a constant stream of water flowing in the ditch along the roadside. Also, he stated that the ditches have overflowed over 8 time this past summer. Throughout his travels in the town of Fleming this evening, the ditch in question was the only one with water in it. Mr. Haff feels that the farm fields should not be draining into the ditches as the water carries chemicals and manure which eventually end up in the lake. He showed pictures of the flooding to the board. Supervisor Oltz stated that farmers are, in fact, using drainage tile in their fields to clear out excess water. Don also stated that this is not an issue for the town to pursue, but rather Cayuga County Soil and Water in conjunction with the highway superintendents of the towns involved. Mr. Haff was instructed by Kerry Smith and Don Oltz to contact County Soil and Water.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Set a Public Hearing for Bryant-Havener SUP to open a Hair Salon in their home on West Lake Road on January 8, 2024. Councilman MacDonald made a motion to approve the date for the public hearing as January 8, 2024, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0.

(b) Set Year-End Meeting for Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Councilwoman VanLiew made a motion to approve the date, 2nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.

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

ZONING OFFICER – BILL GABAK: Bill stated he has a ZBA meeting on 12/21/23 and is working on the Bryant-Havener SUP, Peter Briggs subdivision and Dave Heffernan’s property subdivision and subsequent sale of 7 acres to Bill Morgan.

ASSESSOR – TAMMY SCHRAMM: Tammy submitted her monthly report and stated that the 2024 County/Town Tax Bills will be mailed out on 12/31/23.

UTILITIES DEPT – KARL RINDFLEISCH: Karl was absent. Supervisor Oltz stated that there were 2 water main breaks at Emerson Park. An individual working on the property struck a 6 inch main and a 12 inch main which have been repaired. Pump station #7 has been refurbished and running smoothly.

HIGHWAY DEPT – Kerry stated that an Intermunicipal Agreement has been reached between Fleming and Scipio through the town’s respective attorneys which gives definition as to which town is responsible for maintenance and upkeep on specific parts of the Fleming/Scipio Townline Road. Kerry also stated that work is being done on financing for the Detrich Road bridge project. The highway department has treated the roads 2x so far and 1 truck is being repaired.

REQUESTS AND COMMENTS OF THE BOARD – Councilman MacDonald officially welcomed Melissa Deyo to the town board.

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS - None

Clerk’s Report – Motion made to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.

Supervisor’s Report – None – Supervisor Oltz stated the new bookkeeper has just finished reconciling accounts from 2022 and should be up to speed by the beginning of 2024.

Approval of Bills for Payment:

General Fund	\$36,850.89	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2 nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0.
Highway Fund	\$25,031.69	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.
Water District #1	\$22,442.18	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2 nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.
Sewer Fund	\$23,607.69	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by

Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.

Refuse Fund \$3,018.40

Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0.

Lighting Districts \$92.64

Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

At this time, Michael Quill, town attorney, requested that Supervisor Oltz sign the aforementioned Intermunicipal Agreement for the towns of Fleming and Scipio. Councilman MacDonald made a motion to approve the agreement, 2nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita Casper
Fleming Town Clerk