

FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2024

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 Melissa Deyo

Councilwoman Karen VanLiew

Councilman Joseph Vasile

Also present: Town Attorney, Michael Quill, Jr.

No Public Hearings or Special Presentations; A motion to approve the minutes as presented by Town Clerk, Anita Casper, for February 12, 2024 was made by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Set Public Hearing for April 8th for Local Law 1 of 24 (Travel Trailers – Zoning) – A motion to set the date of April 8, 2024 was made by Councilman Vasile, 2nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.
- (b) Aramark Revised Contract – The current contract allows for clothing for three MEO's together with floor mats. The MEO's are not utilizing the weekly cleaning service for the clothes and we find it unnecessary for the floor mats to be changed out weekly. Therefore, the contract has been amended to changing out floor mats biweekly and removing the clothes cleaning services. The new charge will be \$715.00 per year for a term of 4 years replacing the current cost of \$3,320.00 per year. A motion to accept the amended contract was made by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilman Vasile. Ayes 5-0.
- (c) Payne's Lawn Care, cemetery mowing approval – There is an increase of \$50.00 over last year's contract of \$750.00. A motion to approve the new contract at \$800.00 was made by Councilwoman VanLiew, 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 spoke with someone interested in purchasing Dacey's Automotive on Route #34. The individual is interested in reviving the repair shop as well as the car wash. Bill directed him to contact the D.E.C. along with the health department if he intends to pursue this. With regard to the public hearing set for 4/8/24, Bill, Cindy Schiminske and Rob Germain (town zoning lawyer) have been working on tightening up the language in the zoning laws regarding travel trailers. Bill also mentioned that Rob Germain has received several changes and input from Bill, Cindy, Harold and Don for an update of zoning laws. Mr. Germain will compile all changes into a book that can be printed out so it can be used as a reference for all zoning changes and resolutions. This will take about 6 months.

ASSESSOR – TAMMY SCHRAMM: Tammy submitted her monthly report. She stated she is taking appointments for residents regarding their new assessments beginning this week through the first week

of April. Tammy set up a Google Calendar and shared it with the town clerk to help with scheduling appointments.

UTILITIES DEPT – KARL RINDFLEISCH: Karl was absent. Supervisor Oltz stated pump station #7 is up and running at 100%.

HIGHWAY DEPT – Councilwoman VanLiew ask Kerry Smith if he’s going to resurface Cork Street and Koon Road. Kerry stated these roads are oil and chip repaired but the increasing heavy usage by local farmers is breaking the roads down rather quickly. Suite Kote will be in Fleming resurfacing Bluefield and Skillet Roads and Kerry got quotes from them to repair Cork and Koon Roads. Kerry’s plan for road work this summer includes ditching, drainage pipe replacements and cross culverts. He went over the highway department’s Agreement to Spend detailing all monies needed to cover cost for all repairs and improvements of the town of Fleming’s roads and highways. Clean up day will be the second Saturday in June; June 8, 2024. Kerry will make another call to have the brush pile shredded so it can be re-opened in April.

REQUESTS AND COMMENTS OF THE BOARD – Supervisor Oltz informed the board that the Town will be responsible for the legal fees of \$15,000.00 used to form the new Fire District. A motion to approve the expense was made by Councilman Vasile, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0. Don also informed the board that the Fire District has made a request to place a fuel tank on the town hall property next to the existing tank that services town vehicles and equipment. He stated he was concerned about liability and will be in contact with Pinsky Law to have them draft a statement that would release the town of Fleming from any liability and also to secure a rider on the Fire District’s insurance to cover them. The Fire District representative stated he spoke with their insurance company and it will not be a problem to add the town of Fleming as additionally insured. Don stated that as soon as the town receives the letter from Pinsky releasing the town from liability, the agreement will be signed. The tank will be delivered and set up for no fee and all billing, invoices and reports will be handled by the fire district. Don also requested that the fire district get their own mailbox or PO Box and have their mail delivered there instead of being delivered to the town offices address.

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS – None

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

Approval of Bills for Payment:

General Fund	\$18,596.94	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.
Water District #1	\$7,370.45	Motion to approve by Councilman Vasile, 2 nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.
Highway Fund	\$9,970.74	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilman Vasile. Ayes 5-0.

Sewer Fund	\$21,408.13	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.
Refuse Fund	\$1,707.23	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Deyo. Ayes 5-0.
Lighting District	\$129.67	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilman Vasile. Ayes 5-0.

Supervisor Oltz stated he'd like to revisit "Requests and Comments of the Board" – He informed the board that the towns of Owasco, Fleming and Springport are applying for an inter-municipal grant for water. An engineer was contacted by Don and will charge \$7,500.00 for a preliminary report to see if it is feasible. A pipe from Route 34 will be connected to Route 34B near the Healy farm and then hook into Springport. A motion to approve this expense was made by Councilman Vasile, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Deyo, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita Casper, Fleming Town Clerk