

FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2023

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
Councilwoman Karen VanLiew
Councilman David MacDonald
Councilwoman Maureen Riester

Also present: Town Attorney, Michael Quill, Jr.

A motion to approve the minutes as presented by Town Clerk, Anita Casper, for October 16, 2023 was made by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0. A motion to approve the minutes for October 25, 2023 was made by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0. A motion to approve the minutes for November 8, 2023 was made by Councilman MacDonald, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (a) Appoint Melissa Deyo as Town Board Member to fill vacancy of Donna Gilfus – Supervisor Oltz made the appointment, introduced Melissa to the Board and asked her to take her place on the bench.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIFIC PRESENTATIONS: Batruch Special Use Permit – Councilman MacDonald made a motion to open the public hearing; 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0. Jennifer Batruch took the podium and stated she and her husband John will be running an antique store and perhaps selling some of her art at the store. The store is located adjacent to her home and the hours of operation will be Thursday thru Sunday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Councilman MacDonald made a motion to close the public hearing, 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0. Councilman MacDonald made a motion to approve the Batruch’s special use permit; 2nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (b) Resolution – Bridge New York – Supervisor Oltz stated that funding has been approved through the Bridge NY program to rebuild the bridge and culvert on Dietrich Road. However, the town will need to secure a short term loan with Tompkins Bank to cover costs and will then be reimbursed by Bridge NY. Don spoke with Barb Sroka at Tompkins and she will be sending the necessary paperwork. The Resolution reads, in part, “The resolution authorizes the implementation and funding of 100% of the costs of the transportation project of the bridge replacement on Dietrich Road over Crane Brook culvert of which qualified costs may be reimbursed from Bridge NY funds.” Councilwoman VanLiew made a motion to approve Resolution #10; 2nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

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

ZONING OFFICER – BILL GABAK: Bill was absent.

ASSESSOR – TAMMY SCHRAMM: Tammy was absent, but submitted her monthly report.

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. Don received a call from Fleming resident, David Wayne, that there is water leaking near the old Gulliver Farm on Dunning Avenue. This will have to be repaired tomorrow (11/14/23). Fleming resident, John Baker, asked Don and Kerry Smith if the water will be shut off and if the lines will be flushed after the repair. They stated that they will have to assess the problem tomorrow and make decisions based on what they find. Don explained that a lot of work has been done on pump station #7. All parts have been replaced. Kerry reported that it has been completely refurbished and will be working much better.

BUDGET TRANSFERS/AMENDMENTS - None

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

Supervisor's Report – None – Supervisor Oltz stated the new bookkeeper has just started and things are being brought up to speed.

Approval of Bills for Payment:

General Fund	\$6,730.87	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2 nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.
Highway Fund	\$27,667.68	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0.
Water District #1	\$23,425.58	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0.
Sewer Fund	\$42,907.95	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2 nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.
Refuse Fund	\$25.00	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 nd by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 5-0.
Lighting Districts	\$92.70	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 nd by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2nd by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Anita Casper
Fleming Town Clerk