

FLEMING TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 11, 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 the victims of the 9/11 tragedy.

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 August 14, 2023 was made by Councilman MacDonald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – Caleb Slater took the podium and introduced himself and stated he will be running for NYS Senate this November and was attending several area town meetings to listen to local concerns in his district. Christopher Haff took the podium and stated that the culvert on his road, Fleming Scipio Townline Road, is clogged near Ridge Road and is backing up with water whenever it rains. He would like to know if Scipio or Fleming is responsible for the maintenance of this road. Kerry Smith stated that he has discussed the issue with Fleming town attorney, Mike Quill, and Mike will be contacting the Scipio town attorney to work out an agreement with respect to each town's responsibility for maintaining the road. Kerry said he will go out and take a look at the problem and work toward a solution. Mr. Haff also asked about the outcome from the Fleming Fire District vote which took place on September 5, 2023. Supervisor, Don Oltz, stated that Resolutions #1 and #3 failed and all other Resolutions passed. Mr. Haff also mentioned that he felt the vote was not well publicized and that many residents were unaware of it. Councilwoman Riester asked Mr. Haff if he would be willing to submit his email address to the Town of Fleming in order to receive email notifications for similar events.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (a) Reschedule October meeting due to Columbus Day Holiday – After discussion the date of October 16, 2023 was agreed upon at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made to accept the new date by Councilwoman Riester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.
- (b) Speed limit resolution – Cork Street – Supervisor Oltz read the resolution to reduce the speed limit on Cork Street from 55 mph to 30 mph due to amount of children in the area, especially in the area of the trailer park. A motion was made to pass the resolution by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.
- (c) Resignation of Bookkeeper Suzanne LeFever – Supervisor Oltz read Mrs. LeFever's letter of resignation and also stated that former Town Bookkeeper, Lisa Schiminske, turned in her keys and stated in writing that she would no longer be working for the town. Councilwoman Riester

asked if the job vacancy will be made public soon; Supervisor Oltz stated it will be posted through Civil Service and that he has a few possible applicants he will be speaking with.

**BUILDING CODES OFFICER** – HAROLD GILFUS: Harold was present and submitted his monthly report. Councilman MacDonald asked if the number of building permits approved this year, so far, is comparable to last year. Harold stated that the numbers are very close with last year being a little lower.

**ZONING OFFICER** – BILL GABAK: Bill stated that he has 3 pending Special Use Permits which all require more information before they go before the board. He also visited a residence on South Street Road regarding moving a boat and removing a significant amount of debris from the front yard. The resident has 2 weeks to clean up the yard. The next ZBA meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023.

**ASSESSOR** – TAMMY SCHRAMM: Tammy was present and submitted her monthly report. Supervisor Oltz stated that the assessor is answering phone calls and meeting with residents tonight regarding the increase in school tax bills.

**UTILITIES DEPT** – KARL RINDFLEISCH: Karl was absent. Supervisor Oltz met with Karl Rindfleisch to discuss the 2024 budget for water and sewer. The water rate may have to be increased to make up for money spent as the ARPA fund will not be available next year and cost for parts and repairs continues to rise. Kerry Smith stated there is still work to be done on pump station #7 and all stations need to be cleaned out before winter. There is still a lot of work to be done before the weather turns colder and Kerry said that they may have to go to a 5 day week to get everything done.

**HIGHWAY/RECYCLING** – KERRY SMITH: Kerry stated he was very pleased with the concrete work done on the outside of the building. Oil and chip has to be done before the snow flies; he is also waiting for more quotes from trash removal services. Kerry reached out to the metal siding vendor regarding a quote for the siding of the town building.

**REQUESTS AND COMMENTS OF THE BOARD** – Supervisor Oltz thanked Councilwoman VanLiew for all of the work she did to put together the 200 anniversary celebration which took place on August 27, 2023. Councilwoman VanLiew thank Kerry and Don for all their help as well. Councilwoman Riester would like to have a database set up for all Fleming residents' email addresses as a way of communicating important information with them. Supervisor Oltz stated he has spoken with other surrounding towns that have attempted to communicate with their residents this way; the town of Owasco reported that it has been 3 years since they started the database and still do not have many participants. If resident emails were collected, Don stated that they will be used exclusively for communicating important town information to residents. Councilwoman Riester suggested putting a form on the website where residents could submit their email directly into a database. Don stated that the matter will be looked into.

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

**Clerk's Report** – Motion made to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.

**Supervisor's Report** – Motion made to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.

**Approval of Bills for Payment:**

General Fund	\$19,084.94	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.
Highway Fund	\$12,207.55	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.
Water District #1	\$6,272.84	Motion to approve by Councilwoman VanLiew, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.
Sewer Fund	\$17,378.34	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0.
Refuse Fund	\$896.19	Motion to approve by Councilman MacDonald, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Riester. Ayes 4-0.
Lighting Districts	\$92.70	Motion to approve by Councilwoman Riester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.

A motion to move to executive session at 6:52 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.

A motion to move back to regular session at 7:17 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman MacDonald. Ayes 4-0.

A motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. was made by Councilwoman Riester, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman VanLiew. Ayes 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Anita Casper  
Fleming Town Clerk