

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF FAYETTE  
BOARD MEETING  
11/9/2023**

Supervisor Trout called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

Steve Barto voiced his concerns on a property that has an expired permit, it's supposed to be a storage barn but looks like an apartment above it. Steve would like for the Land Use officer to address this issue with the property owner.

Appointed Chief, Russ Goodman from North Seneca Ambulance introduced himself and explained the situation that the NSA is in and the solution to fix the issue is to ask each individual Town for financial support on an annual basis. Russ stated that all of the Towns he has spoken with have been very receptive and he appreciates the support.

Damon Nicholson said they started prep work in September and then were able to start laying pipe in October on Poormon Road. As of November 9, there have been 1.6 miles of 8 inch water line installed, 18 hydrants, 9 main line valves and that covers aloof Poorman Road. They got to Yost Road and ran into heavy rock so they ended up renting a machine to help get through the rock. So far they have 480 feet to go until they hit 336, and 1500 feet to go to hit Leader Road and eventually will change to 12 inches and then will move onto the fill station.

**DOG CONTROL REPORT:**

432 cats have been fixed. 20-30 dog pickups

**LAND USE OFFICER REPORT:**

5 approved permits for October

**TOWN ASSESSOR REPORT:**

Has been working with Jenn on the Fire Districts

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Has been helping with the water line on what they can do, highway equipment has been used for WD#8. Preparing for Winter.

**TOWN CLERK REPORT:**

\$1,875.00 brought in for October. No FOIL requests

**SUPERVISOR REPORT:**

The Water/Sewer authority is moving forward, we should be getting a check for \$100,000.00(per town) from the County with the strong encouragement to use the money for infrastructure needs. Coreen and Jeff have been doing interviews for the Account Clerk position. Donna and Mike from Pronexus have been coming in to help with Account Clerk responsibilities. The County budget is adopted as of right now, and the tax rate will be reduced.

\*The Moratorium doesn't expire until January\*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY:SALONE**

Jenn introduced Mayor Bennett, Commissioner Dwello from Border City & the Representatives from Varick. Jenn stated that she is not redrawing district lines, we are trying to get fire coverage in area contracts that are fair to the taxpayers and the other Fire Departments. Jenn is asking that the Departments start working together within their own department and with others. For the Border

City Fire Protection District, Jenn is proposing to keep it at a rate of \$40,000.00 for 2024 no 3 year contract and would like the area to be split between Border City & Waterloo.

### **INSURANCE, WATER & SEWER:LOWRY**

Met with Ed Boudreau from Finger Lakes Partners, Ed said the Town should expect a 9% increase for next year. Met with Matt O'brien to discuss cyber security.

### **PLANNING, ZONING & NATURAL RESOURCES:TIDBALL**

The Comprehensive Plan first draft is due later this month, and should have something presented to the Board later this month. The Canoga Creek biomonitoring project continues.

### **HIGHWAY:MURRAY**

Tom has been working with Andy on budget numbers and will be presenting some additional changes to their budget. They found some places where they can save money, and add it to the reserve fund to build it up for equipment. Discussion with the highway employees on working with the water employees, everything is going nicely.

### **MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:**

- **Motion by Tidball & seconded by Lowry to approve the MRB proposal for MUO. 5/0 carried**
- **Motion by Tidball & seconded by Salone to approve the MRB proposal for professional services. 5/0 carried**
- **Motion by Tidball & seconded by Lowry to approve an archeological firm (Anne Morton) for Water District #8. 5/0 carried**

- **Motion by Salone & seconded by Lowry to create Land Use position #2. 4/0 carried**  
**Trout-yes**  
**Lowry-yes**  
**Salone-yes**  
**Murray-yes**  
**Tidball-abstain**
- **Motion by Trout & seconded by Murray to adopt the Tax Levy Cap. 5/0 carried**
- **Motion by Lowry & seconded by Salone to appoint Crystal Tomkins as deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. 5/0 carried**
- **Motion by Salone & seconded by Lowry to approve the NSA contract for the 2024 fiscal year for the amount of \$74,000.00 to be paid over 4 equal installments. 5/0 carried**
- **Motion by Lowry & seconded by Tidball to approve the agreement with MRB regarding sewer district #8 economic development proposals. 5/0 carried**
- **Motion by Lowry & seconded by Murray to reapportion bank funds from non-interest bearing to interest bearing accounts in the amount of \$250,000. 5/0 carried**
- **Motion by Tidball & seconded by Salone to appoint Mike Combs as Land Use officer #2. 5/0 carried**

- **Motion by Lowry & seconded by Murray to approve the minutes from 10/12/23. 4/0 carried**  
 Trout-yes  
 Lowry-yes  
 Salone-yes  
 Murray-yes  
 Tidball-abstain
  
- **Motion by Lowry & seconded by Tidball to approve the minutes from 10/20/23. 5/0 carried**
  
- **Motion by Salone & seconded by Lowry to approve the minutes from 11/2/23. 4/0 carried**  
 Trout-yes  
 Lowry-yes  
 Salone-yes  
 Murray-yes  
 Tidball- abstain
  
- **Motion by Murray & seconded by Salone to accept Bob Steele's letter. 4/0 carried**  
 Trout-yes  
 Lowry-yes  
 Salone-yes  
 Murray-yes  
 Tidball-abstain \*objects to the way this goes until further discussion\*
  
- **Motion by Trout & seconded by Murray to approve a bill for Water District #8 from Core & Main for 12 inch pipe materials in the amount of \$12,794.40. 5/0 carried**

- **Motion by Tidball and seconded by Murray to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, inviting the Town Clerk & Town Attorney.**
- **Motion by Salone & seconded by Murray to adjourn. 5/0 carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Macy Nesbit