

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on April 14, 2025, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, Kevin Young, Amanda Fernandez - Zoom; Also present: Clerk Laraway, Attorney Mauhs, Fire Chief Gregory, Cobleskill Mayor Stanton-Terk, David Avitabile – Mountain Eagle.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Knight announced: Railroad Ave. business Forget Me Not Soda Shoppe ribbon cutting will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM; Village will be hosting an intern Antonio Remache for his Fall semester at SUNY Oneonta; Green Wolf Brewery will be closing at the end of April.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve Regular Board minutes for March 3, 2025. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0; Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve Special Board meeting minutes for March 17, 2025. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Gregory Monthly Report: Busy month, mutual aid for structure fire Livingstonville, MVA's on Route 30; Ladder truck passed inspection; New fire hose is expected soon; Joint annual Town and Village meeting is approved to use Fire House June 12, 2025, at 6pm; Burn Ban is in effect; Village will get back to Fire Dept. with dates of hydrant flushing.

Code Officer Fink was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Knight gave report: Issued building permits for house remodel, couple of shed permits, one roof permit, c/o for two new businesses. Filed annual 2024 NYS codes report: 12 residential and 2 commercial permits issued, 7 shed, deck, pool etc., 17 C/O issued, 2 stop work orders, 3 new construction, and 20 Fire Inspections were done. Update on property at 111 Railroad Ave.: Code Officer Fink posted Court documents on latest hearing for acquiring property. Schoharie Judge scheduled hearing for May 22, 2025. If all goes well, it is possible the Village will own the property by mid-June. Trustee Young suggested getting estimates for the asbestos survey. It was discussed and nothing can be done until final court ruling.

Clerk Laraway Monthly Report: Village did 17 tax searches last year and the charge is \$10.00 per search. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to increase to \$25.00 per search. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. The board was presented with a Record of Destruction Authorization list. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve Record of Destruction list a presented. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Donations for former Clerk of 41 years Janet Mayor were received in her memory, for the Youth Commission and clerk sent thank you notes to all who donated. Gathered paper work needed for upcoming NYMIR building appraisals; Cemetery foundation for crew; Cemetery ad in paper for spring clean-up; Washed flags for Street and ordered larger ones for River Street; Working on getting EFC Zero percent refinancing for Wastewater Treatment Plant; Deputy Clerk Kelley working of destruction records; scheduling water meter replacements with new electric read.

DPW Superintendent Keyser Monthly Report: Was unable to attend, Mayor Knight gave report:

### **General**

- We are waiting on the blacktop plant to reopen to fix potholes and water line repair spots.
- Looking into quotes for summer paving.
- Installed some new street signs.
- Garbage cans were repainted and placed on Main Street, as were Rotary's benches.
- We will begin cleaning up the Middleburgh Cemetery starting on Monday, April 14, 2025, through Friday, April 25, 2025.
- Village pool water lines were pressure tested and passed. Skimmer needs some work before season starts.

Trustee Tinker inquired about funds to remove some trees in the old cemetery. Trustee Tinker also inquired about string lights on the Schoharie side of the bridge are out, would it be possible to get them repaired. Mayor Knight reported that National Grid LED conversion is done: cost \$11,0000 and the Village will get reimbursed \$7,000.

### **Water**

- Fixed a water line on Lawyers Lane today.
- Continuing to replace water meters. Appointments are available by calling the Village Clerk's Office; typically done on Wednesdays.
- There is increased usage lately, but the water plant is keeping up without issue.

### **Sewer**

- We had a DEC Inspection that we passed.
- The sewer plant had a couple of quirks this month with the SBR tanks, but everything is running fine.

An email was received by the Village of Middleburgh from a resident at 135 Scribner Ave. requesting a waiver for water and sewer. The building has an artesian well and is not hooked up to village water. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to waive water charge contingent upon DPW inspection. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to schedule the joint Town & Village Annual Meeting: June 12, 2025, 6:00pm at the Middleburgh Firehall at 127 Railroad Ave., Middleburgh NY 12122. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight discussed forming the Village Grant Committee. After going through the survey's that were returned to the Village, several residents volunteered to participate on committee. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to form Village Grant Committee with two from the Village Board: Mayor Knight and Trustee Tinker; and three residents: Patty Paser, David Avitabile, and Susan London; five alternates were also named: James Snyder, Karen Brathauer, Candy Reynolds-Cummings, Nathan Searles, and Sara Masterson. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

In addition, Mayor Knight reported:

- The Village will be hosting a walkthrough of the business district on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM with representatives of MVEDD and SEEC to understand the total picture. MABA and the Grants Committee will also be invited to participate.
- Delaware Engineering submitted the Village's EPG for Sanitary Sewer Extension.
- Mayor Knight submitted a Technical Grant application, with MVEDD's assistance, for DEC's Drinking Water Source Protection Program.

Trustee Adams updated Board on 250 years American Independence Committee meeting. The event is scheduled for July 3, 2026, with community picnic at Timothy Murphy Park, hamburgers & hotdogs, band and possibly fireworks.

Trustee Fernandez gave update on Badgley Park: SEEC award for solar benches has been placed, waiting for the estimated ship date. Four dark green benches were ordered. Still working on horseshoe pits with Rotary. Trustee Fernandez will reach out to Rotary to schedule work date, if Rotary is unable to assist, she will reach out to volunteers.

Mayor Knight discussed the possibility of getting Municipal Hall on the Historical Registry. It could possibly mean the Village would be eligible for more grant opportunities. It would aid in keeping the building in good repair and hopefully get the handicap ramp completed. Trustee Tinker stated it would be nice to open the old wooden ceiling, Trustee Young said it was a great idea, Trustee Adams said a great idea, building has lots of history, Trustee Fernandez agreed with the rest of the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with getting Municipal Hall on Historical Registry. Mayor Knight will keep the Board updated on progress.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$46,417.11 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$ 4,953.05 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$17,335.80 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to enter into executive session at 7:37pm with Chief Gregory to discuss Middleburgh Fire Department Personnel. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to enter back into regular session at 9:04 pm. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to increase DPW Superintendent Cole Keyser's salary to \$72,000 for 2025. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. The increase is due to Keyser waiving his Village provided health insurance.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve Andrew Tator's application to join the Middleburgh Fire Department. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded Trustee Tinker to deny Angelica Diller's application to join the Middleburgh Fire Department. Upon roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Correspondence: 3/3/25 Cert Liability Foshee Pool; letter CDPHP re: payment; 3/4/25 letter NYMIR re: letter recommendations; 3/5/25 letter Village Middleburgh re: Schoharie ARC parking; 5/7/25 letter V. Middleburgh re: Suny Cobleskill 2025 semester designs; Cert Ins. Professional Pool; 3/10/25 letter V. Middleburgh re: MCS parcel sale; 3/18/25 letter Stewarts re: Holiday Match; 3/24/25 email NFP re: Fire Dept ins.; 3/24/25 letter NYS DOPS re: Broadband; 3/28/25 Cert Ins. Crown Castle; 3/28/25 letter Charter Comm. Re: Channels; 3/31/25 V. Middleburgh re County Infrastructure Committee, Clauverwie; Letter NBT Ins. Re: Ins Disclosure; Gross Tax: PAETEC, IDT, Tim er Warner, Google, Level 3 Comm.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Fernandez, to adjourn at 9:05pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Melanie Laraway - Clerk.