

# Village and Town of Middleburgh Joint Meeting Minutes

## June 12, 2025

The Village Board & Town Board held their annual joint meeting on June 12, 2025, at the Middleburgh Firehall located at 127 Railroad Avenue at 6:00 PM.

**Members in attendance:** **Village-** Mayor Timothy Knight, Trustee Bob Tinker, Trustee Sheryl Adams and Trustee Kevin Young, Clerk Laraway, Fire Dept. President Donald Guest; **Town-** Supervisor John Youmans, Councilman Wesley Laraway, Councilwoman Sue Makely, Councilwoman Carrie Shaul, Councilman Pete Coppolo, Clerk Renee Schmidt, Highway Superintendent Steve Kowalski, **Town-**Code Officer Tom Loucks, Accountant Charley Spickerman. **Public-** Times Journal reporter Patsy Nicosia

Mayor Knight opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Fire Department President Donald Guest:** Fire Chief Gregory has gone on leave of absence with no end date. If anyone needs to contact him, they can do so through Mr. Guest. Assistant Chiefs Mike Devlin, Brian Devlin and Kevin Daily will be stepping in to cover chief position until further notice. Mike Devlin attended Dam meeting and will update everyone in the coming weeks.

**Mayor Knight:** Village would like to accept Chief Gregory's leave of absence and thank him for his service. Village has been busy: Finished Depot building; Formed revitalization Pool committee, to look for grants to replace aging pool; Received SEEC Grant for \$100,000, spent \$60,000 to install free Wi-Fi through (MIDTEL) along the Village business district for the next five years. The remaining balance was spent to place solar benches in Badgley Park with free Wi-Fi and charging stations; Made Railroad Ave. one-way street; Receive NYSEDA Grant for \$15,000, which was used to convert 22 historical lights to LED; Changed 134 National Grid street lights to LED with a grant only costing Village a total of \$4,000; Applied for a grant to extend sewer lines on Grove Street; Looking at CDBG grant for handicap entrance at Municipal Building; EFC refinancing at zero percent for 2,500,000 Waste Water Bond, saving sewer residents 1.5 million dollars; Acquired 111 Railroad Ave., will be demolishing and installing a parking lot; Purchased pedestrian crossing light for cross walk from 309 & 308 Main Street.

**Supervisor Youmans:** Everything is status quo, well-oiled machine; Ordered plow truck, should be in this month; Some repairs on Community Center; Old Town Hall on Railroad Ave. has been sold; Historical Society's railroad sign needs to be removed from building before next week; Shared services with Village have been going great; Mayor Knight stated we really appreciate how well everyone works together.

**Open Discussion:** Councilman Laraway inquired about the spending of County Youth Bureau increase funding for 2025. Mayor Knight stated any funding left from Youth Budget will be deposited in Pool Repair Savings; Councilwoman Makely inquired about Planning Board vacancy: there is a member resigning, who represents the Village. Town voted in February that there will be 2 from Town, 2 from Village, the other 3 positions can be from either. Mayor Knight said he would see if he could find someone from the Village to fill the vacancy. Councilman Laraway thanked Rotary for Memorial Park new sign, flowers, and tree removal along with the Village participation. He also commended the Village for how great the cemetery looks. Supervisor Youmans along with Superintendent Kowalski inquired about tree removal in the upper cemetery. It was discussed having Town remove large pine trees along Llama Road so they could expand the width of road. It was the consensus of the Village Board that was doable. Town and Village will meet in spring to go over the project. The Village will also look into clearing trees in the African American cemetery section. Councilman Coppolo discussed overhanging tree limb on Maple Ave. needing to be trimmed.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Tinker made a motion, second by Councilwoman Shaul to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie Laraway, Village Clerk.