

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on August 4th, 2025, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, Amanda Fernandez; Also present: Deputy Clerk Kelley, Attorney Mauhs, Heather Vilegi, Richard Vilegi, (Middleburgh Hardware) James Schilling, Fire Dept: Donald Guest, ZBA Chairman John Wingfield, The Mountain Eagle – David Avitabile, & Times Journal – Peter Lindemann.

Absent: Trustee Kevin Young

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

Mayor Knight announced: August 7th Sewer EFC Refinancing Closing, August 16th Village-wide Yard sales 9AM-3PM, and August 22nd Heritage Day Concert at the M&S Depot from 7-8:30PM.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve Regular Board minutes for July 7th, 2025 and Special Board minutes for July 30th, 2025. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight introduced the new Village intern Antonio Romanche to the board and audience. Antonio is set to start at the Village in late August.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to open a Public Hearing at 7:05PM: Village seeking \$332,500 in CDBG Public Facilities Grant Funding for Handicapped Ramp Project. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight explained that the CDBG Public Facilities Grant is the only grant funding available for accessibility improvements to public facilities. The Village had previously gotten engineering plans done for a handicapped accessible ramp and went out to the bid, but the bids came back far beyond the Village's financial means. With the New York State Comptroller's Office now conducting accessibility audits, so becoming handicapped accessible is a matter of when and not if.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to open a Public Hearing at 7:10PM: Village seeking \$36,000 Water Bond to Purchase Water Plant Controller Upgrade (\$28,075) and 24 Neptune N-10 Water Meters (\$7,482.24) through National Bank of Coxsackie at a 3.59% Interest Rate. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Fire Department Monthly Report: Assistant Chief Guest reported: More about the testing being done to hoses and other equipment, and also handed in some more bills to the Board.

Code Officer Fink was unable to attend the meeting. The Board discussed the bids received for the 111 Railroad Ave demolition project, and how much was available for this project.

The bids were as follows:

- i. MSL Construction - \$31,000 (Demolition & Backfill)
- ii. Jackson Demolition - \$37,900 (Demolition - \$25,900; \$12,000 – Backfill)
- iii. Dan's Hauling & Demo – \$45,800 (Demolition - \$40,000; \$5,800 – Backfill)
- iv. Valley Restoration & Construction – \$59,184.29 (Demolition & Backfill)
- v. Schoenecker Construction – \$75,000 (Demolition)

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to award MSL Construction the project. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to use \$31,000 from General Savings to pay for the project, and replenish funds over the next 5 years. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Clerk Laraway Monthly Report: Clerk Laraway absent, Deputy Clerk Kelley reported that August Water & Sewer bills & newsletters were mailed out for the first of the month, and other than that it's business as usual in the office.

DPW Superintendent Keyser Monthly Report:

General: Lack of rain, not as much mowing going on, planning how to help with 111 Railroad Ave demolition and Scribner Ave sidewalk replacement.

Water: It was discussed that RCAP Solutions could help with water line detection and locating leaks or blockages.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve a Community Service Agreement with RCAP Solutions for Water Utility GIS. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Sewer: Service needed, low water may affect pumps.

The Board discussed the bids received for the Scribner Ave. sidewalk replacement. The bids are as follows:

- Schoenecker Construction – \$24,684
- MSL Construction - \$29,000

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to award MSL Construction the project. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

The Board discussed the future tree maintenance that would be needed in the Cemetery. Trustee Tinker got estimates from Pride mark Tree Service on the trees most likely to be removed next. About \$10,000.00+ may be needed in next year's budget for said tree removal. Some trees lining Llama Ln may need to be removed and there is the possibility for a joint project with the Town of Middleburgh to do this work.

Mayor Knight read aloud a letter received by the Village Board from Richard and Heather Vilegi stating their interest in taking over ownership of the alleyway in between Middleburgh Hardware & Cullen's Coffee Café. The Board agreed after advice from Attorney Mauhs they would investigate the process and decide ownership. DPW Superintendent Keyser said he would get quotes for paving the alley first.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to allow the Committee for Music in the Burg to use the M&S Depot on September 20th from 1-5PM for live music on the deck. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

At the July regular Meeting Mayor Knight presented to the Board a quote from Kustom Signals of \$3,697 for a speed sign for Clauverwie Road. It was the consensus of the Board to table till August's meeting so more quotes could be presented. Mayor Knight secured a second quote and presented the following for the Board's consideration:

Traffic Logix – \$2981.30

Kustom Signals – \$3697.00

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to purchase the speed sign from Traffic Logix for \$2981.30. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Water Rents \$57,541.67 and Sewer Rents \$57,047.89. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams, to introduce Local Law #1-2025 Overriding Tax Cap and to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, September 8th, 7:05 PM at the Middleburgh Library. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion seconded by Trustee Fernandez to close Public Hearing for CDBG Public Facilities Grant at 7:45 PM with no public comments. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to close Public Hearing for \$36,000 Water Bond at 7:47 PM. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

- Trustee Tinker made a motion seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Resolution #7-2025: Water Bonding Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.
- Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Water Plant Controller Upgrade purchase at \$28,075. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.
- Trustee Tinker made a motion seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve 24 Neptune N-10 Water Meters purchase at \$7,482.24. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

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 \$ 50,494.83 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$5,143.21 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$33,423.60 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to enter executive session at 8:15PM to discuss personnel, including ZBA President John Wingfield. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter back into regular session at 8:30pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight introduced a proposed sign to be placed at the Middleburgh Library, which would advertise local parks, museums, and free public Wi-Fi. The Middleburgh Library has already given their blessing for it to be placed on Main Street. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve the sign at a cost of \$785. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Correspondence: 7/3/25 letter Village re: Valley Contractor; 7/7/25 letter Charter Comm re: channels; 7/8/25 letter Coltrain Funeral re: Donation cemetery tree removal; 7/9/25, 7/14/25 Charter Comm. re: channels; 7/11/25 letter Village Middleburgh re: NYPA; 7/14/; 7/17/25 Key to Village Stan France; 7/18/25 letter Rich Vilegi re: Sheldon Alley; 7/28/25 letter County Treasurer re: 111 Railroad Ave.; letters Gross Tax- Time Warner, BP Energy, IDT Corp., Google North

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to adjourn at 8:31pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Kelley – Deputy Clerk.