

The second 2026 Budget meeting of the Village Board was held on October 20th, 2025, at Village Hall at 6pm. A Special meeting of the Village Board was held concurrently.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Sheryl Adams, and Robert Tinker; Also present: Clerk Kelley; Absent: Trustee Young

The Board reviewed the tentative 2026 budget and discussed the different line items and changes to prepare for next year. It was the Consensus of the Board to allocate \$1825.00 DPW Personnel salary shifted from General Budget to Water Budget; increase the MFD Turnout Gear by \$2,000.00, increase MFD Truck Fund by \$3,000.00, and increase MFD Expenses by \$5,000.000; and shift \$250.00 from Constabulary Expenses to Historian Line Item.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve the Tentative 2026 Village Budget with a .9% property tax increase, with the intention to allocate funds from the increase to the Fire Department budget. Upon roll call vote this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight announced the Village received 7 applicants for the Deputy Clerk position, 5 interviews had been done, 2 applicants were unable to schedule interviews. The Board discussed the Personnel committee's recommendation, and Trustee Tinker made a motion seconded by Trustee Fernandez to accept Mayor Knight's appointment of Alecia Seletsky for Deputy Clerk position, to start at \$17.00 per hour and after six months increase to \$18.00 per hour. Upon roll call vote this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker, to amend Board Minutes from the meeting on September 15th, 2025, to state Rebecca Kelley has been appointed as Clerk/Treasurer, not just Clerk. Upon roll call vote this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

The Board discussed possible drainage options for the future parking lot at 111 Railroad Ave. One possibility would be to place the drainage between 111 Railroad and the neighboring lot at 109 Railroad Ave. The other possibility would be to grade the lot so the draining goes toward the street. It was consensus of the board to open the parking lot this year, keep options open, and revisit the drainage topic in the spring, when the parking lot is closer to complete.

Mayor Knight stated he had a meeting with Steve Lamont of the Historical Society. They would like to place a 10x10 shed behind the Depot Museum for storage. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to allow placement of shed on property. Upon roll call vote this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight contacted Preville Technology about migrating existing Village email accounts to .gov and asked if there was any interest in establishing Village email accounts for the Board and Mayor. After brief discussion, Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to purchase .gov emails for the Mayor and Board. Upon roll call vote this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

The Board also discussed options for places to have the SCVOA Christmas Dinner party as it is the Village of Middleburgh's turn to host.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to hold a Special Board meeting at 7pm at Village Hall on December 1st, 2025, and have the Regular meeting of the Village Board on December 8th, 2025 at 7pm at the Middleburgh Library. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Knight, to adjourn at 7:03pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rebecca Kelley – Clerk/Treasurer.