

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on October 6th, 2025, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Amanda Fernandez & Kevin Young; Also present: Deputy Clerk Kelley, DPW Superintendent Keyser, Code Officer Fink, David Avitabile (*The Mountain Eagle*), Pete Lindeman (*Times Journal*), Shyla Hanson, James Schilling & Harry Rode. Absent: Trustees Sheryl Adams & Robert Tinker.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and announced the upcoming Time Capsule Burial at Memorial Park on October 10th, the Oktoberfest at William Morton Park on October 11th, and the next Budget workshop at Village Hall on October 20th.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to approve Regular Board minutes for September 8th, 2025, and Special Board minutes for September 15th, 2025. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Harry Rode, in partnership with Steve Meyers (Locomotion's in Cobleskill) would like to put on a community concert and Halloween trunk-or-treat event at Timothy Murphy Park on November 1st from 3pm-10pm. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez, to approve this event. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Fire Department Monthly Report: Absent - reminder statewide burn ban in effect. Fire Department Officer Elections will be held soon.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Several different permits, new house, a couple decks, and inspections going on around the Village, mainly residential. Remodeling of upstairs at 322 Main Street. Training coming up the 14th-16th. Rezoning 111 Railroad Avenue to make it public property.

Deputy Clerk Kelley Monthly Report: just have last few things left to gather for Time Capsule. The Village has the lowest fiscal stress score among Schoharie County's six Villages thanks to retiring Clerk Laraway.

DPW Superintendent Keyser Monthly Report:

General

- Paving complete on Wells Avenue & Straub Lane.
- Working on completing Cemetery Foundations on order.
- 111 Railroad Avenue Parking Lot will need retaining walls as to not negatively impact surrounding properties – work in progress; it will also need a fence around the parking lot for neighbor's privacy at 113 Railroad Avenue. Corbels may need to be restored with a cost estimate \$200-\$250, plan for corbels still to be determined.
- Swimming pool closed and winterized for the year.

Water

- Water meter readings will be done in the next few weeks.

Sewer

- Nothing to report.

In August, the Board passed a Resolution to apply for the NY Swims Grant. Delaware Engineering volunteered their services for the grant application. After Mayor Knight met with Delaware, it was determined the pool improvements would cost \$1.1 million without replacing the pipeline infrastructure, and \$1.5 million with replacement. Being this is a grant where the Village needs to come up with 20% of the local share, the difference for our cost will be \$80,000.00. Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to authorize Delaware Engineering to submit the \$1.5 million NY Swims Grant Application. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Mayor Knight announced that as always since 1986 the Village of Middleburgh will have Halloween curfew of 8 PM for October 30th thru November 1st, which the Clerk's Office will forward to the Schoharie County Sheriff's Office.

Jaylene McLaughlin from Rheta Allen + Company submitted SCBG Loan Repayment application asking for \$10,000 loan for business improvement on Main Street. Upon review of the application, the consensus was favorable. Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to approve Rheta Allen + Company's \$10,000 application. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$73,741.44 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$7,697.73 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$2,126.92 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Correspondence: 09/05/25 Charter Communications/Spectrum Channel Updates, 09/15/25 Letters sent to Residents notifying about paving on Wells Ave & Straub Lane, 09/19/25 PAETEC Communications LLC gross sales report, 09/20/25 State of New York Public Service Commission – Electric Transmission & Voltage Safety, 09/25/25 Notice of Offender Residing in Town of Middleburgh: 413 Federal City Rd, 09/29/25 Charter Communications channel updates.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young, to adjourn at 7:32pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Kelley – Deputy Clerk.