

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on December 8th, 2025, at Village Hall.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker; Also present: Clerk Kelley, Attorney Fred Mauhs, Code Officer Fink, David Avitabile (*The Mountain Eagle*), Shyla Hanson. On Phone; DPW Superintendent Keyser; Absent Trustee Amanda Fernandez & Trustee Young, & Chief Wayman.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve moving the meeting to Village Hall due to scheduling conflict at the library. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0. Mayor Knight announced there will be a Ribbon Cutting for Windswept Farm & Apothecary at 341 Main Street on Saturday, December 20th at 1 PM.

Trustee Tinker made a motion seconded by Trustee Adams, to approve Regular Board Minutes of November 3, 2025; and, Special Board Minutes of December 1, 2025. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Chief Wayman Monthly Report: Chief Wayman (absent) wanted Mayor Knight to let everyone know Santa will be making his Christmas Trip around the Village on Saturday December 20th.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: New businesses on Main Street – Windswept Farm & Apothecary at 341 Main Street, The Country Café at 314 Main Street; Lutheran Church is installing new ramp, new solar panel permits at 315 Main Street & 127 Grove Street, and other minor projects going on around Village. 310 Main Street with help from SEEC revamped the façade with a new window, door, and siding.

Clerk Kelley Monthly Report: Everything for tax bills has been submitted to the County and bills are ready to be stamped to mail at the end of the month. Getting everything ready for the end of the year.

DPW Superintendent Keyser Monthly Report:

General

- Snow removal went well for the first real storm of the year, no issues.
- Currently working on fixing equipment in shop where possible and making arrangements to have things serviced when needed.
- Adding stone to 111 Railroad Avenue lot in preparation for final grading. Oak Hill Landscaping will be installing the fence in the near future.
- Quotes for new John Deere tractor were presented, 1- 738 Series for \$11,651.38 2- 739 Series for \$12,356.58. After discussing the differences between the two, DPW Superintendent Keyser stated that the 738 Series would be better for the work our crew does. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to purchase the 738 series for \$13,729.26 with mower deck included. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0

Water

- Smith control panel update: parts being ordered
- Meters will be read again in January for February bills
- Residents from 242 Main Street submitted a letter requesting a reduction on their November Water bill. The letter stated while on vacation they had a hot water heater tank leak resulting in a massive water bill of \$1100.20. DPW Superintendent Keyser investigated the meter to confirm it had been in proper working order and the high reading was correct. After confirming the meter was functioning correctly, DPW Keyser also stated that the tank was leaking into a dirt floor which would have been hard to detect by the homeowners even if they had been there. Trustee Adams suggested forgiving 100% of the overage, and Trustee Tinker suggested forgiving 50%, which led DPW Keyser to recommend splitting the difference and forgiving 75%. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to reduce the overage charged by 75%; making their bill \$333.07 instead of \$1100.20. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Sewer

- Danforth pump station is scheduled to be cleaned out in the upcoming week.
- Sanitary Sewer Extension project; 3 engineering firms have submitted portfolios for quality review; Delaware Engineering, MG Team, & LaBella Associates. Mayor Knight requested approval for time to review all 3 with DPW Keyser. It was Consensus of the Board to approve said request.

Sean Byrne (the Village's health insurance broker) discussed potential Health Insurance plans for 2026. After going through a few options from CDPHP & MVP, it was the Consensus of the Board to review Mr. Bryne's proposals at the Year-End Meeting when the Board are all present before making any decisions. Mr. Bryne expressed his availability to attend this meeting if necessary.

Ezequiel Rocha, owner of 143 Railroad Avenue (the former Town Hall), presented ideas for future building plans in hopes of getting some feedback from the Board. He planned apartments at first, but to build them to code would be more costly than anticipated. He is now leaning more towards a community place for senior citizens to come together that also provides other services as Mr. Rocha has a background in nursing. The Board agreed that something like this in Middleburgh is needed and would be utilized and appreciated.

Trustee Tinker, made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Park Improvements Fund. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0

The Board discussed Badgley Park. The skating rink may be transformed into a small basketball court in the future, due to its issues. It was always meant to be used as an ice-skating rink, but unfortunately it cannot retain water. It may serve the community as a basketball court;

future plans will be contingent on how far down the “wall” was poured because removal will be more costly and difficult depending on that. It was the Consensus of the Board for Mayor Knight to contact JJP Slipforming about the original construction and to talk more about it more at the January Meeting.

The Board discussed the idea of applying for an EV charger grant. Attorney Fred Mauhs discussed the differences between the 2 main types of chargers that could be installed. The main difference being time, one takes 8 hours and the other takes 2-3 hours. The faster one would be better if the intent is to get the users of the chargers to visit businesses downtown while their vehicle charges. It was Consensus of the Board to talk more about it at next meeting with representatives of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District (MVEDD).

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Resolution #11-2025: Renewing Standard Work Days for Retirement. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Resolution #12-2025: Records of Activities for Retirement. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Resolution #13-2025: Firemen’s Benefit Law. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to set Public Hearing for increase in Water Debt Redemption Rates & decrease in Sewer Debt Redemption Rates: Monday, January 5 at 7:05 PM. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to accept Board meeting schedule 2026: Jan 5; Feb 2; March 2; April 6; May 4; June 1; July 6; Aug 3; Sept 14; Oct 5; Nov 2; Dec 7. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to set year end date to close books: Monday, December 29 at 7 PM at Village Hall. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to appoint Angela Wainwright as MABA President. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to move funds: Special Items – Unallocated Insurance A1910.4 \$866.58 to Attorney – Litigation A1420.44; Street Lighting – Expenses A5182.4 \$1,055.24 to Street Lighting – Equipment A5182.2; Streets & Maintenance – Equipment A5110.2 \$500.00 to Sidewalks – Expenses A5410.4; Recreation & Parks – Flag A7140.2 \$101.07 to Recreation & Parks – Expenses. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to set up a Receivable in the 2025 General Budget for \$85,013.02 to reflect CHIPS revenue that will be reimbursed in Spring 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Public Comment: None

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter executive session at 8:18pm to discuss ongoing litigation with Village Attorney. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to exit executive session at 8:54pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$28,626.02 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$54,117.18 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$3398.96 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Correspondence: 11/3 Scho. Co. Youth Bureau funds notice; 11/5 Letter to MCS: Parcel 106.15-10-16.2; 11/10 National Grid Notice of change in electric supplier; 11/11 Katherine Wahlers Cemetery lots resale; 11/20 IDT, TWC, Google NY Gross Tax receipts \$0.00; 11/20 County Clerk’s Office Map Guidelines updates; 11/24 IRS credit notice & response sent; 11/25 Resident letter for high water bill; All month: Christmas/Holiday Cards

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to adjourn at 8:55pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Kelley – Clerk.