

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on March 2, 2026, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Sheryl Adams, Amanda Fernandez, & Kevin Young; Also present; Attorney Fred Mauhs, Clerk Kelley, DPW Superintendent Keyser, Code Officer Fink, Chief Wayman, David Avitabile (*The Mountain Eagle*), Pete Lindemann (*Times Journal*); Stephanie Proctor, Shyla Hansen, Katelynn Schuttig, & Brenda Ferraro-Hanson. James Schilling, & Linda Gumbel. Via Zoom: Trustee Tinker.

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

Mayor Knight held a Moment of Silence for former Village Mayor William Ansel-McCabe.

Announcements: Ribbon Cutting for Country Cafe – Saturday, April 11 at 1 PM; Ribbon Cutting for Yellow Dog Tavern – Friday, May 22 at 5:30 PM; & The Everything Shoppe is relocating on Main Street.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Regular Board Minutes for February 2nd, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Chief Wayman Monthly Report: New member application Amy Crewell; she would be a welcome addition to the Fire Department. At the last Fire Department Membership meeting, they voted to get a new side by side ATV and they have grant money available for it. Burn ban will be in effect from March 16 to May 14 this year.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Still the slow time of year, with a few building permits for window replacements, Lutheran Church is installing a new ramp out front, and one new Short-Term Rental at Middleburgh Meadows. Violations & order to remedy sent to 1481 Clauverwie; the bank that took ownership of the property “will be sending someone out;” hopefully soon to clean up the property. DPW Superintendent Keyser mentioned the crew had to turn the water off at this property when they overheard running water in the basement recently.

Clerk Kelley Monthly Report: Lot of water & sewer bills being paid, otherwise not too much going on lately. Everything going well.

General

- The fence for the future parking lot on Railroad Avenue has been built and will be installed when the weather allows.
- As per a resident’s request: another garbage can will be built and placed in Badgley Park for dog waste. Once the ground thaws, a “Please Pick up After your Dog” sign will also be added in hopes of a cleaner park for everyone.

Water

- Water meters will be read next month.

Sewer

- DEC inspections coming up.

Stephanie Proctor of Middleburgh Little League presented a community event for August 15, 2026, for the 75th Anniversary Middleburgh Little League to be held at Timothy Murphy Park. The event will have food vendors, bounce houses, a car cruise-in for donations, and music. Under the stipulation they provide liability insurance for the bounce house(s) and expected attendance, the event is more than welcome at Timothy Murphy Park. Ms. Proctor requested the Board allow alcohol at this event. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve alcohol waiver. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Ms. Proctor also requested that August 15, 2026, be designated as “William Ansel-McCabe Day” to coincide with the Middleburgh Little League’s 75th Anniversary. Mayor Knight said the Board will approve this at the August Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the bids for the Upper Railroad Avenue Sidewalk Replacement. Bids were as follows:

- Stapf’s Dirt Work & Grading - \$20,150.00; Alternate - \$8,000 (Tree Removal)
- Scenic View Supply – \$21,200.00.
- Burke Innovations Corp. – \$19,900; Alternate – \$2,600 (Grass Restoration)
- Cody James Construction – \$17,564.23.
- Callanan Industries, Inc. – \$35,000.00.

Mayor Knight noted that Cody James Construction’s bid specs did not meet what was included in the RFP. He further mentioned that Burke Innovations Corp. was responsible for the work done on the sidewalks on Scribner Avenue last year. After discussion and comparing, Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to choose Burke Innovations Corp. for the Upper Railroad Avenue Sidewalk Replacement project. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

In addition to Stapf’s Dirt Work & Grading tree removal quote of \$8,000 as part of the Upper Railroad Avenue Sidewalk Replacement project, DPW Superintendent Keyser spoke with and received a quote from Pridemark Tree Service that was presented to the Board for \$3,600 and it included stump grinding. Trustee Adams made a motion seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve the quote and hire Pridemark for the job. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight explained that Congresswoman Elise Stefanik's office is now accepting proposals for projects within the 21st Congressional District and that he is working on a Community Project Funding proposal to improve Clauverwie Road's water and sidewalk infrastructure. He has secured letters of support from Assemblyman Chris Tague, Schoharie County Administrator Bryan Best, and Town Supervisor John Youmans. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve Submitting Village Request for Federal Direct Spending to Elise Stefanik's Congressional Direct Fund for Clauverwie Project. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

In January, the Board announced interest in a New Welcome Sign on Upper Main Street. So far not many ideas have been presented, so the Board is considering a survey for public input. Nothing has been decided.

250th Committee Update; Mayor Knight stated that instead of having a June Fourth Friday this year, MABA will be having a First Friday in July to coincide with July Fourth weekend, and avoid causing extra chaos on MCS Graduation night as the school's front lawn serves as the Graduation Reception location. The annual Middleburgh Rotary Arts & Crafts Festival will also be held on July Third this year, to also coincide with the weekend festivities. The committee is looking into bands and fireworks as well. There will be a parade.

Trustee Adams made a motion seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Resolution 5-2026: Supporting Increased Aid to Municipalities and Strengthening New York's State-Local Partnership. NYCOM recommended passing this resolution. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to schedule Concert for Sunday, May 3 from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at M&S Depot featuring The Red Wagon band. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Public Comment: None

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to enter executive session at 7:30pm to discuss Middleburgh Fire Department Personnel. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to exit executive session at 8:20pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Fernandez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve Amy Crewell's application to Middleburgh Fire Department. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve a Memorandum of Understanding be drafted for County for back taxes on 111 Railroad Avenue. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$29,164.37 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$6,765.68 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,523.42 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Correspondence: 2/2/26 Thank you Letter to Stephanie Tinker for the Village Town Luncheon; 2/4/26 Letter and Resolution to Town Of Middleburgh- Intermunicipal Taxation Waiver Agreement; 2/4/26 Letter To Jeffrey Martens and Lease agreement for parking; 2/11/26 Fire Dept. Application; 2/16/26 Letter to NYS Rural & Traditional Arts Fellowship in support of Casey Beal's mural project; 2/18/26 Google Gross Receipts Tax \$0.00; 2/20/26 Stillwater Recovery Property Inquiry; 2/20/26 Response to Stillwater Recovery; 2/23/26 TWC Gross Receipts Tax \$0.00; 2/23/26 IDT Corp Gross Receipts Tax.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to adjourn at 8:22pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Kelley – Clerk.