

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on April 6th, 2026, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, & Kevin Young; Also present; Attorney Fred Mauhs, Clerk Kelley, David Avitabile (*The Mountain Eagle*), HB Steadman (*Times Journal*); Brenda Ferraro-Hanson, Felix Pitre, James Schilling, Linda Schilling. Absent: DPW Superintendent Keyser, Code Officer Fink, Chief Wayman, & Trustee Fernandez.

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

Announcements: Ribbon Cutting for Country Cafe – Saturday, April 11 at 1 PM; M&S Depot Concert Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3pm, Ribbon Cutting for Yellow Dog Tavern – Friday, May 22 at 5:30 PM.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve Regular Board Minutes for March 2, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Special Board Minutes of March 30, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0. Trustee Tinker abstained.

Chief Wayman Monthly Report: Absent

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Absent; 2025 Annual Report Submitted

Clerk Kelley Monthly Report: We will be working on a Cemetery Page for the Village website in hopes of making it easier to view lots available for those interested in purchasing one. Also, in the Cemetery; Amy Juried requested the Village remove her name plaque from our Crematory Niche Wall. She would also like to donate the niche and the \$400 that was paid for the niche back to the Cemetery, as she lives in Texas and has no plan to be interred in the Middleburgh Cemetery. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the removal of name plaque, and accept donation of \$400 & unused Niche back to the Village. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. The next water & sewer bills will be sent out May 1<sup>st</sup> so we will be working on getting them ready for mailing.

General:

- The crew built the Solar Benches for Badgley Park and they will be installed prior to May.
- The curbing around the Skating Rink in Badgley Park was removed.
- The mowers are ready for Cemetery & Parks; Cemetery clean-up will be from April 27-May 1.
- Potholes were patched last week throughout the Village.
- Brush pickup has resumed.
- The benches were placed on Main Street; garbage cans will be following shortly.
- The crew cleaned up the debris from the Railroad Avenue Trees Project.
- The crew is planning to install the parking signs at the Railroad Avenue Parking Lot and place stone/gravel later this week; the fence was completed earlier today.
- Plow damage is starting to be cleaned up.
- The "Historic" Light is ready to be reinstalled at the corner of Main and River Street; awaiting contractor availability.
- Superintendent Keyser is recommending we get paving quotes for: Scribner Avenue, Sheldon Avenue, Baker Avenue, Railroad Avenue from Danforth to the "Y," and the Van Dyke Alleyway.

Trustee Young made a motion seconded by Trustee Tinker to approve DPW Superintendent Keyser getting quotes for paving on Scribner Avenue, Sheldon Avenue, Baker Avenue, Railroad Avenue from Danforth to the "Y," and the Van Dyke Alleyway. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Midtel has offered to sell us a bucket truck they no longer need at a low price of \$5,000. The DPW crew could use the truck for tree trimming, Christmas décor install & removal, Hometown Hero banner installs, and various other projects that Midtel has had to assist with in the past. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to purchase the bucket truck from Midtel for \$5,000. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Water

- Smith Controls is scheduled to come out and install the new Water Control Panel on April 14th.
- The crew is continuing work with RCAP Solutions on the GIS project we received grant funding for.
- The crew will be reading meters later this month for the May Water/Sewer Bill.
- Hydrants are tentatively scheduled to be flushed from May 4-8.

Sewer

- The crew is starting work with Delaware Engineering on the Sewer Extension and Infiltration & Inflow engineering project we received grant funding for.

The Board discussed the electricity costs at the Water & Sewer Plant and discussed ideas to mitigate them. The best idea would be to look into solar panels. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve DPW Superintendent Keyser getting quotes for solar panels at the plant. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight discussed the impact of rising electricity rates on ratepayers, how the Village has proactively mitigated some of the costs, root causes of National Grid's improved rate increases, and areas for advocacy at the State Legislature. Trustee Adams made a motion seconded by Trustee Young to approve Resolution #6-2026: Urging Action on New York State's Energy Affordability Crisis. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to Transfer \$1,122.36 in Funds from Perpetual Care Principal to Perpetual Care Interest. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Tinker discussed some of the older, bigger trees in the Cemetery that will need to be looked at for removal. Last year, Pridemark Tree Service quoted \$6,500 for removal of a couple of trees and pointed out which ones would be best to remove next. The 2026 Cemetery tree removal budget is \$4,000; Mayor Knight pointed out there is \$14,390.13 available in Perpetual Care Funds and \$13,826.47 in the Bliss Memorial Fund that could be used toward tree removal as well. It is our current understanding that funds in the Bliss Memorial Fund could be used for Cemetery upkeep. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to contact Pridemark Tree Service and have them look at which trees we should have removed, and get quotes from them as well. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0

Mayor Knight gave an update on Badgley Park for Trustee Fernandez. The curb around the skating rink was easy to remove and is gone. Next steps will be to get resurfacing, fence, and basketball quotes.

Trustee Adams gave an update from the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee for the Village's July 3<sup>rd</sup> festivities. MABA in coordination with the Village will have June's 4<sup>th</sup> Friday on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a parade starting at 4:30, food & craft vendors, events on the Lutheran Church lawn, & a band at Bill Morton Park on Baker Ave 6-9:30. Rotary donated towards a banner that will have across Main Street, the Village purchased Betsy Ross flags to line the streets, and Mayor Knight donated wooden nickels to hand out at the event as well. A fireworks show is in the works but not confirmed yet.

Mayor Knight submitted a Community Project Funding request in March to Congresswoman Elise Stefanik for the improvements the Village would like to make on Clauverwie Road, in hopes of being selected as one of the 2027 fiscal year projects. If selected sidewalks and water infrastructure would be improved.

Trustee Young made a motion seconded by Trustee Tinker to Advertise Part-Time DPW Laborer Position for two weeks. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to Schedule Joint Town & Village Annual Meeting: Thursday, June 11th, 6:00 PM at the Community Center. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0

Public Comment: Rotary would like everyone to know the Slougher 5k will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup> this year.

Mayor Knight discussed extending sidewalks on Clauverwie Road from its current endpoint up to Indian Acres. He has heard from several residents in support of the idea in recent months. The Village explored this possibility three years ago but the property owners were opposed to allowing the Village to build the infrastructure. Delaware Engineering completed drawings for the project in 2023 and estimated the expense at roughly \$20,000. It was the Consensus of the Board to have Mayor Knight recontact the property owners about this potential project and gauge their position.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter executive session at 7:49pm to discuss Real Property at Timothy Murphy Park. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Young departed the meeting at 7:51pm due to illness.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by, Mayor Knight to exit executive session at 7:57pm. 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 \$52,225.03 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$3,793.91 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$4,526.46 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 3-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to adjourn at 7:58pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Rebecca Kelley – Clerk.