

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on June 1st, 2026, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Sheryl Adams, Robert Tinker, & Kevin Young; Chief Wayman. Also present; Attorney Fred Mauhs, Clerk Kelley, Deputy Clerk Seletsky, David Avitabile (*The Mountain Eagle*); Peter Lindemann (*Times Journal*) Brenda Ferraro-Hanson, Linda Gumbel, James Schilling, and Tracy Daily.

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

Announcements: Strategic Pan Community Workshops on Thursday, June 4, 10am-11:30am; Saturday, June 6, 2 PM–3:30 PM; Tuesday, June 16, 6 PM–7:30 PM (Middleburgh Firehall). Annual Joint Town & Village Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 6 PM (Community Center). 250th Celebration on Friday, July 3 from 3:00 PM to Dusk

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Regular Board Minutes for May 4, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0; Trustee Adams abstained. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to approve Special Board Minutes for May 19, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Chief Wayman Monthly Report: Ladder truck is back in service after a coolant hose was blown. They will be doing some drilling and water pumping.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: there were Fence Permits at 202 Main Street & 255 Main Street; and, there was a Roof Replacement at 162 Grove Street. Mayor Knight mentioned ongoing issues at 1481 Clauverwie Road; the DPW Crew can legally mow the overgrown grass but cannot touch the garbage on property. The bank said the property has sold but Village does not know to whom and how to contact them.

Clerk Kelley Monthly Report: Reminder about second half of taxes due by June 1st was mailed out. Swim lesson sign ups are Saturday, June 6th at 10am-noon and Tuesday, June 9th 5-7pm both at Village Hall. Read a request from 126 Wells Avenue resident who had a water leak and would like a reduction on sewer overage. Trustee Tinker made a motion to forgive sewer overage charge, seconded by Trustee Young. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

DPW Superintendent Keyser Report:

Trustee Tinker commented on how great the Cemetery is looking.

General

- The DPW Crew has been mowing & weed whacking the Cemetery, Parks, etc.
- The DPW Crew brought down cones, garbage cans & picnic tables for 4th Friday.
- The DPW Crew has assisted with a number of burials throughout the Cemetery.
- The DPW Crew has installed a new Lower Cemetery Sign; the sign was designed by former Village Clerk Melanie Laraway.
- The DPW Crew has begun removing trees from Section 11 of the Upper Cemetery - work will continue after Juneteenth Event.
- New sidewalks have been installed on Railroad Avenue between the Firehouse and Sheldon Avenue by Burke Innovations Corp.
- We have begun working with Bill Morton on the installation of wind spinners near the Art Park.
- We are looking at the end of June for roadwork on Scribner Avenue, Sheldon Avenue & Sheldon Alleyway.
- We are looking at replacing a culvert on Maple Avenue later this month.

Water

- We fixed a couple of water line breaks on Grove Street & Clauverwie Road.
- We have located - with the assistance of Rural Water - two additional water line breaks on Warrior Way and Chestnut Lane. We are tentatively scheduled to begin work on the Warrior Way break tomorrow.
- We flushed hydrants at the start of May.
- I attended the Rural Water Conference.

Sewer

- Business as usual - we are in the process of getting quotes for potential solar panel installation.

Mayor Kight discussed Upper Gorge Creek Sediment Management Plan. This plan was to mitigate flooding and now it needs \$556,000 to help mitigate sediment and channel dimensions to help protect Main Street and schools. The Village will work with the Town, and Pete Nichols will speak at Joint Village/Town Meeting. Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to authorize Mayor Kight to sign the agreement for the Upper Gorge Creek Management Plan. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Casey Beal discussed 315 Main Street Mural proposals. She presented several options, starting small and adding to mural once more funding/ or grants were procured. The options ranged from \$3,00- \$10,000 this did not include any brick work; the wall would need to be "Mural Ready." Trustee Tinker likes the idea of having the mural say "Welcome to Middleburgh." All trustees agreed on option 3. There will be a \$500 donation by building owners. Trustee Young made a motion seconded by Tinker to authorize \$4,000 from the Village for mural funding. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight discussed TextMyGov proposal. They would be able to send out texts to residents when there is an emergency and other communication options. There would be a set up fee of \$1250 and a \$2500 annual fee. Trustee Young elaborated that many residents will probably opt-out and because our social media and local news do a great job at reaching residents, so he does not see the value. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to reject the TextMyGov proposal. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Main Street sidewalk by Pasta Grill needs to be replaced. Reached out to DOT. Village needs to apply for permit and follow DOT specs with a contractor. DPW Supervisor Keyser got a quote for \$4,800 from Burke Innovations Corp. for four panels at about 12X16. This could be completed possibly in September. The Board will revisit in July when the proper documentation is prepared.

Trustee Adams discussed Oktoberfest Association donation. The association asked the public for feedback on what to do with the money donated and the most popular options were for planting four trees in the Timothy Murphy Park. Trustee Fernandez was thankful for the donation. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Tinker to accept tree donation and have them planted. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Mayor Knight discussed removal of Crest Gates at the Gilboa Dam. NYCDEP want to remove the gates which act as an additional floor barrier. The Town of Fulton does not want these gates removed as they are a safety feature for future flooding. Mayor Knight motions to approve Resolution #9-2026: opposing Removal of Crest Gates at Gilboa Dam, seconded by Trustee Tinker. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez for Personnel Committee's recommendation to hire Donald Failing Jr. as DPW Part-Time Laborer for \$18 per hour, effective Monday June 1, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to appoint Charley Spikerman as Village Historian. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0. Mayor Knight reported that the Historical Society has cleaned out the Depot and ordered a shed.

Public Comment:

- James Schilling commented that the Town of Middleburgh will also be doing something about the unwanted removal of the Crest Gates at the Gilboa Dam.
- Tracy Daily expressed concern with the speeding traffic on Maple Avenue due to Little League. He has witnessed neighbors almost getting hit. He is in favor of Little League and states most drivers are respectful but the ones who aren't are making Maple Avenue dangerous for residents who are out walking. He was thankful to the Village for lowering the speed limit to 25 MPH in the past. Suggested temporary speed bumps, speed signs. And brought up that when Little League first but the field there were talks of an access road on the other side of the Pine trees. Trustee Fernandez advised she will reach out to Stephanie Proctor who helps run Little League to see if she can send out a message to families to be respectful when driving down Maple. Mayor Knight advised he will reach out to the Sheriff's Office to see if they will do more enforcement.

Correspondence: 05/08/26 IRS regarding March 2022 941 tax; 05/11/26 MEVAC Thank you & meeting notice; 05/18/26 IDT Corp. & TWC Gross receipts tax; 05/26/26 DOT Speed Limit Reduction Request – will conduct study; 06/01/26 DOT Speed Study complete, reduction denied.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$49844.44 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$1746.48 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$29925.14 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Trustee Tinker made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to adjourn at 7:49pm. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Kelley – Clerk.