

The regular meeting of the Village Board was held on September 14th, 2026, at the Middleburgh Library.

Present: Mayor Timothy Knight; Trustees: Amanda Fernandez, Kevin Young, & Trustee Adams. Also present: DPW Superintendent Keyser, Clerk Kelley; Attorney Fred Mauhs. David Avitabile (*Mountain Eagle*), Katelynn Schuttig, & Brenda Ferraro-Hanson. Absent: Trustee Robert Tinker & Chief Wayman.

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

Announcements: MABA Summer Send Off – Saturday, September 19 from 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Timothy Murphy Park. Mums will be hung this week thanks to Midtel & The Becker Foundation. Fall Festival and parade coming up next month too.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Regular Board Minutes of August 3rd, 2026 & Special Board Minutes of August 24th, 2026. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Chief Wayman Monthly Report: Absent, their meeting was at the same time as ours this month. Chief Wayman requested Clerk Kelley send copies of the proposed Fire Contract to Town of Middleburgh. Mayor Knight introduced proposed Fire Contract to raise Village contribution to Middleburgh Fire Department by \$5,500 in 2027 Budget and by \$6,000 in 2028 Budget. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to approve Resolution #14-2026: Village Fire Contract with Middleburgh Fire Department for 2027-28. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Code Officer Fink Monthly Report: Absent, gave report to Mayor Knight; Building Permit renewal 1544 Clauverwie Road, 330 Main Street Hummingbird Café installing kitchen, 131 Grove Street & 135 Scribner Avenue citations mailed. Code Officer Fink has annual training coming up.

Clerk Kelley Monthly Report: Resident from 128 River Street submitted a request not to be charged for Water & Sewer while she has her water off, due to leaks on her side that she is waiting to have fixed. It is and always has been Village policy to charge the minimum for 0-10,000 gallons used. Resident also stated in her request that the meter has not been read, which is incorrect. There is an electronic meter at that residence. It was read in April for the May billing and read again in July for the August billing. Both readings were above 0 gallons used. It was Consensus of the Board not to waive any charges, as all property owners hooked into water system are charged minimum every quarter - no exceptions.

DPW Superintendent Keyser Monthly Report:

General:

- We installed the pedestrian traffic lights on Main Street at the High School.
- We poured foundations in the Cemetery; we also trimmed hedges in the Cemetery.
- We have been mowing and weed whacking Village Parks & Cemetery; and started to trim trees and cut back brush on side streets.
- We installed one of the antique lighting fixtures on the corner of Main Street and River Street; we are waiting for parts to finish.
- We replaced a culvert on Maple Avenue.
- We responded to and cleaned up a fallen tree on Scribner Avenue.
- We assisted the Historical Society in installing a raised bed at Depot.

Water:

- During a recent rainstorm, a lightning bolt struck our transducer by the Reservoir and fried the part. As a result our Water Plant is now operating in manual mode. Replacement parts will be ordered.
- Deputy DPW Superintendent Mark Czyszczon completed his Water Certification Lab and the final paperwork is being submitted/processed to the New York State Department of Health.

Sewer:

- Delaware Engineering is continuing to work on their Sewer Line Extension & I&I Survey.
- We responded to numerous pump station call outs on Danforth Avenue. A-Team is scheduled to inspect the pump station and give recommendations for equipment replacement.
- Koester came out and tested equipment, and recommended blowers be replaced.

Due to the issues experienced with Smith Controls in the past, DPW Keyser has requested we consider hiring another SCADA company to work on the Water control panels Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to authorize Superintendent Keyser to contact SCADA companies for future work. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight gave an update on upcoming Projects and Grants:

- The Village received a SECURE Grant for \$50,000 to assess our Water/Wastewater Cybersecurity. Cameras are the main concern for a cyber-attack, nothing else is online.
- EFC Engineering Planning Grant Contract Executed; First Reimbursement Submitted. I & I study has begun soil testing. Residents have been contacted to allow Delaware Engineering to collect samples from their properties to test Ecoli. Also received reimbursement from EFC after several calls/phone meetings.

Mayor Knight gave an update on the next steps for the Pool Project & NY SWIMS Grant for NY SWIMS Project. The next step in the Grant process requires the Board approve the contract with DASNY. Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to approve

Resolution #15-2026: DASNY Contract. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. The JRC is working on fundraising and so far, is making good progress.

Trustee Young attended the Planning Board meeting due to Ole at 312 Main Street receiving a Façade Law violation citation: color used on the pillars does not comply with Historical colors. Trustee Young reported that after discussion the Planning Board determined it was not significant, to ignore anonymous complaints, and allow the color to remain. The owner of Ole is on the Planning Board and chose to recuse themselves from this decision. Trustee Young stated the Façade Law should be reviewed and updated, which Trustee Fernandez agreed with. It was Consensus of the Board to have Attorney Mauhs review Façade Law and suggest edits.

Trustee Fernandez gave an update on Badgley Park; the fencing will be installed next spring, quote for netted fence: All Sport Netting - \$7693.39 6 foot high. Quotes for chain-link fencing: Oakhill Landscaping – \$14,744.35 (8’ high); \$13,186.35 (6’ high). A decision on fencing was tabled until later this year to review Village finances. The basketball court will be paved this Wednesday (weather permitting). The DPW Crew will be removing the dead bushes, and Brenda Ferraro-Hanson of Rotary volunteered to plant new perennials this spring. Thank you, Brenda.

Deputy Mayor Adams: 2026 Oktoberfest Report; October 10th from 12-5:30 Oktoberfest at William Morton Park. Some new contests have been added this year, with possibly some really cool prizes. As always there will be bands, games & food. The event is getting bigger and bigger, next year it may have to be at Timothy Murphy Park.

Mayor Knight: Budget Officer Report; Over the last few months Mayor Knight after getting input from department heads has put together a Tentative 2027 Budget. Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to Approve Budget Workshop Dates: October 5, 2026, 6:00 PM at Middleburgh Library and October 19, 2026, 7:00 PM at Village Hall. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0. It was consensus of the Board that a Local Law authorizing a Municipal Tax Cap Override would not be necessary, so a Public Hearing is not needed.

Gabriel Medina from La Cocinita de Abuelita submitted SCBG Loan Repayment application asking for \$5,000 for business improvement on Railroad Avenue. The Board looked over his application and decided to table further discussion until the October meeting. Trustee Young will be recusing himself from any future motions on this matter because he is a tenant of that building.

Public Comment: Katelynn Schuttig from Middleburgh Rotary announced they are considering the possibility of restarting the Kayak Regatta – maybe.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Adams to enter executive session to discuss Real Estate at 7:50 PM. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Young made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fernandez to exit executive session at 8:21 PM. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Trustee Adams made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to authorize Clerk Kelley to pay off \$36,000 water bond with BSNB. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to pay the Bills: Bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$51,230.36 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Water Fund in the amount of \$13,908.07 were audited and ordered paid. Bills from the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$18,888.12 were audited and ordered paid. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

Mayor Knight made a motion, seconded by Trustee Young to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Upon a roll call vote, this motion was unanimously carried 4-0.

8/06 EFC SECURE Grant award; 08/07 Midtel Contract update; 08/12 Midtel to Fire Dept. – Omniview update; 08/14 Anjolen – Cyber Security risk assessment company; 08/17 Charter Communications Franchise Fee Payment 2nd Quarter 2026; 08/17 Google Gross receipts Tax; 08/20 TWC Gross receipts Tax; 08/20 Clerk sent payment reminders to Town of Broome, Fulton & Middleburgh for Youth Contracts; & Clerk sent payment reminders to Town of Fulton & Middleburgh for Fire Contracts; 8/20 Clerk sent 2027 Youth Budgets & payment letters to Town of Broome, Fulton, & Middleburgh; 08/31 Mayor Knight & board allowing beer & cider at Oktoberfest; 09/01 Midtel contract update; Clerk sent 2027 & 2028 Fire Contract to Town of Fulton.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rebecca Kelley – Clerk.