

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2026

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 2nd day of February 2026.

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, and Trustee Ken Sherman. Trustees Mike Hart and Matthew Stevens were absent

Village Officials/Staff in Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz, Interim Police Chief Robert Kite, Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato

Public Attendance: Village Resident Tom Rinefierd, DPW Worker Andrew Veley

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Trustee Sherman led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House welcomed everyone and reported Oswego County has been in the village cleaning up snow on State Routes 11 & 49 and they may have damaged a few mailboxes. He also mentioned that Trustee Hart fell and broke some bones in his left leg and foot and will be recuperating for the next 3 months.

Deputy Mayor Mudd Murphy shared information from the Palladium Times from January 17, 2026, which listed students on the Dean's List at Lemoyne College from the Brewerton, Central Square and West Monroe area. A special shout out to Village Trustee Matthew Stevens who is on the list as a political science major at Lemoyne and Olivia Ruzkeowicz (Krista's niece) who is on the list and studying women's medicine at Lock Haven in

Pennsylvania. The article also read that the Central Square School District led all Oswego County school districts in proficiency in Math and English Language Arts (ELA) in 2025, with 50% of students achieving proficiency on the ELA test and 46% in Math.

Murphy noted that the Community Comprehensive Plan Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the PV Moore High School Cafeteria. The Village Planning Board will be mailing post cards with information and options on how to fill out a Comprehensive Plan Community Survey.

Lastly, Murphy mentioned it's a good time to start scheduling budget meetings.

Trustee Sherman has heard compliments for Oswego County removing snow in the village and complaints about potholes. The School District has one more snow day left.

Trustee Hart was absent.

Trustee Stevens was absent.

Interim Police Chief Robert Kite reported he has one more interview to do of the five applicants.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato will be issuing permits to Walmart at 3019 East Avenue and Divine Mercy Rectory at 598 S. Main Street (former Grasso building) for renovations along with AT&T changing antennas at the Cell Tower at 3125 East Ave.

The Hickory Lane property violation for stored junk, debris & tires is scheduled for Court this Wednesday, 2/4/2026.

The Planning Board will be looking at projects in the works at their upcoming meeting on 2/12. All Oswego County 239 Reviews came back

favorable for the zone change for Divine Mercy Rectory, Carly Court Housing Development, Kost Tire Site Plan, and First Baptist Church Subdivision.

Cusato informed the Board they will need to adopt the 2025 Fire Prevention and Building Code at the next meeting for a Local Law.

Cusato will be issuing an Appearance Ticket for a property maintenance violation at the La Rochelle property on Pleasant Avenue.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck had nothing to report.

Citizens' Concerns

- Tom Rinefierd was glad to see Oswego County in the Village clearing snowbanks and asked if the Town of Hastings could do the village streets.
- Tom asked about the history of material used for water pipes in the village given the concern of possibly having to identify and replace a lead service line at the Central Square Library, where he is a member of the Board.

The Village Board agreed the water may have to be tested for that answer.

- Tom also asked about snowmobiles in the Village.

Interim Police Chief Kite said snowmobiles can't run openly on County or State Roads but can cross at the intersections.

- Tom asked if a farm tractor moving snow in the village neighborhoods needed commercial plates and asked about the status of the generator needed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Deputy Mayor Murphy said commercial plates are not mandated for farm or construction vehicles and the village is in the process of acquiring quotes for a stand-alone generator with either a buy out or lease option.

Old Business

None

New Business

- General Fund Budget Transfers were approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-absent, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously.

Purpose: to cover overspent account due to unanticipated expenses for new Court Administration.

From:	A1110.120	Court Clerk	\$1,500.00
To:	A1110.400	Court Clerk Supplies	\$1,500.00

Purpose: to cover overspent account due to unanticipated expenses related to the Gregg Tweedy Zone Use Variance.

From:	A1490.100	DPW Personnel	\$5,000.00
To:	A1440.400	Engineering	\$5,000.00

Purpose: to cover overspent accounts due to unanticipated expenses for extra Counselor and week of Summer Recreation.

From:	A7310.402	Youth Program Training	\$245.72	
From:	A7310.403	Youth Program Events	<u>\$800.00</u>	\$1,042.75
To:	A 7310.101	Youth Program Asst. Director	\$402.50	
To:	A7310.102	Youth Program Counselors	<u>\$642.75</u>	\$1,042.75

Purpose: to cover overspent account due to unanticipated expenses for the repair of the cemetery wall.

From:	A8810.100 Cemeteries Personnel Services	\$3,000.00
To:	A810.400 Cemeteries Contractual Expenses	\$3,000.00

- Resolution 2 of 2026 was adopted by the Board upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-absent, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution Supports Participation in the NY Stormwater Coalition and approves the Annual Membership Fee of \$3,600.00.
- Resolution 3 of 2026 was adopted by the Board upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-absent, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution Establishes a Standard Work Day (SWD) for Village Justice at 8 hours for NYS Retirement Reporting purposes
- Resolution 4 of 2026 was adopted by the Board upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-absent, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously. The Resolution schedules a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 for a zone change to 598 S. Main St., tax parcel #276.10-04-12; and 604 S. Main Street, tax parcel #276.10-04-13 from Commercial District to Residential Business.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2026, were approved after the addition of "regarding Grants for "Safe Sidewalks to Schools" under Citizen Concerns upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon:

Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-absent, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously. The addition verbiage describes the meeting Mayor House and Deputy Mayor Murphy hope to have with the NYSDOT through Senator Barclay's Office.

Payment of Vouchers – January Abstract #16 - \$56,635.11 - General Fund Vouchers totaling \$23,134.49 and Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling \$33,500.62 were approved for payment upon motion made by was adopted by the Board upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-absent, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m. the Board adjourned upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Trustee Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved February 9. 2026