

Bi-Monthly Meeting April 28, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 28th day of April 2025.

Board Members Present: Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman, Mike Hart & Jim Turo. **Absent:** Mayor Randy House

Village Staff in Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz, DPW Superintendent Alex Nielsen Police Chief Ed Carroll, **Absent:** Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato

Public Attendance: Village Resident Tom Rinefierd

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

Board and Staff Reports

Deputy Mayor Murphy shared that Mayor House was doing well after his knee replacement surgery.

Trustee Sherman welcomed Alex Nielsen back after his bereavement time and told him to ask for guidance if needed.

Trustee Hart also welcomed Alex back and mentioned the culvert at Dry Bridge Road which has been patched but needs a long-term plan.

Trustee Turo had nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Murphy noted that Kevin Hayward (Shorty) is back to work and will be mowing the parks, around the pump stations, and Municipal Building grounds

DPW Superintendent Nielsen the Cemetery is open and 90% of the cleanup is completed. The flagpole had to be taken down due to the bolts being rusted through.

Alex noted that the streets are being scraped down before they begin using the street sweeper.

Deputy Mayor Murphy showed pictures of the Dry Bridge Road culvert that needs replacing.

Gordon would like to remove the flower beds on Rt. 49 at Ada Powell Park entrance since the planters are in disrepair. Trustee Sherman would like the planters removed, power wash the bench next to the planters, remove any rotten boards and mow the entire area.

Police Chief Ed Carroll reported the baseball parade is this weekend. Ed requested some traffic cones from the DPW. Alex will put them in the police garage on Friday.

The Junior and Senior Prom will be held on the 10th and 17th. There will be 2 Special Patrol Officers (SPO) and 1 Village Police Officer in attendance at the request of the School Superintendent Tom Colabufo.

Chief Carroll has coverage for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.

There has been an uptick in traffic. Trustee Turo thanked the chief for the notable police presence in his neighborhood.

Ed met with 5 candidates for the SRO position. He is waiting for them to hand in their employment packets. The Chief noted that there are additional state requirements to hire SPO officers. SPO Aquino's last check will be 8/1 and the new SPO will begin in September.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck would like to set up a budget meeting with the Village Board on 5/6/25 at 4PM.

Michele is working to comply with the new .gov website mandate.

Citizens' Concerns

Tom Rinefierd asked what wattage the new LED lights would be and Mudd would like to speak with Amanda Mazzoni again to review the options.

Tom asked why the Village hasn't set up a reserve fund for purchases rather than borrow money for unexpected expenses.

Mr. Rinefierd said that the construction season is beginning and wanted to make sure that the Code Enforcement Officer is inspecting new builds in the Village. Trustee Sherman said that Ed inspects the framing, electrical and usually has about 5 inspections before issuing a Certificate of Occupancy. Trustee Sherman went on to say that it does take coordination with the builder to notify Ed when they're close to needing an inspection done. Mr. Rinefierd has shortcomings from the previous Village Code Officer. His home was built in 2002 and he's finding that the contractor cut corners and he's now paying for those.

Old Business

LED Lights Mudd made mention that the streetlights on Main Street in Pulaski are closer to the road than the light poles on US Rt. 11 and 49. There seems to be a greater distance between the poles. Michele will check with Amanda and see if she's available for the next Board meeting on 5/13.

New Business

Clean Water – the new contract will be lining up with the fiscal year totaling \$118,000 and pro-rated for April and May. A motion was made by Trustee Hart to approve Mayor House signing the new Clean Water contract, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

ARPA Budget Modification - A motion was made by Trustee Sherman to approve the ARPA budget modification, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer Rents Added to 2025-2026 Village Taxes – A motion was made by Trustee Hart to approve the OCWA water rents of \$648.03 and village sewer rents of \$78,332.50 added to 2025-2026 village taxes, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Goettel Park use by the Hastings Lions Club – A motion was made by Trustee Sherman to waive the fees for the Hastings Lions Club annual lawn sale, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes and Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

SOCRIS Project Memorandum of Understanding with Oswego County – A motion was made by Trustee Sherman to approve Mayor House to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Oswego County, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2025, were approved upon motion duly made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Vouchers - Trustee Hart made motion to pay the Vouchers on Abstract #21 as follows: General Fund in the amount of \$16,898.57 and Sewer Fund in the amount of \$17,149.18 for a total of \$34,047.75 and seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	\$16,898.57
Sewer Fund	\$17,149.18

Executive Session

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Murphy to move to an Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:36 p.m. the Regular meeting reconvened. Trustee Sherman made a motion to table the appointment of Judge Petit until they spoke with her and Village attorney Joe Frateschi, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:38 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved May 12. 2025