

Bi-Monthly Meeting

August 11, 2025

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 11th day of August 2025.

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman & Mike Hart **Absent:** Trustee Matthew Stevens

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

Public Attendance: Village Resident Jim Turo, DPW Worker Andrew Veley

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

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House reported that the backhoe needs new tires. He received one quote and is waiting on a second.

Deputy Mayor Murphy thanked everyone for the donations for his brother's recent passing. Paul Murphy was an active member of the Skaneateles Fire Department for 55 years.

Murphy reported that village surveyor, Dave Bardoun, confirmed that the wire fence at the cemetery to be replaced will have to be moved over 1 foot. As a result, hold harmless agreements will be needed from neighboring property owners as advised by Village Attorney Joe Frateschi.

Murphy shared that the Village received confirmation from the New York State Records Division that Cemetery Local Law #3 of 2025 has been filed

and is now in effect. Attorney Frateschi is viewing deeds for both lots and niches.

Murphy contacted Jim Lynch of Graphic Warehouse and received two quotes: one for \$345.00 for three new 36" x 36" rule signs to be posted at Hillside Cemetery and the second for \$176.00 for 8 grounds signs to be posted at the Memorial Parks asking people not to post signs on Memorial Park properties.

Murphy also received a quote of \$875 from Sweet Woods Memorial to remount two monuments toppled over by trees during a microburst a few years ago and made a motion for the repair which was seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Stevens-absent

Murphy had a meeting with JC Smith regarding solar school speed zone signs on both sides of County Route 12 and received a rough estimate between \$12,000 and \$20,000. A second meeting is planned.

Murphy shared the Tug Hill Commission is trying to start a Student Civic Leadership Program to teach students about local government. The program proposal has been presented to all Oswego County School Superintendents and BOCES.

Trustee Sherman reported: the mosquito spraying by the County was a success; parking areas in front of the maintenance building at the High School on Route 12 are being constructed or removed; summer is almost over, it's been a dry season and need to make sure drains are cleared on route 49 during the next couple weeks; it appears catch basins have been repaired by the State on Route 11. Trustee Sherman asked if the Village has heard anything from the Town regarding Byrne Dairy hooking up to village sewer and Mayor House replied no.

Trustee Hart had no business to report.

Trustee Stevens was absent and Mayor House addressed the Board Report he submitted prior to tonight's meeting.

- LED Streetlight Conversion Project – a formal request has been submitted to National Grid.
- Drainage on North Ridge and Hickory -is on the list of things to do. The drainage pipe that runs through Vincent Buttiglieri's property ends at property owned by National Grid. Buttiglieri would like the pipe to continue, but National Grid is nonresponsive on the matter.
- Complaints on properties on Hickory and Fulton – Matt thanked Code Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato for his response to the complaints.

Police Chief Ed Carroll reported that qualifications are starting for School Resource Officers (SRO's); the uniform is in for the new SRO, she is waiting for patches to be sewed on, and her official start date is 9/1.

Carroll also reported he is starting rotations of the police cars to Hannas, including the SRO car, for maintenance. One of his guys is a mechanic and can do the oil changes.

In response to a question from Trustee Sherman about THC, Chief Carroll said he just sees people hanging out in front of the store.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato was absent.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck requested a sewer structure workshop and August 28th at 4 p.m. was tentatively scheduled.

Citizens' Concerns – Jim Turo was interested in an update on the drainage issue on Hickory and North Ridge that was discussed earlier in the meeting. He also asked for an update on the Waldron Cemetery Flower claim and Deputy Mayor Murphy said it is being reviewed by the village insurance company at this time.

Old Business

Trustee Sherman reported that the Building Committee is looking at three different locations in the village, more information to come.

New Business

- **General Fund Budget Transfer** – was approved in the amount of \$1,578.15 upon motion duly made by Trustee Sherman seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Stevens-absent.

The transfer moves \$1,578.15 from A1110.120 Court Clerk to A1110.121 Court Clerk II to cover unanticipated personnel expenses.

- **Special Patrol Officer Agreement** – was approved as presented by the Central Square School District upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting on July 28, 2025, were approved upon motion duly made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Vouchers – August Abstract #5 - \$60,405.78 - Sewer Fund vouchers totaling \$34,019.04 and General Fund Vouchers totaling \$26,386.74 were approved for payment upon motion made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-abstained, Trustee Stevens-absent. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 7:44 p.m. a motion was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy to enter into Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter.

Adjournment

At 7:53 p.m. the Board returned to the regular meeting and Immediately adjourned upon motion by Trustee Hart and seconded by Trustee Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved August 25. 2025