

Bi-Monthly Meeting August 25, 2025

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 25th day of August 2025.

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard “Mudd” Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman, Mike Hart and Matthew Stevens

Village Officials/Staff in Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz and Police Chief Ed Carroll. Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato was absent.

Public Attendance: residents Ryan and Ken Kristensen, Robin Hansen and employee 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 a brush hog will need to be used to clear out the private property located across from the school on Co. Rt. 12 to allow access for the village sewer line easement. The owner is allowing the village access but would like bollards and a posted sign at the entrance to keep people out.

The rear tires have been ordered for the backhoe.

Deputy Mayor Murphy must get two more signatures from homeowners for access to their property to remove the old, galvanized cemetery fence. Atlas Fence would like a pre-construction meeting before the installation begins. The main sewer line runs close to the fence and needs to be marked properly. Trustee Hart will mark the sewer line.

Mudd met with JC Smith about the digital school zone signs on Co. Rt. 12. The signs will have flashing lights and will show vehicle speed. One sign will be installed at each end of Co. Rt. 12 for a total of 4 signs. These signs will display “fines doubled”.

Murphy met with the village grant writer and engineer (Kristy and Paul) last week to begin working on the Safe Sidewalks to School grant. The grant application will need to be submitted in October but won’t be awarded until spring.

Mudd reviewed a report on the WWTP generator. The generator is about 30 years old and the report states that the unit should be replaced. Mudd said that the Milton Cat company may have a replacement unit large enough.

Trustee Sherman mentioned that there may be a grant available for generators.

Trustee Hart asked Deputy Mayor Murphy about the status of the stone wall installation in the cemetery. Mudd said that George McCormick will be working with the installer soon on the replacement of the wall.

Trustee Stevens wanted to send congratulations to all the Central Square residents that presented entries at the NYS State Fair.

Residents have reached out to Trustee Stevens regarding cars “skating” through stop signs and asked if the culvert at Thelma Road near the village right of way would be cut back again this year. Mayor House stated the culvert looks like it was dug by hand.

Matthew reminded everyone that the 9/11 Ceremony will be on Thursday, September 11th at 6PM. The boy scouts will be installing an outlined heart with flags.

North Country Heights and other neighborhoods with streetlights being out are an issue. Deputy Clerk Krista was on the phone at length with National Grid and was told since the village is getting new LED lights and fixtures installed throughout the village that they don’t want to come out to fix the lights that aren’t working. National Grid went on to say that it is in the final design stages and hoping to have all new lights and fixtures installed by the end of the year.

Police Chief Ed Carroll introduced Shanna Stassi to the Board of Trustees. Special Patrol Officer (SPO) Stassi will be taking over for SPO Nelson at Millard Hawk. SPO Stassi retired from the Onondaga Sheriff’s Department.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy to hire Shanna Stassi at the starting rate as a new SPO at Central Square Schools effective September 1, 2025, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Carroll said that vehicles for the Village and SPO need to be inspected and serviced (brakes/oil). Recalls are needed too but will have to be brought into the dealership.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato left his report with the Board. Mayor House read that there were 7 building permits, and 12 violations issued this month. There was one stop work order on Co. Rt. 12.

The auto repair shop on US Rt. 11 by the bridge is making progress cleaning up their site.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck reminded the Board that there will be a sewer structure meeting at 4PM on Thursday.

Citizens' Concerns – Scout Ryan Kristensen is coordinating with his troop to begin cleaning up Ada Powell Park beginning this weekend and continue every weekend through the end of October. Mayor House wants to keep the scouts safe, so is having the large, dead, hanging limbs removed.

New Business

Sewer/Capital Fund Interfund Transfer – Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck: The purpose of this transfer is to record interfund transfer of remaining fund balance from the WWTP Capital Fund to the Sewer Fund to pay debt service on bonds issued for the WWTP Project.

Upon motion, duly made by Trustee Hart to transfer \$4,650.52 from the WWTP Capital Fund to the Sewer Fund to pay on bonds issued for the WWTP project, seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

General Fund Budget Modification – Park project grant money received from DASNY.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy to increase the State Aid Revenue account by \$50,000 and increase the Expense Account by \$50,000 for the grant money received by DASNY, seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the regular meeting on August 11, 2025, were approved upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Revised Payment of Vouchers – August Abstract #5 – (\$1,151.35) – General Fund vouchers reduced by \$1,151.35 for National Grid mis-billing. Revised voucher approved by motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Vouchers – August Abstract #6 - \$29,620.15 - General Fund vouchers totaling \$15,003.30, Sewer Fund vouchers totaling \$2,894.35 and Water Fund vouchers totaling \$11,722.50 were approved for payment upon motion made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m. the Board adjourned upon motion by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista Ruzekowicz
Deputy Clerk

Village Board Approved 9/8/2025