

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Monday, December 8, 2025

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 8th day of December 2025.

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman @7:16 pm, Mike Hart, 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 Tom Rinefierd, Circuit Rider Heidi Tompkins & Project Specialist Jillian Lee, NorCOG/Tughill Commission, Andrew Veley, DPW Worker

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 welcomed everyone and reported the Annual Tree Lighting was good while the weather cooperated.

He shared an email received from Austin Wheelock, Executive Director of Operation Oswego County, requesting support to add the Village of Central Square name and signature for communities interested in hosting advanced nuclear generation which was approved upon motion duly 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.

Mudd Murphy reported more lights were put on the Memory Tree this year at Goettel Park and gave thanks to the DPW for putting up the Christmas decorations.

He noted there are lots of donation givers in the village like the churches, Fire Department, American Legion and Lions Club; makes for a good community.

He gave kudos to the good students in the community, noting there were four Shineman Oswego Scholars from Central Square recently recognized in the Palladium Times.

Lastly, Murphy was happy to announce that the Village finally received the four solar school speed zone signs.

Trustee Sherman mentioned the Central Square School District has started working on next year's budget.

Trustee Hart had nothing to report.

Trustee Stevens likes the new tree heaters at Goettel Park and gave recognition to the Village Police Officer managing the Facebook page to keep residents informed on what is happening in the village.

Police Chief Ed Carroll said he has three candidates waiting for a date to be interviewed for his position and his Department participated in the Jingle Jog on December 6th the and Christmas Tree Lighting on December 7th.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato was absent.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck had nothing to report.

Heidi Tompkins first introduced her colleague Jillian Lee and then noted the following upcoming events:

- **NETO (Newly Elected Town Officials School)** – January 14th-16th, Albany Capital Center; January 21st -23rd, Corning at the Radisson Hotel.
- **SRCG Winter Meeting (Salmon Rivers Council of Governments)** - February 25th, Pulaski Municipal Building, 5:30 p.m.
- **NorCOG Winter Meeting (North Shore Council of Governments)** – February 26th, West Monroe Building, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference** - April 20th & 21st, Turning Stone Resort & Casino

Citizens' Concerns

- Tom Rinefierd made positive comments about the LED Street Lighting Upgrade Project currently ongoing.

Old Business

New Business

Sidewalks to School Project – The Village Board approved moving forward with a NYSDOT TAP Grant for sidewalks on the north and south side of County Route 12 to the Central Square School District Campus upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, 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. Deputy Mayor Murphy said the existing sidewalks were installed in 1965 and are narrow worn and cracked. The estimated project cost by Engineer Paul Sheneman is \$747,533 and the grant would fund 80% of that amount.

- **December Board Meeting** – The Village Board voted to cancel the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 22nd and approved bills to be paid as usual upon motion duly made by Trustee Murphy, 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. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2026.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the regular meeting on November 24, 2025, were approved upon motion duly made by Trustee Stevens, 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.

Payment of Vouchers – December Abstract #13 - \$44,485.53 – General, Sewer, and Water Fund Vouchers totaling \$29,811.33, \$6,739.62 and \$7,934.58 respectively were approved for payment upon motion made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

7:40 At p.m. upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart and seconded by Trustee Sherman the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Cusyk
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved 1/12/2026