

Bi- Monthly Meeting February 24, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 24th day of February 2025.

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Mike Hart & Ken Sherman (7:10), Jim Turo

Village Staff in Attendance: Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck, Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz, DPW Superintendent George McCormick, Police Chief Ed Carroll & Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato

Public Attendance: Matthew Stevens, Heather Stevens

Meeting Called to Order: Mayor House 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

Mayor House Village streets are getting better with the snow removal.

Trustee Murphy complimented George and the DPW crew as well as to the Central Square Fire Department for all the additional calls and by cleaning the fire hydrants out during the heavy snowstorms.

Murphy was happy to announce that an article in the Palladium Times stated that SUNY Cortland had 21 college students from Oswego County on the high honor roll; 11 of which are from Central Square.

Deputy Mayor Murphy provided the Board with the new highway speed limit law that states a Village can establish new school zones to 25 MPH. This was a new law in 2022. The Village is responsible for changing the signage.

Murphy would like to meet with the Board to review the DPW applications received so far.

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Trustee Sherman complimented the school, village and town work crews for an amazing job with snow removal.

Trustee Hart had nothing to report.

Trustee Turo had nothing to report.

DPW Superintendent McCormick the skid steer is down again preventing sidewalks from being cleared. The new machine may be ready on Wednesday.

Gearing up for spring mailbox installations. They can be purchased for around \$28.

Police Chief Carroll basketball season is over. Got two more DWI arrests on Saturday.

Executive Session

At 7:27 p.m. the Board moved to Executive Session to discuss a matter with Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:39 p.m. the Board exited Executive Session and returned to the regular meeting upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato issued the old Agway building at 3247 Fulton Avenue a temporary certificate of occupancy for a possible first floor renter. The owner will be coming back to see the Planning Board for the second-floor renovations.

John Wilbur's vacant property adjacent to Trucks R Us at 3087 East Avenue, has a potential buyer. The buyer is looking to have a storage facility on the property, which is allowed.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck is working on a records management grant with Village Grant Writer Kristy LaManche and NYS Records Advisory Officer Jamie Brinkman

Citizens' Concerns

Heather Stevens read an article that municipalities are no longer replacing mailboxes.

Heather had concerns about the NYS DOT closing the off ramp to 81 North at Central Square during the last traffic accident on 81 since East Avenue can't handle all tractor trailers and traffic this brings into the Village. It makes more sense for the trailers to get off at Cicero or Brewerton and stay on US Rt. 11 that is a more level road.

April 20th is the 200th Bicentennial celebration for the Town of Hastings. There is a committee that has been formed and more information to come.

Heather said that every year George always makes sure the Girl Scouts have an area cleared out at Goettel Park for the cookie delivery. She thanked him with a few boxes of cookies.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Proposal reviewed for the new Skid Steer Loader financing from Sun First, LLC in the amount of \$30,508.58. Motion duly made by Deputy Mayor

Murphy, seconded by Jim Turo and voted upon: Mayor house-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #14 to Set Public Hearing for Local Law to Reduce Speed on County Route 12 at High School

Board decision to table until March 10th to allow time to get measurements for the proposed speed zone area.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The minutes of the regular meeting on January 28 and special meeting on February 3, 2025 were approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Hart, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Vouchers - Vouchers listed on Abstract #17 in the amount of \$32,079.00 were approved for payment from the following funds upon motion duly made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Turo and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes Trustee Turo-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Abstract #17	
General Fund	\$14,431.45
Sewer Fund	\$17,647.55

Before adjournment, the Board talked about Roxbury Estates, which is outside the village but is connected to village sewer. The Board unanimously agreed to increase their outside sewer charge of \$90.00 to the current outside user fee of \$133.35 and charge for the number of trailer lots available at 155 rather than the number occupied at 151. The Board also agreed to increase the per unit Groundwater Infiltration Overflow Surcharge currently at \$24.00 annually by 2%.

Adjournment

At 8:22 p.m. Trustee Sherman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Turo.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele A. Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved March 10. 2025