

Bi-Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 10th day of November 2025.

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

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

Public Attendance: Village Resident Tom Rinefierd, NorCOG Circuit Rider Rod Campbell and 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 welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported on the following ongoing projects.

- Ada Powell Park - Dave Winks cleaned up blowdowns and rotted stuff at the park. The foot bridge needs repair and maybe it could be next the Boy Scout project.
- Beaver Dam – Had a conversation with Skip Lyle of Beavers Deceivers about getting work done at the dam. He and Deputy Mayor Murphy will meet with Attorney Langey on Friday, November 14th, to discuss the upcoming trial date for Mr. White.
- DPW – Workers are still picking up leaves and getting ready to close the Hillside Cemetery. He told Gordon to put heaters in the bathrooms at Goettel Park and lock the doors.

Deputy Mayor Murphy reported on the following:

- Hillside Cemetery -the brick wall at the Cemetery is half finished, vendors are looking for more blocks. The new rule signs have been posted and leaves collected. New "10 miles-per hour" and "dawn to dust" signs to be posted.

- School Speed Zone Signs – still waiting on the flashing solar signs, they have been back ordered and should be in around 12/3. The standard aluminum signs for “school speed limit” and “speed zone ahead” can be installed
- Christmas Decorations – Gordon has counted 28 decorations that work out of 51 pieces. Will talk about at budget time, getting price on guy who hangs decorations.

Trustee Sherman had no business to bring before the Board.

Trustee Hart would like to put forth an effort to dig a hole for the new flagpole built by Jami Kopf for at the end of Pleasant Ave.

Tyler Morse on Thelma Drive would like the culvert George installed a few years ago removed as it is holding water not taking it.

Trustee Stevens reported he is doing a deep dive of the village web site specifically for forms that can be filled out online and asked for an update on the National Grid LED project. Mayor House said the project is scheduled to be completed by year end.

Police Chief Ed Carroll reported he is interviewing 3 candidates for the Village Chief Position and running background checks. Two candidates are from other agencies, and one is a current Special Patrol Officer employed by the Village of Central Square.

His Officers are still frequently answering calls at Walmart and Meadowview Apartments.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato reported no new building permits and Dunkin Donuts is open at Walmart. He has issued a couple of violation appearance tickets for the end of this month that Village Attorney Frateschi will handle. The ZBA has finally closed out the Gregg Tweedy use variance conditions at 3206 East Ave. A developer has submitted a subdivision application to be located on Carly Court and will attending the November meeting. Cusato had a discussion with the Board about future locations of dispensaries and the sale of marijuana in the village. was had future

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck reminded the Board of the Health Insurance Renewal meeting scheduled for Monday, November 17th at 4 p.m.

Tug Hill Commissions – Rod Campbell gave a summary of the monthly NorCOG Monthly Bulletin:

- Southern Oswego County Regional Interceptor Sewer (SOCRIS) - The County continues to make steady progress on several sewer projects and has advertised an RFQ for engineering services.
- NYCOM Planning and Zoning Webinar Series – starting Thursday November 20th at 11 a.m. one-hour sessions and continuing Thursdays through December.
- Solar & Battery Storage Webinar -Thursday, November 20th 6-7 p.m., join the MRB Group and Hancock Estabrook.
- 2026 Local Government Conference – Turning Stone Resort Casino – April 20th – 21st.
- Tug Hill Commissioners Meeting – December 8th, Watertown Town Building.
- NorCOG Winter Meeting – February 26th, West Monroe Town Building, 6:30 pm.
- SRCG Winter Meeting – February 25th, Pulaski Village Building.

Citizens' Concerns –

Tom Rinefield questioned the \$15.00 per sewer unit late charge, which equals 12.5%, and was told by Deputy Mayor Murphy that It was implemented because of the high-end users who were not paying their bills on time and causing significant challenges to the Village with managing cash flow.

Tom also voiced a concern about a home on Central Drive that has multiple rollbacks from Fast Eddy's Towing Service.

Old Business

No old business to discuss.

New Business

The following budget modifications, amendments and transfers were approved by the Board 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

- Budget Modification – to receive and spend donation funds in the amount of \$250.00 from Tractor Supply Company Foundation to the Police Department. Increase revenue account A2705 Gifts and Donations \$250.00 and expense account A3120.200 Police Equipment \$250.00.
- Budget Amendment – June through September 2025 cemetery lot sales and burials transfers to the Perpetual Care Fund: June, \$470.00, July \$400.00, August \$245.00, and September \$355.00 for a total of \$1,470.00. Debit A9901.99 Interfund Transfers \$1,470.00 and Credit A599 Appropriated Fund Balance \$1,470.00.

- Budget Transfers – to cover overspent accounts due to unanticipated expenses. Transfer from A1110.120 Court Clerk Salaries to A1110.121 Court Clerk II Salaries \$1,469.49 and from A7310.103 Youth Program Nurse to A7310.102 Youth Program Counselors \$17.50.

A copy of the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Report was acknowledged received by each Board Member upon motion duly 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

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the regular meeting on October 27, 2025, were approved upon motion duly made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Vouchers – November Abstract #11 - \$85,134.11 - General Fund Vouchers totaling \$29,994.51, Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling \$21,139.60 and Water Fund Vouchers totaling \$34,000.00 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 8:02 Trustee Hart motioned to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Trustee Stevens. All Board Members were in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by Village Board November 24. 2025