

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 14th day of October 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 and Police Chief Ed Carroll. Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato was absent

Public Attendance: Village Resident Jim Turo, Tom Rinefierd Rod Campbell of NorCOG and Andrew Velley, DPW Worker

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

Board and Staff Reports

Mayor House Reported:

- 2197 County Route 12 (Mallory Road) is having issues with the sewer. In the past, this resident had sewer in the basement, it cost a lot of money to clean out, and I think the village paid some. The resident had trouble a couple of weeks ago and the DPW did a courtesy plunge, and then Saturday the toilet was flushing slowly again. The resident called to have the sewer line jet out, this got the water to go away in the line. There was a little water today. During a conversation with the resident, when the sewer line was jet out and a camera put down the sewer line, they saw a root ball in the line about 32 feet from the sewer vent. They began to auger, and it broke up some of the root ball, but it wasn't long enough. Superior Drain has different auger and a power snake. Superior

is willing to bring the bigger auger tomorrow; it can go in laterally. The root ball is in the road.

- The manhole in front of the new physical therapy building is too low and needs to be raised. There are 32 inches of brick in the manhole and a 2-inch riser. I've contacted Henderson Brothers for quote. There needs to be a 4-foot x 4-foot manhole and a higher riser for this to be corrected.
- The Village sewer jet pump isn't working. The pump won't make pressure, so I contacted Mike Avery who said that the seals are missing. Avery thinks the Village put in a new pump about 12 years ago. The pump needs to be fixed; I will call Gardner for a price.
- Andy from the DPW was picking up brush and saw the small pump station on Ruth Road was running over. One pump was full of rags. He got both pumps back up and running.

Deputy Mayor Murphy Reported:

- The new cemetery rules signs should be posted in Hillside Cemetery shortly. There have been lots of burials and several monument bases that need to be done before winter. A Patriot Grave Marking dedication for a revolutionary war soldier buried at Hillside Cemetery will be held on Tuesday, October 21st with a brunch to follow at the Central Square American Legion.
- Some of the aluminum school signs are completed, picked up and can be installed. The electronic speed signs will be completed as soon as they can be done.
- The auger that was purchased with hopes of using it up at the cemetery is too large. A 9" auger would work better. Mudd would like to take the 24" auger as a trade-in for \$635 and purchase a new 9" auger for \$581 and new 24" pallet forks for \$1,360 from Mid Country Machinery. Motion was made by Trustee Sherman to trade in the 24" auger and purchase a new 9" auger and 24" pallet forks for \$1,306.00, seconded by Deputy

Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

- The radiator core in the WWTP generator needs to be replaced. Mudd called Milton Cat and received a quote for \$1135 a week to rent a generator in the meantime. Murphy is waiting for a quote from United Rentals.
- The next Oswego County Conference of Mayor's meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at the Tailwater Lodge in Altmar, NY. The guest speaker will be Debra Allen, the Chairperson of the Oswego County Historical Society, along with a team of Historians from various parts of Oswego County.

Trustee Sherman Reported:

- Central Square Marching Band went to the Annapolis Band Competition and placed first.

Trustee Hart had nothing to report.

Trustee Stevens Reported:

- Moving forward with Christmas Tree Lighting dedication. Please have Rebekah make sure Irene Meyer's family is okay with dedication and can attend.

He will reach out to Code Enforcement Officer Cusato regarding piles of tires at North County Heights.

Police Chief Ed Carroll reported portable radio was sent to Universal Radio in need of repair for \$750 rather than \$5,000 for a new one.

Carroll asked the Board to do something about smoke shops. The Village doesn't allow unless licensed by NYS or regulate it out of the Village completely. Pass a local law stating these types of shops aren't allowed,

cannabis/vape shops unless permitted. Trustee Hart and the Board agreed and can move in that direction.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato was absent.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck had nothing to report.

Rod, from Tug Hill Commission, is trying to get Hastings to join Tug Hill Commission.

- Civic Service Student Activity Program began the first week of October.
- A new issue paper on ATV Recreation and considerations for Municipalities include best practices and challenges facing municipalities.
- Downtown Revitalization Initiative & NY Forward funding is now available through (DRI). The DRI is designed to accelerate and expand the revitalization of downtowns and neighborhoods, transforming them into vibrant centers of activity and catalysts for future investment.
- Webinar on Advancing Watershed Health will be held on Thursday, October 23rd from 11am to noon.
- The 31st Annual NYS Highway & Public Works Expo will be held on Wednesday, October 29th at the Exposition Center on the NYS Fairgrounds.
- NYS Local Government Bridge Conference will be held on October 22nd and 23rd with a pre-conference training day on October 21st at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs.
- The North Shore & Salmon Rivers Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30th at the North Riding Venue in Cleveland, NY.

Citizens' Concerns –

Tom Rinefierd cleaned out the grate and catch basin on his property of leaves and asked if the Village was planning to clean all the grates and catch basins before winter. Mayor House stated yes that the Village would be cleaning out the grates and catch basins.

Jim Turo asked the Board if there was any movement on getting onto National Grid's property regarding drainage issues in the area. Mayor House stated that we haven't yet but haven't given up on it.

Jim then asked if there was any movement from Oswego County to allow Byrne Dairy in Hastings to take care of their sewer. Mayor House stated that this was being worked on by the Town of Hastings.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the regular meeting on September 22, 2025, were approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, 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.

Payment of Vouchers – October Abstract #9 - \$37,225.77 - General Fund Vouchers totaling \$18,283.63 and Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling \$18,942.14 were approved for payment upon motion made by Trustee Hart, 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.

Executive Session

At 7:54 p.m., Deputy Mayor Murphy made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck was asked to attend.

At 8:21 p.m. the Board returned to the regular meeting.

Deputy Mayor Murphy made a motion to approve a loyalty raise to both Andy Veley and Gordon Longley to \$25 per hour, 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 made Motion to approve the hiring of Tom Chamberlain of Vernon, Fred Jones of Weedsport and Brad Montgomery of Liverpool at \$25 per house, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:24 p.m., upon duly motion by Trustee Hart and seconded by Trustee Sherman.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Approved by the Village Board October 27, 2025