

Bi-Monthly Meeting September 8, 2025

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

Board Members Present: Mayor Randy House, Deputy Mayor Millard Murphy, Trustees Ken Sherman (7:05 pm), Mike Hart and Matthew Stevens

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

Public Attendance: DPW Laborer Andrew Veley, Village Resident Tom Reinefierd, NorCOG Circuit Writer Heidi Tompkins

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. He reported the sewer easement property on County Route 12 across from the High School has been cleared of brush and posts and a chain installed to prevent access by the public. He also noted there is no water in the swamp and has been in contact with Beaver Deceivers to install a water level maintenance device within the wetlands authorized by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

Deputy Mayor Murphy congratulated 24 graduates from Central Square who attend SUNY Oswego for being recognized for high academic achievement by being named to the President's List or Dean's List. Murphy wanted to give a special call out to Trustee Sherman's daughter, Isabella, who has made the Dean's List for 2 semesters in a row.

Mudd met with Atlas Fence regarding the installation of the galvanized fence at Hillside Cemetery; the force sewer main needs to be located before any digging starts.

He received a quote of \$10,768.91 from JC Smith for the flashing school speed zone signs. Most of the smaller ones can be installed by the Village with the two large solar signs being installed by JC Smith. The project will be paid for from the village highway budget.

Lastly, he said the new cemetery rules signs are done and will get installed soon. He asked that the 911 remembrance gathering be put on the municipal sign.

Trustee Sherman apologized for being late to the meeting. Regarding the Middle School on Route 11, he reported there is a new crosswalk, flashing lights, speed zone signs, and two road entrances for ease of traffic. He also said the cellphone policy is going smooth and warned of the increase in traffic with school reopening.

Sherman thinks it will be an early fall and recommended all village drains get cleaned out.

Trustee Hart reported the gas main was marked for Jami Kopf to fabricate and install a flagpole at the Park at the end of Pleasant Avenue, which he is donating to the Village. Thank you, Jami!

Trustee Stevens brought up drainage at North Country Heights. In response, Mayor House said there is not much that can be done until National Grid allows the Village to connect into their drainage system.

Matt recommended Irene Meyers for dedication at this year's Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration for her leadership positions and historical

involvement in the Village of Central Square and Town of Hastings throughout her lifetime. Irene passed away August 3rd at the age of 96.

Matt reported that a Pomeroy NYS Historical Marker will be arriving soon for the revolutionary soldier buried in Hillside Cemetery.

Police Chief Ed Carroll reported all police cars have been serviced and inspected, all is well so far with the new Special Parol Officer (SRO), the School reset their computers so police information will need to be downloaded again, and Police Officers will be on duty for the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Goettel Park.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato – In the absence of Cusato, Mayor House read the Report of Permits and Violations issued during August and highlighting the following:

- Building Permit issued to Walmart to renovate and add a Dunkin Donuts KIOSK in the store.
- Progress being made with Dept. of Cannabis regarding the THC Herbal Center on East Ave.

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck had nothing to report.

Heidi first thanked Deputy Mayor Murphy for introducing her to School Superintendent Tom Colabufo. Heidi and Tug Hill Commission Staff met with Oswego County School Superintendents to raise concerns about declining participation on town and village boards. More meetings are underway.

Other highlights included:

- NYS Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner – October 9 at the Delta Lake Inn in Rome, starts at 5:30 p.m., tickets \$35, rsvp by September 30th.

- 96th New York State Association of Town Superintendents of Highways (NYSAOTSOH) Annual Conference – September 23-26, 2025, Niagara Falls Convention Center, Niagara Falls, NY.
- NYS Town Clerks Association Regional Training – Monday, September 22nd Riveredge Resort Hotel in Alexandria Bay.
- Oswego County Comprehensive Plan Committee Update – Oswego County invites residents to attend upcoming public meetings – Thursday, 9/11 at CiTi BOCES in Mexico and Thursday, 9/25 at the Hastings Fire Department, both sessions from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- NorCOG & SRCG Joint Meeting & Annual Dinner – Thursday, October 20th at the North Riding Barn in Cleveland at 5:30 p.m.

Citizens' Concerns –

Tom Rinefierd asked about the status of the LED Street Lighting Conversion Project and was told by Deputy Clerk Ruzekowicz that it should be completed by the end of the year according to National Grid.

Tom mentioned that the trash dumpster in front of old Super Duper is gone but now there is a pile of tires.

Tom asked if weeds could be cut down on Thelma Road like George McCormick did last year and Mayor House said he will look into it.

Old Business

Draft Sewer Structure – The Board scheduled a workshop to discuss further for Monday, 9/15 at 4:30 p.m.

New Business

- **JCAP Resolution** – The Board of the Village of Central Square authorizes Central Square Village Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$10,000 upon motion made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Mayor House-aye,

Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Stevens-aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Carroll was asked to meet with Judge Haviland for a list of the supplies/equipment she would request under the grant.

Girl Scouts Goettel Park Use Fee Waiver Request –The Board waived the user fee for the Girl Scouts to use Goettel Park on October 16th for a Girl Schout Recruitment Event upon motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Sherman and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Stevens-aye. The motion carried unanimously. The Girl Scouts paid the deposit and included a Certificate of Insurance as required.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the regular meeting on August 25, 2025, were approved upon motion duly made Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Stevens-aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Vouchers – September Abstract #7 - \$31,387.34 - General Fund Vouchers totaling \$20,767.74 and Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling \$10,619.60 were approved for payment upon motion made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Sherman-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Stevens-aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 8:06 p.m. the Board adjourned upon motion by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Hart

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved September 22. 2025