Public Hearing & Monthly Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026

A Public Hearing and the regular monthly meeting of the Central Square Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 14th day of September 2026.

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

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

Public Attendance: Village Residents Judy Geis, Tom Rinefierd, Randy Wilkinson, John Commisso, Ken Sherman, and Andy & Kathy Smolnik; Circuit Rider Rod Campbell, NorCOG/Tughill Commission

The Public Hearing was opened by Mayor House at 6:45 p.m. to hear public comments regarding proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026 to adopt the Updated Official Zoning Map.

Tom Rinefierd asked if there were changes to the map from the previous version.

Codes Enforcement Officer Cusato replied there were changes to two properties on South Main St. from Commercial Business District to Residential Business District: the former Grasso building at 598 and the Cesta building at 604.

There was no more public comment, and the hearing was closed at 6:51 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by Mayor House at 7:00 p.m. and former Village Trustee Ken Sherman 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 is working on recruiting people for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. The Planning Board is short one member, and the Zoning Board is short four.

Mudd Murphy shared that that the 911 Remembrance Program at Goettel Park was not as well attended as last year, but it was still successful with good speeches, specifically by Trustee Matthew Stevens. The American Legion dedicated a bench to Mike Hall who passed November 28, 2025. Hall served as Treasurer for the Sons of the American Legion, Trustee for the Village and was Past President and Life Member of the Central Square Fire Department.

In addition, Mudd heard from Tino Amodei of Owl Shift Marketing and the new website is ready to launch, paving is complete on Hillcrest Drive and Tucker Avenue, still waiting for two more speed school zone signs for County Route 12, and a solar light for the flagpole made and donated by Jami Kopf for the park at the end of Pleasant Ave.

Trustee Hart had nothing to report.

Trustee Stevens thanked the DPW Crew and those in attendance for their participation with the 911 Remembrance Celebration and said it was nice to see school speed zone signs that are installed on Route 12.

Trustee Hansen agreed with Deputy Mayor Murphy and Trustee Stevens on the amazing 911 speeches and would like to see it on village website. On a recent walk of the village she noticed a traffic light pedestrian push button broken at State Route 49 and County Route 11.

DPW August Monthly Report was read by Mayor House in the areas of Pump Stations, Road Maintenance, Cemetery & Parks, Vehicles & Equipment and Miscellaneous. Ongoing projects included weekly chlorine at Green Acres Pump Station because of extra grease, weekly brush pick up, edging of Hillcrest Drive and Tucker Avenue for paving then filled in and seeded after completed, removal of vegetation along sidewalks, cutting down of trees at Hillside Cemetery and painting of the flagpole and fencing at Pleasant Avenue & Route 11 intersection.

Chief of Police Kevin Birardi said he should hear about the tech grant soon and mentioned the Village was granted a digital speed zone sign from

Tug Hill which does not need power, does not record and recommended putting it on Main St. before Tucker Avenue. He also reported the following monthly stats:

47 traffic stops	1 burglary in progress	1 Status Check
2 Criminal Mischief	1 Disturbance	2 Fraud
4 Larceny	1 Lost property	7 Mental health
8 Motor Vehicle crashes	10 misdemeanor charges	1 felony charge
2 police information	22 property checks	2 traffic details
1 trespass	1 unattended death	3 warrant arrests
3 motor vehicle crashes with injury		

Circuit Rider Rod Campbell highlighted news and events in the North Shore & Salmon River Council of Governments Monthly Bulletin:

- Snow and Ice Control Workshop – 9/24/26 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lewis County Cooperative Extension Office in Lowville.

- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Hazard Tool for Snow load Data – free public online hazard tool with a mapping feature to look up hazard data for a specific location.

- North Shore & Salmon River Councils of Governments Annual Dinner – Greenview County Club in West Monroe Wednesday, September 30th. Social Hour 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.

- Tug Hill Commission Annual Dinner – Adams Country Club. October 8th, 5:30 pm. To 9:00 p.m.

Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato reported on permits and violations issued along with activities of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

List of Permits issued 08/01/26 – 09/14/26

- *Complaints from neighbor on Dry Bridge with regards to Carly Court project Civil matter.*
- *Complaint from neighbor on new Mobile Home installation, Civil matter.*

- *Note: Big E Tire clearing land now, building permit and plans being delivered by end of week for review. Project could start as early as end of month.*

List of Violations issued 05/01/26 – 06/29/26

- *New violation notices to be sent out for Hickory Lane 139 Pleasant Ave, 302 Hickory Ave.*

Planning Board: Public Hearing & Meeting scheduled for 09/17/26

- *2nd Public Hearing for new development on N. Main St.*
- *Introduction to PB for the Old St Michaels Church on S. Main St.*

Zoning Board of Appeals: No meetings scheduled.

- *SWPP review and approval. Meeting 09/22/26 will attend.*
- *Discussion ongoing to possibly join both Boards.*
- *New Fee schedule submitted to Clerks office and Village Board*
- *Additions to required permits…Food Trucks, Roof replacement, park activity reviews.*
- *Request for new printer and Tech assistance to move Codes operation to larger room on 2nd floor.*

Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck discussed with the Board possibly going back to two meetings a month and changing the time to 4 or 5 p.m., at least throughout the winter months. After some discussion, the Board decided to leave the meeting day to once a month and the time at 7:00 p.m. until live streaming is introduced to the village residents.

Citizens' Concerns

Mark Mezzo asked if the ditch across the street from them on Carly Court will be a catch basin or piping for the new five-home development. Right now the water stays in the road.

The Board is unable to answer as the project is under the control of the project engineer.

Mark also wanted to recognize Tammy and Alex Nielsen for donating all Country Glazed proceeds to the Golisano Children's Hospital from the recent motorcycle rally.

Andy Smolnik asked about the status of the house that burnt on Central Drive.

Mayor House said he is unsure but believes it is an insurance issue and Trustee Hart added he believes the owners were looking at another house on Ruth Road or Thelma Road.

Tom Rinefierd asked why the Village hired out the paving of Hillcrest Drive and Tucker Avenue to private industry rather than Oswego County as in the past.

Mayor House said the County could not get the paving done before school started so the job was competitively bid out and awarded to Costello Paving as the lowest responsible bidder.

Kathy Smolnik asked why candy canes are handed out during the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

Mayor House said hot chocolate and candy canes are handed out every year. Deputy Mayor Murphy added that there was a candy cane shortage last year and Krista went around the village stores for donations.

Old Business

Special Patrol Officer Agreement – Between the Village of Central Square and the Central Square School District was approved for 2026-2027 upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Hansen and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously**.**

New Business

General Fund Budget Modification 2026 - 2027 – Was approved to receive additional state funds of $7,858.33 for (CHIPS) Consolidated Highway Improvement Aid upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Hart` and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously**.**

Personnel Matters – KC's Cleaning Service Proposal in the amount of $350 a month was approved for 12 Gertrude Drive upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Hansen and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously**.**

Resolution No. 19 of 2026 – was approved to adopt the 2026 Oswego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously**.**

Resolution No. 20 of 2026 – was approved to update the Village Fee Schedule as recommended by the Clerks and Codes Office with exceptions upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Hansen and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The exceptions were the 3-year fire inspections at $300 per building which is currently $150 per apartment/unit and the 3-year rental inspections at $100 per building which is currently $150 per apartment. More information will be researched and discussed at a later meeting.

Village of Central Square

Fee Schedule (adopted/effective 9/14/2026)

Pawn Brokers (Chapter 167)	
Application for initial license	$300.00 (If declined no refund)
Application for renewal license (167-10)	$300.00 (No partial fee reduction)
Tattoo Parlors (Chapter 219)	
Application for initial license	$300.00 (If declined no refund)
Application for renewal license (219-11)	$300.00 (No partial fee reduction)
Peddling, Hawking & Soliciting (Chapter 143)	
One month or less	$50.00
Over one month up to six months	$100.00
Over six months up to one year	$150.00
Building Fees/Fire Inspection Fees (Inc. Chapter 229)	
Building Permit-Residential	$80 (1st K) + $8/$1,000
Building Permit-Commercial	$100 (1st K) + $10/$1,000
Demolition Permit-Residential	$75 (1st K) + $5/$1,000 percent to demolish
Demolition Permit-Commercial	$75 (1st K) + $6/$1,000
Wood, Gas Fireplace, Heaters, Stove	$75 (1st K) + $7/$1,000

inserts, Generators, Outdoor Furnaces-Residential	
Wood, Gas Fireplace, Heaters, Stove inserts, Generators, Outdoor Furnaces-Commercial	$100 (1st K) + $10/$1,000
Plan Review (No permit issued)	$5,000 or 50% permit fee
Temporary Certificate of Occupancy	$50.00 each
Certificate of Occupancy	$30.00
Fence Permit	$50.00 Residential; $85.00 Other
Fire Inspection-3 year	$300.00 per building – **not approved**
Fire Inspection-1 year (*public assembly*)	$150.00
Re-Inspection (Work not ready for inspection/ 2nd & additional Re-inspections	$25.00 each
Rental Inspection- 36-month renewal	$100.00 per building – **not approved**
Temporary Sign Permit	$50.00
Sign Permit	$60.00 + $6/$1,000
Swimming Pool Permit	$75.00 Above ground; $100 In ground
Permit Renewal	25% of original permit fee; $25.00 minimum fee
Flood Plain Development Permit	$50.00 + $750 Residential Deposit/$1,000 Commercial Deposit
Work Started without a permit	Double Permit Fee
Rescind Stop Work Order	$50.00
Building Fees/Fire Inspection Fees (Inc. Chapter 229) *continued*	
Special Use Permit Renewal (250-21-E)	$500.00 + $1,000 Legal & Engineering deposit
Administrative Permit	$50.00
Zoning Fees (Chapter 250)	
Area Variance	$250.00
Use Variance	$250.00
Zoning Interpretation	$100.00
Sign Variance	$200.00
Planning Fees (Subdivisions-Chapter 216)	
Administrative Subdivision	$50.00
Simple Subdivision	$100.00 + $300 Legal (min.)
Minor Subdivision Preliminary & Final Plat	$200.00 + $2,000 Legal & Engineering deposit
Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan <75 lots or 20 acres commercial	$500.00 + $5,000 Legal & Engineering deposit
Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan 75-150 lots or 20-50 acres commercial	$500.00 + $7,500 Legal & Engineering deposit
Major Subdivision Preliminary Plan more than 150 lots or greater than 50 acres commercial	$1,000.00 + $11,000 Legal & Engineering deposit
Major Subdivision Final Plan <75 lots or 20 acres commercial	$500.00 + $7,500 Legal & Engineering deposit
Major Subdivision Final Plan 75-150 lots or	$500.00 + $7,500 Legal & Engineering deposit

20-50 acres commercial	
Major Subdivision Final Plan more than 150 lots or greater than 50 acres commercial	$1,000.00 + $10,500 Legal & Engineering deposit
Oswego County Basic Filing Fee for a subdivision	1 to 3 Lots-$50.00 4 to 9 Lots- $75.00 10 plus lots-$100.00
Planning Fees (Site Plans-Chapter 250)	
Site Plan-Administrative	$50.00
Site Plan-Simple	$250.00 + $1,000 Legal & Engineering deposit
Site Plan-Minor	$250.00 + $1,550 Legal & Engineering deposit
Site Plan-Medium	$250.00 + $4,000 Legal & Engineering deposit
Site Plan-Major	$300.00 + 12,500 Legal & Engineering deposit
Amended Site Plan	$250.00 + $1,000 Legal & Engineering deposit
SWIPP Review Fee	$1,000 Engineering Deposit
Special Permit (250-21-E)	$500.00
Zone Change (Chapter 250)	
Change of Zone-Unlisted Action	$250.00 + $1,500 Legal & Engineering deposit
Change of Zone-Type I Action	$250.00 + $2,750 Legal & Engineering deposit
Miscellaneous Fees	
Tax Searches	$30.00 Each
Copies	$.50 Each/single side
Game of Chance License	$50.00 each
Goettel Park-Entire Park-Village Resident	$100.00 fee
Goettel Park-Entire Park-Non-Village Resident	$150.00 Fee (non-refundable)
Goettel Park-Shelter & Gazebo-Village Resident	$75.00 fee
Goettel Park-Shelter & Gazebo-Non-Village Resident	$125 Fee (Non-refundable)
Goettel Park-Ball field-Village Resident	$50.00 fee
Goettel Park-Ball field-Village Non-Resident	$75 Fee (Non-Refundable)
Crossroads Park Soliciting/Market Fee	$75.00 6-month or less/$150 more than 6-months (less than a year)
Sewer Inspection Fee	$75.00 per unit

Resolution No. 21 of 2026 – was adopted to enact Law 4 of 2026 accepting the Updated Official Zoning Map upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously**.**

Resolution No. 22 of 2026 – was adopted to Establish a Reserve for DPW Equipment with a starting amount of $39,725 that was received from the sale of the old truck street sweeper upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Business

Previous Minutes -The Minutes of the regular meeting on August 10, 2026, were approved upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hansen and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Stevens-aye, Trustee Hansen-aye. The motion carried unanimously**.**

Payment of Vouchers – September Abstract #5 - **$281,519.31 -** General Fund Vouchers totaling $215,925.35, Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling $61,095.21 and Water Fund Vouchers totaling $4,498.75 were approved for payment upon motion made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Trustee Hansen and voted upon: Mayor House-aye, Deputy Mayor Murphy-aye, Trustee Hart-aye, Trustee Stevens-aye, Trustee Hansen-aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 8:26 p.m. the Board voted 5-0 to enter a closed executive session about the employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees. Clerk/Treasurer Cusyck was asked to attend. The Board returned to open session at 9:03 p.m.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy, seconded by Trustee Hart, Wendy Chandler, the newly appointed Cemetery Superintendent, was approved for a pay increase from $21 to $23 per hour by a 4-1 vote. Poll vote: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-abstained, Trustee Hansen-yes.

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, the Board approved Resolution No. 17 of 2026 for a public hearing at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:45 p, m, to

establish Hillcrest Drive and Tucker Avenue as school speed zone areas upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes, Trustee Hansen-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:07 p.m. upon motion duly made by Trustee Hansen and seconded by Trustee Stevens. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Cusyck
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Village Board Approved 10/13/2026