**Bi-Monthly Meeting**
**Monday, June 8, 2026**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 8th day of June 2026.

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

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

**Guest Attendance** Rod Campbell, NorCOG/Tughill Commission

**Public Attendance**: Village Residents Robin Hansen, Karen & Mark Mezzo, Christina Robinson, Jessie Buck, Peter Accuri, Tom Rinefierd, Cathy & Andy Smolnik, Theresa Capria, Diane Mallory, Randy Wilkinson, Glenn Wells, Patricia Sidlik, Jackie Purdy, Rose Ostrander

**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. He had nothing new to report.

**Mudd Murphy** reported repeated issues at the Cemetery: drive throughs at high rates of speed, vandalism, unleashed dogs, dumping of trash, and plugging bathroom toilets.

The Board discussed adding better lighting and speed bumps, and making sure bathrooms are locked by 9 p.m.

**Trustee Sherman** was happy to announce that the school budget passed at a 3 to 1 ratio and said electric buses are on hold for at least the next 5 years. He said the winter has certainly taken its toll on village roadways and put all on notice about the dangerous potholes on Webb Ave., Gertrude Drive and coming out of Tractor Supply onto State Route. 49.

**Trustee Hart** had nothing to share.

**Trustee Stevens** reported he is working on creating new homeowner welcome packets with Dave Wescott and mentioned he would like to see meetings recorded in the future.

**Police Chief Kevin Birardi** reported for the time period of May 25- June 7 there were 23 calls for service, 21 traffic stops, 14 tickets issued, 1 arrest and 2 weapons recovered.

The Village Police Department will be offering finger printing service for a fee of $35 for residents and $50 for non-residents. This will be for requirements for pre-employment and real estate licenses.

**Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato** was absent, and Mayor House read his report.

- **Building Permits** - Plans for Big E/Kost Tire will be submitted soon. Some environmental issues with Carley Court have been addressed; at least one new home plans should be coming in soon.

- **Fire Inspections/Property Maintenance Violations –** Court cases for Hickory Drive and Pleasant Avenue both plead guilty and fined $500. Neither case is corrected and a public hearing in front of the Village Board to be discussed.

- **Planning Board –** Approved the simple revised site plan for 4 Gertrude Drive, Northern Family Care.

- **Zoning Board –** approved area variance application for 4 Gertrude D, Norther Family Care.

**Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck** had nothing to report.

**Circuit Rider Rod Campbell -** reviewed the monthly bulletin of the North Shore and Salmon River Council of Governments and highlighted the changes in SEQR regulations, touched on eligible projects for the NYS Green Resiliency Grant due Jue 12th and DEC Urban and Community Forestry Grant due August 12th, mentioned how Tug Hill go bumped by Stowe, Vermont this past winter for bragging rights for the most snow east of the Rocky Mounts and told of a webinar coming up on June 25th, from 6-7:30 pm on understanding the industry activity and planning for Data Centers.

**Citizens' Concerns**

**Robin Hansen** is concerned with the backup of traffic on East Ave, mainly during 3:30 -5:00 p.m. Chief Birardi has been in contact with NYSDOT, and a traffic study is planned for that area.

**Tom Reinefierd** questioned why the former THC Dispensary is now operating as Budd Boyz when the Village opted out of allowing retail dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption sites in the Village of Central Square back in 2022.

Trustee Hart responded that Budd Boyz is selling hemp and has a state permit

**Cathy Smolnik** -questioned the OCWA blue flags on their property on Thelma Drive.

Trustee Hart responded that drainage work has being done in the area, but the flags can now be pulled.

Mayor House added that ditching has also been being done on Meadow Drive.

**Peter Acuri** voiced concerns-about the Carly Court housing project approved for his neighborhood and not being made aware of the hearing that was held by the Village Planning Board, back In January. He's looking for transparency and will be submitting a FOIL request for all project plans, permits and related documents.

Discussion ensued between the Board and concerned citizens of the project regarding stone and debris being left on the road, standing water in the nearby creek, silt fence not being installed properly and dumping at the end of Carly Court.

Mayor House said Project Engineer Mike Lasell has been well received in the Hastings area and does not feel the project is being fast tracked but is a work in progress. Planning Board Member Robin Hansen added that the subdivision hearing notice for the project was on the village website and municipal sign.

**Pat Sidlik** voiced a concern about the digging of roads at Summerhill Village and the use of the private road to Summerhill by motorists coming from McDonalds to access the light on State Route 49 by Pathfinder Bank. Summerhill is owned by the Weatherup family and the road is private, but Mayor House is of the understanding that a road is being built to redirect traffic away from Summerhill.

Sidlik asked about the plans for a roundabout at the intersection of State Routes 11 & 49. Mayor House said the roundabout concept is still in the preliminary stage with no final design or cost breakdown, or construction schedule.

Sidlik brought up the electric bike problem in the village and Chief Birardi said there is no legislation to enforce the bikes but will be trying to educate riders and nudge parents.

Lastly, Sidlik mentioned the cross-through road coming from Dunkin Donuts that is full of potholes and cost her hairdresser $600 for car damage.
Trustee Sherman said the road is owned by Dunkin Donuts.

## Old Business

## New Business

- Tucker Ave & Hillcrest Drive – will be open for discussion at the next meeting to add to School Zone.

- Municipal Corporation Agreement with School for Security Services- was tabled until after an Executive Session that will take place later at this meeting.

- Goettel Park – Request for Fee Waiver by Plank Road Quilt Guild was approved upon motion 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.

- General, Water & Sewer Fund Budget Transfers for March 2026 were approved as follows upon motion 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.  approved upon motion 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.

**General Fund Budget Transfers**

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| From: | A1325.440 | Clerk Dues & Fees | 750.00 |
| To: | A1325.400 | Clerk Supplies | 750.00 |

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| From: | A1490.100 | DPW Personnel | 5,000.00 |
| To: | A1440.400 | Engineering Services | 5,000.00 |
| From: | A1490.420 | DPW Training & Dev, | 300.00 |
| To: | A1490.450 | DPW Phones | 300.00 |
| From: | A3120.403 | Police Gas & Oil | 430.00 |
| To: | A3120.406 | Police Radio Repairs | 430.00 |
| From: | A3620.420 | Training Codes | 500.00 |
| To: | A3620.401 | Codes Supplies | 500.00 |
| From: | A1325.440 | Clerk Dues & Fees | 500.00 |
| To: | A6410.402 | Website Development | 500.00 |
| From: | A7110.402 | Park Maintenance | 1,379.51 |
| To: | A7110.451 | Parks Electric | 1,359.51 |
| From: | A9060.800 | Employees Medical | 559.73 |
| To: | A8020.400 | Planning Board Expenses | 559.73 |
| From: | A9010.800 | Employees Retirement | 4,643.00 |
| To: | A9015.800 | Police Retirement | 4,643.00 |
| From: | A9060.800 | Employees Medical | 1,500.00 |
| To: | A9050.800 | Unemployment Ins. | 1,500.00 |
| From: | A9060.800 | Employees Medical | 1,513.82 |
| To: | A9060.801 | Employees Dental | 1,513.82 |

**Purpose: to cover overspent accounts due to unanticipated expenses.**

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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| Debit | A9901.9 Interfund Transfers | 1,945.00 |
| Credit | A599 Appropriated Fund Balance | 1,945.00 |

**October & November 2025 Cemetery Lot Sales and Grave Openings Transfers to the Perpetual Care Fund.**

**Water Fund Budget Transfer**

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| From: F8310.405 | OCWA External Customers | 277.36 |
| To: F8310.404 | OCWA Fire Hydrants | 277.36 |

**Sewer Fund Budget Transfer**

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| From: G8120.100 | Personal Services | 300.00 |
| To: G8120.403 | Equipment Maintenance | 300.00 |

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- Authorization for the Clerk/Treasurer to close out fiscal year 2025-2026 by the payment of bills and necessary transfers and accruals was approved upon motion 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.

## Regular Business

**Previous Minutes -**The Minutes of the regular meeting on May 11, 2026and special meetings on May 19 and June 1, 2026 , were approved upon motion duly made Deputy Mayor, 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**.**

**Payment of Vouchers –** The Vouchers were approved for payment as follows upon motion made by Trustee Hart, seconded by Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-yes, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

- **May Abstract #27** - **$62,822.40 -** General Fund Vouchers totaling $28,305.78 and Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling $34,516.62.

- **June Abstract #1** - **$28,476.99 -** General Fund Vouchers totaling $14,591.37 and Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling $13,885.62.

**Executive Session**

At 8:18 the Board moved to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters upon motion duly made Deputy Mayor, 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**.**

At 8:47 p.m. the Board returned and reconvened the regular meeting upon motion duly made 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**.**

As a result of the Executive Session, the Police Chief's position was changed from part-time to full-time at an annual rate of $75,000 and the hourly wage paid to police officers for school security events was increased from $30 to $45 per hour upon motion duly made Trustee Hart, 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**.**

Before adjournment, Mayor House presented two quotes for a power broom from Truck Fitters at $751.94 and House Trucking for $711.98. It was the consensus of the Board to go with House Trucking at the lower quote.

**Adjournment**

At 8:55 p.m. the meeting was adjourned upon motion duly made by Deputy Mayor Murphy and seconded by Trustee Hart 8. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Cusyck

Village Board Approved 6/29/2026

Village Clerk/Treasurer