**Bi-Monthly Meeting**
**Monday, May 11, 2026**

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was duly held on the 11th day of May 2026.

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

**Village Officials/Staff in Attendance**: Deputy Clerk Krista Ruzekowicz

**Public Attendance**: Village Residents Cathy Smolnik, Andy Smolnik, Becky Phillips, Robin Hansen, Natalie Dodson, Karen and Mark Mezzo.
Rod Campbell of NorCOG/Tughill Commission.

**Meeting Called to Order**: Mayor House called the meeting to order at 7 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 and read the ICC Proclamation for Building Safety Month. It's a reminder to build safely and the importance of Building Code Officers.

Mayor House added that the Village DPW are cleaning streets and getting ready for Memorial Day.

**Deputy Mayor Mudd Murphy** sent a note to Tom Colabufo praising him for stepping up to hold the prom in the high school gym after an incident in Syracuse led to the cancellation at The Oncenter. Those kids will never forget this; there was several thousand dollars in food donated and most young men were able to keep their tuxedos until the prom is rescheduled.

Murphy went on to say that this was a lesson in civic duty and is very proud of our community.

Murphy is hoping to get the Hometown Heros banners up soon.

**Trustee Sherman** was absent.

**Trustee Hart** had nothing to add.

**Trustee Stevens** was at the high school on Saturday and helped bring donated items into the school. It's just a reminder that when things get tough around here, we don't throw up our hands up, we throw them in.

**Police Chief Kevin Birardi** – In the absence of Chief Birardi, Mayor House read the police report provided.

**Codes Enforcement Officer Ed Cusato** – In the absence of Cusato, Mayor House read the report provided on complaints, violations and upcoming Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings.

**Village Clerk/Treasurer Michele Cusyck** – was absent.

**Tughill/NorCog** – Rod discussed all upcoming meetings and events.

**Citizens' Concerns** –
Mark Mezzo questioned the Board if they oversee the rulings of the Planning Board on new developments being built. Mayor House answered that the Village Engineer receives all plans and that the Oswego County Planning Board also receives these plans, which were approved. Mezzo asked how long the Planning Board or engineer walked the property to be developed. Mayor House stated that the engineer did review the property. Mrs. Mezzo asked where the sewer line would go. Mayor House said the sewer line from those homes would be crossing under the road to join the main line.

Mezzo goes through 2 sump pumps a year and stated he will need to update to a gravity-fed system.

Becky Phillips wants to have her driveway sealed, but the sidewalk that goes through her driveway is broken apart and asked if the village can fix it. Mayor House will look at her driveway.

Phillips would like all the sidewalks in the village fixed. Deputy Mayor Murphy stated that with the most recent grant submitted in 2025, the cost of the state approved engineering costs put the grant limits cost out of reach compared to using our own village engineer who carries the same credentials,

**Old Business** - none

**New Business**

Re-schedule date of next meeting (25th is Memorial Day). Schedule for 26th.
Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to re-schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, May 26th, seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-absent, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Barton & Loguidice – Engineering Services Proposal for MS4 Stormwater Program Compliance.
Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the 2026/2027 contract for the MS4 Stormwater Program, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-absent, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Election Inspectors, Marian Yerdon & Shirley Morkovin.
Motion made by Deputy Mayor Murphy to appoint Marian Yerdon and Shirley Morkovin as election inspectors, seconded by Trustee Stevens and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-absent, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Goettel Park baseball field backstop repairs. Deputy Mayor Murphy received three quotes to repair the backstop at Goettel Park and met with each one (Arrow Fence, Atlas Fence and Butler Fence) at Goettel Park to show them the backstop. Butler Fence came in the lowest, but Mudd was very impressed with Arrow Fence since they noted some additional items that should be fixed or replaced citing children's welfare.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Murphy to accept the bid for $7,585 from Arrow Fence to fix the backstop at Goettel Park and to replace the additional posts, seconded by Trustee Hart and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-absent, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-abstained. The motion carried.

**Regular Business**

**Previous Minutes -**The Minutes of the regular meeting on March 30 and April 27, 2026, were approved upon motion duly made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy and voted upon: Mayor House-yes, Deputy Mayor Murphy-yes, Trustee Sherman-absent, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Payment of Vouchers – April Abstract #23 - $102,050.36 -** General Fund Vouchers totaling $33,311.15 and Sewer Fund Vouchers totaling $68,739.21 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-absent, Trustee Hart-yes, Trustee Stevens-yes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**
At 7:47 p.m. upon motion duly made by Trustee Stevens, seconded by Trustee Hart. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Ruzekowicz, Deputy Clerk Village Board Approved June 8. 202