

02/26/2026

**Board of Trustees
5:30 PM Community House**

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Dawn White, Trustees: Melissa Baker, Dominic Cuomo, Attorney Norman Mastromoro, Billy Vicciarelli, Fire Chief Weaver **Absent:** Trustee Steven Ellwood, Police Chief Chad Manley

Public: Nino Polidori, Larry Schoff, Patsy Schoff, Janice Zoller, Clark Machauhlin, Thomas Steele, Jim Johnson, Eleanor Weaver, Carl Pedro, Frank Stagliano, Mary Rackmyer, Peggie Hilles, Barb Stagliano, Kathy Buckley, Dennis Clark, Nelson Darrach III, Art Dockerty, Michael Mancini, Eric Batisti, Frances Hulbert-Shaut, Charles Straney

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor White, the pledge was said.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment:

Art Dockerty commenting commercial and homeowners unshoveled sidewalks. Policy regarding unshoveled sidewalk after 24 hours the Village could shovel and homeowner be billed \$25 or \$50. Mayor will look into. Mr. Dockerty commenting possible new garbage policy to be sure all parcels even with several apartments are all charged accordingly. Mayor advised making out a schedule, will be looked into to being charged properly.

Fran Hulbert-Shaut regarding signage grant for the Marina. Also regarding submitting a formal grievance with the Village. Grievance needs to go to the Clerk to be stamped received.

Bernie Shaut Jr-declined comment.

Charles Straney-commenting that the 2025/2026 water sewer budget doesn't cover the expenses of the current bill received. It doesn't relate to what the true expenses are.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Report submitted. Discussion regarding Grant for air packs & PPE. Physicals coming up March 16, apx 30 @ \$200/pp

DPW: Report submitted.

WWTP: Report submitted.

Police: No report. Motion to hire Part-time Officer Brayden Zahniser. Motion by Trustee Baker seconded by Trustee Cuomo. All ayes, motion passed. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

Dog Control: No report.

Codes: No report.

Treasurer: Report submitted. Need to schedule Budget workshops soon.

Legal: Discussion exchange of easements at the Watershed property. Agreement drawn up, survey filed. Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the agreement made by Trustee Cuomo, seconded by Trustee Baker. All Ayes, motion passed. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

National Grid updating infrastructure some lies within the Village. Apx 1/10th of a mile affected. They have been directed for a building permit. Police Chief and DPW notified in the event of possible traffic issues.

Old Business:

-Discussion Campspot Website for a more simple campsite registration. No cost to Village to join the website, free advertising to Village. Subject tabled at this time to allow Trustees to further review information available.

-Discussion comp time vs. overtime pay; it is calculated the same, reviewed from Village Handbook.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create** a **consent agenda** consisting of the 1/20/26 Regular Meeting minutes and the 1/20/26 Public Hearing Minutes was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Cuomo. All ayes, motion carried. Absent Trustee Ellwood

A motion to **adopt** said **Agenda** was made by Trustee Cuomo and seconded by Trustee Baker . All ayes, motion carried. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

Audit of Claims: A motion to **accept** the claims as presented to the Board as approved to the Board by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$170,876.76** was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Cuomo. All ayes, motion carried. Absent Trustee Ellwood. The claims are broken down as follows:

a. General Fund	\$ 143,656.40
b. Cemetery Fund	\$ 0.00
c. Marina Fund	\$ 450.81
d. Water Fund	\$ 8,879.08
e. Sewer Fund	\$ 17,890.47

New Business:

-A motion was made by Trustee Cuomo and seconded by Trustee Baker to accept Resolution No. 2 of 2026 regarding Important dates for the March 18th election as presented. All ayes, motion passed. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

-A motion was made by Trustee Cuomo and seconded by Trustee Baker to accept Resolution No. 3 of 2026 to approve the application for the 2026 Empire State Trail Town program as presented. All ayes, motion passed. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

-Discussion regarding the .gov proposal required by NYS to switch from Network Solutions to Microsoft for domain change. No action taken.

-A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Cuomo to renew the contract with St. Mary's Healthcare for the Employee Assistance Program as presented. All ayes, motion passed. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

-Discussion regarding adding a garbage fee on Village Tax bills. Still under contract with Weaver Sanitation until May 2028. Cost won't change but would go to a tax line on the tax bill. Single family home \$350/yr, 2 family home \$500/yr, 3+family home \$650/yr, 12+ \$7800/year, Commercial business (apx 26 parcels) at

\$650/yr. The Midtown Estates buildings (2) would have to be looked at. These rates are recommended by the Treasurer. Attorney Mastromoro advised by doing this as a tax line it may count towards the tax cap consideration.

-Discussion regarding a new copier for the Village Office. It was in the budget for a new copier, looking into what would be better: to purchase a new copier with a service contract or lease one that includes a service contract. A conclusion was made would be better for the Village to lease with a service contract for maintenance.

-Discussion about commercial water and drinking water sales. There are several companies being looked into about how the process works and the cost to assist with bringing some revenue into the Village.

-Discussion of Clerk, Marissa is now the Clerk with full time hours of 35hrs/week and full benefits and a Deputy Clerk as well. Both positions will still come up for in April for reorganization. Cheri VanBrocklin is the Deputy Clerk, working 18 hours per week.

-Motion by Trustee Cuomo seconded by Trustee Baker to accept the proposal for Phase 2 of the waste water and storm water work that needs to be done by Delaware Engineering. All ayes, motion passed. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

-Motion by Trustee Cuomo seconded by Trustee Baker to place an ad in the Nelliston Palatine Settlement Society Newsletter to advertise the campground and harbor, ad cost is \$50. All ayes, motion passed. Absent Trustee Ellwood.

Public Comment:

-Thomas Steele question regarding the Campspot website, and the Village website, how will it work for reservations when those 2 softwares will not have communications between them. Trustee Cuomo advised things are still being looked into, the subject has been tabled.

-Mr. Steele wanted to know how notes were being taken for the meeting, advised the meeting is being recorded and Trustee Baker and the Mayor are both taking notes.

-Mr. Steele commented regarding discussion about the way the garbage is being paid. Advised it will need to be put out at a public hearing. Mayor White advised per the Treasurer the change could be made prior to the expiration of the contract with Weaver Sanitation, the Village will still be paid the same no matter how the money is collected.

-Frances Hulbert-Shaut had further comment regarding the Campspot website.

-Charles Straney inquired about the copier for the Village Office, questioned that it is in the budget, Mayor White advised it was in the budget for last year. Mr. Straney advised it was taken out of the budget to save money, would like to know the line item amount. Inquiry about 236 BAN for NBT bank if that has been paid back yet, the Mayor advised it's in the process, still waiting for the Land Bank, their meeting tonight. \$36,000 reimbursement.

-Eric Battisti commented regarding water/sewer bills or just water, just sewer and past agreement regarding 4 specific residents paying for just one or the other. He will write a letter regarding to the Village.

-Comment from Frances Hulbert-Shaut spoke to some business owners in Little Falls that expressed there is an interest in holding fishing tournaments at all of the Locks. Would like to know if she could have the permission to follow through with the proper procedures, permissions and permits to continue with this idea. Permission denied as there has been no one hired for the campground and marina yet.

-Bernie Shaut Jr comment regarding lack of funds in the Village. The Village is subcontracting out mowing of the cemetery (used to be cared for by DPW) and the marina. Per the Mayor it was a Board decision regarding this.

-Motion made by Trustee Cuomo seconded by Trustee Baker to go to Executive Session. All ayes, motion passed. Trustee Ellwood absent.

Other:

No action was taken in executive session.

7:40pm Return from Executive Session.

-Motion to adjourn was made at 7:51pm by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Cuomo. All ayes, motion passed. Trustee Ellwood absent.

Next meeting March 17, 2026 at 5:30pm.