

08/17/2026

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

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Steven Elwood Trustees: Melissa Baker-Battisti, Trustee Brenda Phillips, Trustee Elaine Fitzpatrick, Trustee Thomas Steele, Attorney Norman Mastromoro, Deputy Village Clerk Cheri VanBrocklin, Fire Chief Chris Weaver, Police Chief Chad Manley, DPW Supervisor William Vicciarelli

Public: Nino Polidori, Patsy Schoff, Larry Schoff, Barbara Stagliano, Ina Smith, Clark MacLauchlin, Eleanor Weaver, Frances Hulbert Shaut, Michael O'Dockerty, Margaret DiGiacomo, Nicole Porter, Mike Porter, Jim Castrucci, Linda Andrew, Peggine Hilles, Carol Pedro, Teddie Colorito, Robert Bauer

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mayor Elwood. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was taken to honor military and first responders during the Comprehensive Plan Presentation.

Correspondence:

A letter to the Board from a resident was read by Mayor Elwood. The letter was a request to state they did not feel the amount of usage was correct on their water/sewer bill, mentioning a water main break and possible back flow was the issue.

A statement from the Village Clerk was read by the Deputy Clerk that a report for backflow events in the Village as a whole was done during the bill cycle, there were no issues to be found, no issues with the meter at the residence, therefore finding the usage as actual usage. The Board discussed and decided there was to be no action taken to reduce the bill. The Village Clerk will send a letter to notify.

Public Comment:

Nino Polidori will speak at the end of the meeting.

Zachary Swank spoke regarding the Flock cameras. Stated he did a FOIL recently. He pointed out the he is not a Village resident, nor a Town resident. He stated he did a drive around the Village today and there are in fact 6 Flock cameras. He also stated there are cameras on the front of the Fire Department and he will be submitting a FOIL request to the Fire Chief as well. He felt the questions he had in his FOIL to the PD were not answered. He also mention the garbage fee, he feels it is Taxation without Representation and cannot be imposed on the citizens, they should be able to go to the dump if they want. John Lewandowski spoke regarding the water bills, turning the water off, a fee to turn it on, the garbage bills and higher taxes. He feels the Board should have more compassion.

Larry Schoff commented regarding the increased water and sewer tax and the new garbage taxes. Peoples are not able to pay. He feels the Village needs to cut spending and not drive people out of town.

Department Heads:

- a. Fire Chief-Chris Weaver-report submitted.

Chief Weaver gave info in addition to his report on recent testings and failings of equipment. He also went over the estimates he has to replace the overhead doors (doors were installed in 1987) at the FD.

Motion to go with DNA doors for the replacement of the overhead doors by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Phillips. **All ayes, motion carried.**

- b. DPW/Marina-Billy Vicciarelli-report submitted, Mayor Elwood read several positive comments regarding the Marina and Campground. DPW Supv gave quotes for paving on Center St. near the

school. Two estimates were received, JP Trucking and Paving and Ken Hanson Paving. The cost of the paving is covered by CHIPS.

Motion to accept JP Trucking and Paving made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Steele. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Discussion regarding a tree Wayne Burkdorf states is hanging over his building and is ready to come down, he states the tree is on Village property. DPW Supv says he got the price of \$900 to have the tree removed. The **Board tabled** the removal of the tree until property lines are verified. Mayor Elwood shared as of August 10th the Marina/Campground has brought in just shy of \$97,000 compared to last year of \$93,000 for the full season, consisting of ice, camping, fuel, dockers etc. There is roughly 2 more months to go till end of season.

Discussion regarding water shut offs. Mayor Elwood understands the hardships of citizens paying the bill. Wednesday, September 9, 2026 was decided. Door tags will be done ASAP.

Motion for water shut offs to be September 9, 2026 was made by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Fitzpatrick. **All ayes, motion carried.**

c. WWTP-Frank Erno-report submitted

d. Police-Chief Chad Manley-report submitted

Police Chief Manley responded regarding the Flock cameras and offered Mr Swank to go on a ride with him and he will show him exactly where the Flock cameras are. He advised the cameras are 100% grant funded. He explained he is looking into a grant this year for body cameras. He is looking into grants for drones, new car computers, AED and extending the body camera contract. (Fire Chief Chris Weaver responded what the cameras on the Fire Department building are for)

e. Codes Officer- Cliff Dorrough-report submitted.

Discussion, Cliff asked if the Village allows soliciting. Chief Manley responded that a permit is needed. DPW Supv Vicciarelli will contact the County DPW to have signs made.

f. Dog Control-Report submitted

Motion made by Trustee Phillips to accept all department head reports, seconded by Trustee Steele. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Treasurer: report submitted

Motion to accept the Treasurer report made by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Phillips. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Budget Adjustments-budget adjustments discussed. The voucher for the Comprehensive Plan will be held at this time until Mayor Elwood contacts Delaware Engineering for further information regarding the completion of the plan.

Motion to accept the Budget Adjustments presented less the Comprehensive Plan voucher to Delaware Engineering made by Trustee Steele, seconded by Trustee Phillips. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Attorney: Attorney Mastromoro mentioned having three pending litigations. A human rights issue, grievance issue and a Supreme Court issue regarding the garbage issue. Suggested Executive Session.

Old Business:

Library Board Appointments-

Recommendation by the Mohawk Valley Board of Libraries to make the appointments. Two of the appointments recently quit the board and the librarian was just terminated.

Appointments as follows:

Lisa Harvey appointed March 8, 2024 to fill a term through March 31, 2027.

Stephanie Cuomo appointed November 13, 2023 to fill a term through March 31, 2027.

Sylvia McClellan appointed June 9, 2025 to fill a term through March 31, 2028.

Phoebe Sitterly appointed March 9, 2026 to fill a term through March 31, 2028.

Rebecca Sokol appointed April 1, 2025 to fill a term through March 31, 2030.

Motion to accept the appointments as stated (technically with today's date) made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Steele. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Comprehensive Plan: Have to set a public hearing for the review of the draft Comprehensive Plan that is dated today (August 17, 2026) and the public hearing to be September 21, 2026 at 5:15pm here at the Community House.

Motion to accept the date and time of public hearing as discussed made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Steele. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the 6/15/26 Regular Meeting Minutes made by Trustee Steele, seconded by Trustee Phillips. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda made by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Steele. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Audit of Claims: A **motion** to accept the claims as presented to the Board by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$147,975.37** (-\$10,000 Comp Plan, **actually \$137,975.37**) was made by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Phillips. **All ayes, motion carried.**

The claims are broken down as follows:

a. General Fund	\$	46,360.76
b. Marina Fund	\$	4,505.72
c. Water Fund	\$	3,961.09
d. Sewer Fund	\$	52,879.11
e. Pre-paid items	\$	40,268.69

New Business:

Housing Authority workshop meeting setup-the Board will have an email chain together to decide on a date and time.

Water Shut off date (discussed during Department Head reports, September 9, 2026)

Public Comment-

Nino Polidori-gave information on how Veterans can apply to exempt disabled Veterans from taxes.

Frances Hulbert Shaut-mentioned with water shut offs coming up there are 3 possible broken shut offs on Ann St. There was an sewer grate that overflows when it rains on Mechanic St. She also inquired if there was a possibility of putting a crosswalk in front of her house (on West Main St.) for people going to the nursing home. She also asked if there was a possibility to host Trunk or Treating again at the Marina like last year.

Josh Diaz-spoke regarding possibly not having a turn on fee for those that aren't able to pay their water bill and do have their water turned off, pay their bill, even if it is a one time courtesy.

Art Dockerty-skunk problem in Village, question directed to Chief Manley

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:42 pm to discuss litigation made by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Phillips. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Motion to return to Regular Meeting from Executive Session at 7:35 pm made by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Steele. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 7:37 pm made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Steele. **All ayes, motion carried.**

Next Regular Meeting September 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm

Minutes created by Deputy Clerk