

05/26/2026

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

Year End Meeting

Present: Mayor Steven Elwood Trustees: Melissa Baker-Battisti, Trustee Brenda Phillips, Trustee Elaine Fitzpatrick, Trustee Thomas Steele, Deputy Village Clerk Cheri Van Brocklin

Public: Nino Polidori, Francis Hulbert Shaut, Dennis Clark, Ina Smith

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.

Public Comment:

Francis Hulbert Shaut asked a question about the 2026/27 budget that was passed at the last meeting. Mayor Elwood responded all that is on the agenda for this meeting is closing out the financial year, the fiscal year, there was no need for an agenda for this meeting. She also inquired of Mayor Elwood if he received her emails about the Canal Corporation, the budget and water/sewer and garbage rates. He responded he had, also has not reviewed them in their entirety yet and there have been no adjustments to the budget yet since it's been passed.

Dennis Clark inquired if there had been anything done with raising the tax cap level 2%? Has the Village complied with the requirements for that? Mayor Elwood responded that had no complied with that because the Village has not raised taxes. Mr. Clark responded that according to the comptroller office the tax cap has been raised. Mayor Elwood responded again that taxes have not been raised. Mr. Clark also inquired about the reimbursement from Delaware Engineering. Mayor Elwood responded he just received the paperwork, was uncertain of the exact amount but the Village will be getting reimbursed for the Comprehensive Plan if that is what he (Mr. Clark) is referring to. Mr. Clark responded with the amount of \$50,000, Mayor Elwood stated he believed that was the amount. Mr. Clark also stated a total of \$150,000 against the project. Mayor Elwood agreed. Mr. Clark stated that is the shortfall amount of the budget. Mayor Elwood stated that it could be, from what he can tell this started back in the year 2020. The first loan was done of \$50,000 in 2020. He just received the agreement and hasn't had a moment to review it yet.

Francis Hulbert Shaut asked how could the public find out what the agreement is. Mayor Elwood responded that it could be Foiled for with the Clerk.

Motion was made to accept the claims as presented in the amount of \$21,431.97 to close out the fiscal year made by Trustee Brenda Phillips, seconded by Trustee Melissa Baker-Battisti. All ayes, motion carried.

There was no further business.

Public Comment:

Nino Polidori Inquired if there was any info on when the marina will start selling gas. Mayor Elwood responded that the issue is being worked on to see if we can bypass the Verifone system. Francis Hulbert Shaut added additional thoughts regarding this issue.

Trustee Phillips made an inquiry regarding manually entering information to keep track of it.

Next meeting is a Public Hearing on 6/15/26 at 4:30 pm regarding the Comprehensive Plan presented with Delaware Engineering, followed by the regular monthly meeting at 5:30 pm, both held at the Community House.

Motion to adjourn at 5:45 pm was made by Trustee Melissa Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Brenda Phillips. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk