

03/17/2026

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

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Dawn White, Trustees: Melissa Baker, Steven Elwood, Attorney Norman Mastromoro, Billy Vicciarelli, Fire Chief Weaver, Police Chief Chad Manley Absent: Trustee Cuomo (resigned)

Public: Nino Polidori, Larry Schoff, Patsy Schoff, Robert Christolon, Gellian Christolon, Thomas Steele, Peggie Hilles, Cliff Dorrough, Janice Zoller, Dan Uber, Louise Robuste, Kim Snell, Frances Hulbert-Shaut, Michael O'Dockerty, Michael O'Dockerty, Darlene Beck, Jeremy Polidori

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

Correspondence: Email from Erica Schneider of Parks & Trails New York regarding the application for to the 2026 Empire State Trail Town program advising of denial for this year's program (read aloud).

Public Comment: **Kim Snell** discussion regarding water bill is more this time for 5 months than it usually is for 6 months. Comment regarding dog feces all over the Village. It is in many areas on public sidewalks. Comment regarding garbage all over at different properties all over the Village. Why aren't people made accountable when it's out sometimes for months. People living there, not just the homeowners who may not live here should be held accountable.

Thomas Steele-Comment to make people aware that Trustee Dominic Cuomo resigned last week.

Presentation by Frances Hulbert-Shaut; she went over the details of the email she had sent to the Village on 3/9/26.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Annual physicals just finished yesterday (3/16/26). Waiting on preliminary fire district summary. The FD has been working with a company going over all of their policies and policies they don't have in writing. Mayor requested a copy be provided to the Village.

DPW: Report submitted.

WWTP: Report submitted.

Police: Report submitted. Chief Manley gave info regarding a blood drive being sponsored by the PD on 3/31/26 from noon to 4pm in the event room at the Community House. He also commented on Kim Snell's public comment. The PD is considering looking into a Nuisance Property Law, to have some ability to pursue the property owner or the tenant. If the Board is interested he will proceed looking into it (the law) and if multiple entities would address IE: PD, Codes etc.

Dog Control: No report.

Codes: Attended a meeting in Albany on 2/20/26. Question on adoption of codes, the Mayor advised they have been adopted, apologized if he was not given them. Addressed garbage on properties, sending certified letters to tenants or owners with citations. Mentioned the Property Maintenance Law and the importance of the blighted properties they're working on. Also addressed the electrical issues at the Marina are all being addressed with a certified electrician.

Treasurer: Report submitted.

Legal: Discussion about the National Grid project mentioned at the February meeting (requested by Mayor White). The line is being updated into part of the Village (1/10th of a mile). Mayor White advised she received an email from Grid that she will forward to Attorney Mastromoro.

Old Business:

-Discussion Campspot Website for a more simple campsite registration. No cost to Village to join the website, free advertising to Village. Mayor White has reviewed the information, Trustee Cuomo (now resigned) has reviewed it. Their contract has been reviewed as well. Trustee Ellwood made a **motion** to accept a 1 year contract, Trustee Baker advised she looked into the website reading reviews and feels there are more cons than pros to it. Trustee Baker advised she does not agree with it. Mayor White **seconded the motion** made by Trustee Ellwood to go with Campspot for 1 year. **All were not in favor**, Trustee Baker was a nay. Per Attorney Mastromoro all 3 would (the Board) would need a quorum to pass. Trustee Baker read the pros and cons from the Campspot website. Mayor asked Trustee Baker if she had watched any of the webinars, she requested that Trustee Baker watch them, Trustee Baker advised she would watch the webinars. Per Attorney Mastromoro, the subject cannot be tabled again because **the motion failed**, if the topic comes up again in the future it can be voted on again.

-Discussion on the .gov proposal from Trusted Technologies, the Village has to be transitioned to .gov. The Village does not have the internet to support the .gov platform. Mayor White explained that is part of the cost from Trusted Technologies to put in a new system that will support the .gov. The government requires us (the Village) to do the .gov. Trustee Ellwood asked when the transition has to happen, Mayor White advised it was supposed to have been done by the end of February. Trustee Ellwood asked what if we don't do the transition, Mayor White advised she didn't know but also didn't want to find out either. Trustee Ellwood advised its \$5500.00 just to maintain it, in addition a \$3100.00 migration fee. Mayor White said she advised them (Trusted Tech.) that we (the Village) couldn't afford more than \$2500.00. Trustee Ellwood said he would have to see in the budget line what we (currently) pay for Network Solutions. Subject Tabled. Trustee Ellwood said he would like to know what they (.gov) would do if we didn't go to .gov. Attorney Mastromoro advised it's a mandate. The State (of New York) could place the village on a "blacklist" if any grants come up, they not fine the Village for a couple of years, but they have ways. It was mentioned again that the subject has been tabled.

-Discussion about Northland Communications. Mayor White advised the contract just came today. Will be given to Norman (attorney Mastromoro). Mayor White said she was going to email them back with some questions. One of which there is mention of no monetary rent, they want to provide 16 Washington Street with fiberoptic internet service. Mayor White said if it's for the whole Village, all of our departments, that's fine, the Village is currently paying upwards of \$800.00/month for all of the places we have, so if it covers all of those, that's great but if it only covers this building (16 Washington St) then it would be approximately \$250.00/month according to Marissa (Clerk). Mayor White will give the contract to Attorney Mastromoro, he advised it was already given to him once, Mayor White advised it was, this is the final proposal. Attorney said it was given back to them with our proposed amendments. Mayor White advised they will also put in their own electrical box so there would be no cost to us for electricity. Mayor White advised she just wanted to advise the Board that the contract was received.

-Discussion regarding building permits and changes so they are valid for 6 months on the date of issuance, after 6 months the permit can be renewed one time for another six months at half the cost of the original

building permit. If the work is not completed after the second six months, a new permit will be needed to be applied for at the full cost of the work. The only change is the permit cannot continue to be renewed year after year. Cliff (Dorrough, Codes Officer) gave Mayor White a schedule for commercial building opposed to residential. A **motion to accept** was made by Trustee Ellwood, **seconded** by Trustee Baker, all in favor. **Motion carried.**

-Discussion from last meeting (February) that Marissa (Nellis) has taken on the job of Clerk, full time, with benefits and Cheri (VanBrocklin) is Deputy Clerk on a part-time basis. There was only a discussion at the February meeting, a motion needs to be made. **Motion** to Appoint Marissa as Clerk and Cheri VanBrocklin as Deputy Clerk was made by Trustee Ellwood, Attorney Mastromoro advised the motion should be for the remainder, Mayor White said for the remainder of the term (2 years for Clerk) and 1year for Deputy Clerk, remainder of the term, which is April. Marissa will be carried over till 2027. **Motion seconded** by Trustee Baker, all in favor, **motion carried.**

-Discussion about the need to set a Public Hearing about the garbage fees and how they will be charged and set up a workshop for the first budget hearing, both before Easter. **Motion** for setting of garbage fees, the Public Hearing and the Budget workshop the date of 3/23/26 at 4:30 for public hearing and first budget (5:00pm) workshop following made by Trustee Ellwood, **seconded** by Trustee Baker, all in favor, **motion carried.**

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the 2/26/26 Regular Meeting minutes was made by Trustee Baker, Mayor White seconded, Attorney Mastromoro advised there has to be 3 to approve. Motion cannot be accepted Trustee Ellwood was not present, Trustee Cuomo resigned. Minutes cannot be voted on. Minutes will remain as a draft.

A motion cannot be made to **adopt** said **Agenda**. These will be added to the next agenda.

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 **\$157, 251.09** was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Ellwood. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

a. General Fund	\$	51,081.15
b. Marina	\$	0.00
c. Water Fund	\$	6,704.48
d. Sewer Fund	\$	44,083.99
e. Pre-paid Items	\$	55,381.47

New Business:

-Discussion regarding the State Coming to pull water chestnuts during a 4-day period at the end of July (2026). It is recommended by the DEC at least 4 weeks before them coming that they be sprayed. A company the DEC recommended has been contacted, they will charge around \$1500.00. A decision doesn't need to be made to today, but this is the DEC's and Encon's recommendation. We need to think about this as far as budgeting for next year.

-Discussion, need to set a Public Hearing for water and sewer rates. There was a decimal point error on the bills that went out. The water bill needs to be put back to what it was. It was already voted on. We are short (on money). A public hearing will be needed to note the new changes. Joanne (Treasurer) is working on

them. A **motion** made to make the Public Hearing on 3/23/2026 along with the aforementioned Public Hearing made by Trustee Ellwood, **seconded** by Trustee Baker. All ayes, **motion carried**.

Public Comment:

-Comment from citizen that a few years ago there was a dog law adopted that may have information in that laws about the dog feces mentioned in earlier public comment. Concern of National Grid coming through on 1/10th of the Village, but they will be using our roads.

-Larry Shaw mentioned use of PA system, seems to have fallen on deaf ears. Trustee Baker advised she will look into what the Seniors use that is here (at the community House). If there isn't she advised she will purchase one on her own.

-Art Dockerty regarding the chestnut algae, is this the same group that came in to take care of it, or a different group? Mayor White advised this is sponsored by Canal Corps.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm regarding DPW personnel and litigation made by Trustee Ellwood, seconded by Trustee Baker, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to return from Executive Session at 7:14pm by Trustee Baker, seconded by Trustee Ellwood, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:16pm made by Trustee Ellwood, seconded by Trustee Baker, all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting-April 21,2026 at 5:30pm