

04/20/2026

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

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Steven Elwood Trustees: Melissa Baker-Battisti, Trustee Brenda Phillips, Trustee Thomas Steele, Deputy Clerk Cheri VanBrocklin, Attorney Norman Mastromoro, DPW Supervisor Billy Vicciarelli, Fire Chief Weaver, Police Chief Chad Manley, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Frank Erno, Codes Officer Cliff Dorrough

Public: Nino Polidori, Larry Schoff, Patsy Schoff, Robert Christolon, Janice Zoller, Dan Uber, Louise Robuste, Kim Snell, Frances Hulbert-Shaut, Michael O'Dockerty, Darlene Beck, Jeremy Polidori, Kathy Buckley, John Lewandowski, Michael Mancini, Martha Mancini, Dennis Clark, Margaret DiGiacomo, Alex Countryman, Alyssa Countryman, Kim Snell, Eleanor Weaver, Ina Smith, Carol Pedro, Barb Stagliano, Thomas Elwood, Clark Maclauchlin, Mathew Shawl, Nelson Darrach

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Elwood, the pledge was said and a moment of silence observed for first responders and military.

Correspondence: Email from Chris Brown regarding a water/sewer bill. Letter from Josh Diaz regarding observation of Vietnam War Veterans Day and raising a special flag (March 29th) for the occasion.

Public Comment: Alex Countryman-thank you to the Mayor and DPW for working with his driveway. Kim Snell-garbage rates (being addressed in resolution) and water bill may be doubled (clarify in resolution). She also thanked the Police department for addressing an issue she had while walking her dog, with other dogs. Greta Rathbun-regarding change of garage sale weekend (discuss in new business). Michael O'Dockerty-regarding a possible ZBA case regarding changing zoning law for shed and garage placement. Frances Hulbert-Shaut-regarding a broken light on the bridge near the cannon and garbage at the park.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: Report submitted.

DPW: Report submitted.

WWTP: Report submitted.

Police: Report submitted.

Dog Control: No report.

Codes: Report submitted

Motion to accept Department Head reports made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Baker-Battisti. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer: Report submitted.

Mayor Elwood asked for a motion to accept the Treasurers report, there was no motion made.

Old Business:

-.gov proposal from Trusted Technologies discussion to look further to see if there are other opportunities available. The Mayor will look into it.

-Northland Communications- contract to rent space at the Community House for free internet so we don't have to pay for internet. Concern with 2 issues, security issues and if it isn't reliable service he would like to see if they would rent space for approximately \$1000 at the old Burgess building. Police Chief Manley expressed concern that the PD has a camera monitor there and would need to make sure it's secure. The Board agreed to have the Mayor look into it.

-Mayor Elwood also mentioned that he, Trustee Phillips and DPW Supervisor Billy Vicciarelli met with a realtor about the possible sale of the Burgess building, it's only being used for storage. He said the realtor believes we could get approximately \$250,000 from the sale of it. This may be an option to bring in some money to the Village. The concern is that our well is there, there would be an easement created to retain ownership of the well. There would also be other considerations i.e.: no auto body shops so no oil could seep into the ground. It's one parcel that would be split into two to retain the well.

-Organizational meeting appointments- Mayor Elwood would like to appoint Joanne Young as the Budget Officer and the Treasurer. A **motion** was made by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Phillips. All in favor were Mayor Elwood, Trustee Baker-Battisti and Trustee Phillips, Trustee Steele was a nay. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 4 of 2026 To Establish Mileage Allowance at the rate of \$.725, a **Motion** to accept was made by Trustee Steele, seconded by Trustee Phillips. All ayes, motion carried. **Roll call:** Mayor Elwood aye, Trustee Baker-Battisti aye, Trustee Phillips aye, Trustee Steele aye.

Resolution No. 3 of 2026 Flat garbage rates on Village Tax Bills-

Discussion regarding charging a separate fee for garbage. The rates on the resolution are as follows: 1 family \$350/year, 2 family \$500/year, 3 or more family residence \$650/year, Commercial \$650/year. Mayor Elwood advised our contract is for \$25 per unit, per month. That equates to \$300/year per individual residence. This (resolution) is for a 1-year term starting at the end of this month (April) going till the end of the next fiscal year. This was proposed to help balance our budget due to the budget still being at a large deficit. Some questions and further discussion came from the public and the Board.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Baker-Battisti for garbage rates to be charged \$25/electric meter for 1 year to be billed with the water bills and be due 1 month later. Bill would be three times per year starting next Fiscal Year (June 1st). Motion seconded by Mayor Elwood, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion to create a consent agenda consisting of the 3/17/26 Regular Meeting minutes, the 3/26/26 Public Hearing minutes, the 3/26/26 Budget Workshop minutes, the 4/7/26 Bid Opening minutes, the 4/10/26 Organization Meeting minutes, the 4/10/26 Special Meeting minutes, and the 4/13/26 Budget Workshop minutes was made by Trustee Baker-Battisti seconded by Mayor Elwood. 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 as approved to the Board by the Clerk, in the amount of **\$79,404.33** was made by Trustee Phillips and seconded by Trustee Baker-Battisti. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

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| a. General Fund | \$ 48,797.25 |
| b. Marina Fund | 73.89 |

c. Water Fund	\$	4,988.54
d. Sewer Fund	\$	5,624.58
e. Pre-paid Items	\$	19,920.07

New Business:

Resolution No. 8 of 2026 to Adjust Water and Sewer Rates- Tabled due to new information received about commercial rates and usage.

Motion for water shut off date to be May 4, 2026 made by Trustee Phillips. Seconded by Trustee Baker-Battisti. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution No. 7 of 2026-Contract with Montgomery County for Grass and Brush Control-Motion to accept the contract made by Trustee Phillips seconded by Trustee Steele. All ayes, motion carried. Roll call: Trustee Baker-Battisti aye, Trustee Phillips aye, Trustee Steele aye, Mayor Elwood, aye.

Resolution No. 9 of 2026-Create a Volunteer Advisory position to assist in the Wastewater Treatment Project Motion to accept was made by Trustee Steele, seconded by Trustee Baker-Battisti. All ayes, motion carried. Roll call Mayor Elwood aye, Trustee Steele aye, Trustee Phillips aye, Trustee Baker-Battisti aye.

Motion to appoint Charlie Straney to the new volunteer position to assist in the wastewater treatment project made by Trustee Phillips. Seconded by Trustee Baker-Battisti. All ayes, motion carried. Roll call Mayor Elwood aye, Trustee Phillips aye, Trustee Baker-Battisti aye, Trustee Steele aye.

Contract with Montgomery County Office for Aging for use of the Community House for meals site, **tabled**. Attorney Mastromoro reviewed the contract. Mayor Elwood would like contact them for further information.

Ayres Animal Shelter Contract-contract from June 1, 2026-May 31, 2027 for the amount of \$3300.00. **Motion** to accept the contract made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Baker-Battisti. All ayes, motion carried.

Cemetery Bids-

Motion by Best Value standard by Trustee Baker-Battisti to keep who was used last year (M & S General Maintenance, their bid is \$36,000.00), there was **no second** to the motion. Mayor Elwood read the bids amount aloud.

Motion to accept S & Sons Landscaping for the amount \$31,200.00 (negotiable) contingent on proof of insurance and references made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Steele. All ayes, motion carried.

Fuel Bids-

Buell Fuels and Mirabito were the only 2 companies to put in fuel bids. Mayor Elwood went over the specs that were provided by both companies. (see attached) Buell Fuel had all fixed prices, Mirabito prices all fluctuate. 1 year contract. **Motion** to go with Buell Fuels due to fixed prices and keep Mirabito for marina gas and propane (under contract till 2028) made by Trustee Steele. Seconded by Trustee Phillips. All ayes, motion carried.

Office Copier-presentation given by Deputy Clerk about the purchase of a copier. **Motion** to purchase the copier made by Trustee Steele seconded by Trustee Phillips. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to have garage sale days May 14,15,16, 2026 made by Trustee Steele, seconded by Trustee Phillips. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to have trash days May 29-20, 2026 made by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Steele. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Hearing for Water & Sewer rate increase will be Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 5:30pm

Public Hearing on the Budget will be following, the Budget vote following the Public Hearings. **Motion** for Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 5:30pm made by Trustee Phillips seconded by Trustee Steele. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment-mentioned a couch on W. Main St and a brick building falling down. Mayor Elwood advised they have been ticketed by the Codes Officer.

There was no executive session.

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 pm by Trustee Baker-Battisti, seconded by Trustee Steele. All ayes, Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting May 18, 2026 at 5:30pm

Minutes created by Deputy Clerk.