

REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- AUGUST 19, 2025-6:15 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL- 662 HUDSON AVENUE, PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-ZENO, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE PATRICK NELSON, TRUSTEE JEFF STEWART, TRUSTEE SUE CUNNINGHAM
CLERK TREASURER: SHERISTIN TEDESCO
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS: MATT RIFENBURGH
BUILDING CODE OFFICER: JOHN MCBRIDE
FIRE BUREAU CHIEF: LAURENCE CASE
ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO
FIRE CHIEF: TONY CONTI - Absent
ENGINEER: ED HERNANDEZ - Absent

Public Attendance - 8
The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance

CORRESPONDENCE – An invitation was received to the 9/11 Ceremony at 5:30 PM hosted by the Elks at 54 N. Main Street in Mechanicville on September 11th.
An email was received from Mr. Ross Barber with concerns regarding the June 2025 minutes. The email was read by Mayor Wood Zeno (Copy attached)

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF: (Report on file) There were 5 alarms and 6 training drills during the month.

MOTION to add Cameron Nichols to the roster of the Newland Wood Fire Department made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to allow the Newland Wood Fire Dept to hold their annual coin drive near the Stillwater Bridge on 8/30 and 8/31/2025 made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 4-0

A CPR class was discussed for the village employees and DPW so everyone can learn the proper way to use the AED machines.

DPW – (Report on file)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (Report on file)

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – No report provided

ENGINEERING – (Report on file)

MAYOR UPDATES: The mayor would like to Village Board to starting researching and thinking about a potential Ebike Law. The lock box has been received for the gate at Ferry Lane and we are just waiting on County Waste agreement to be returned. Ed Hernandez will remain representing the Village for Engineering Services for Water and Sewer only after December 2025. Bagged debris has to be only leaves and grass clippings. There has been other items in the bags and our carrier stated if it keeps happening they will no longer take the bags of debris and the service to the village residents will be discontinued. The Village Festival will be 12/6/2025 from 2:00 PM to 7:30 PM. There will be horse drawn carriage rides, the Village tree lighting at 6:00 PM, the Town Memorial Tree lighting at 6:30 PM followed by fireworks. Family Day will have the Lilac Memorial Basketball tournament along with a foam party at the Splashpad.

TRUSTEE NELSON stated the first Climate smart Community meeting was held last month and the second meeting will be next week. There are small things the Village can do at this time. For example, placing a recycling bin near all trash cans in Village buildings.

Voucher Totals by Account	
Year End 8/19/2025	
“A” General Fund	\$ 67,735.66
“F” Water Fund	\$ 4,148.63
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 11,639.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 83,523.70

Treasurer’s Report – copy provided to all board members

Up to date Revenue and Expense Control Reports provided to all board members

Second Notices for unpaid taxes were mailed on 8/1/2025

MOTION to forgive 27,000 gallons, sewer portion only, of 10/1/2025 water bill for Jason Papa, Customer #550005 – 5 Independence Row per email request dated 8/10/25 for filling of a pool made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to Open the Floor to the Public and Press made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

Steve Marshall, 856 Hudson Ave., requested a “No Outlet” sign be placed in the public section of Ferry Lane. The Mayor responded that sign is on order, and it has been too long and advised the DPW Foreman to look into switching vendors. Mr. Marshall also stated the “Do not enter” sign on Broughton is very faded and he sees people driving in the wrong direction on that road all the time and is concerned for the residents. It was agreed a new sign would be purchased and hung.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 4-0

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION for payment for the Economic Summit, not to exceed \$550.00, made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Demarco
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION for payment for Family Day Fireworks, not to exceed \$500.00, made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Nelson
Motion carried 4-0

Fireman Retirement Workshop needs to be schedule because the topic will need to go to Village vote and be on the ballot.

Telecommunication Opportunities will be explored and a Local Law will need to be passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ross Barber, 61 Ferry Lane, presented concerns regarding the Ferry Lane turnaround. Much discussion was had regarding the history and access to the Village property at the end of the Lane. He shared stories of trucks turning around and damaging properties. He offered up the idea of a prescriptive easement. The Mayor stated the Boards goal is to protect the rights of all the village residents and keep taxes low by avoiding potential lawsuits on village properties. The Village Board stated they will try to work to find a solution, it just isn't as fast as everyone wants it to be. The Board is trying to do this the right way for the whole Village. Trustee Stewart stated everyone on that road is respected and we are asking for time.

MOTION to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Cunningham
Motion carried 4h-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 7/15/2025 made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0, Trustee Nelson abstained

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 7:13 PM for legal advice made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to exit executive session at 7:58 PM for legal advice made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to adjourn at 7:58 PM made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer