

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- APRIL 21, 2026-6:15 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 - Absent  
ATTORNEY: JAMES PELUSO  
FIRE CHIEF: TONY CONTI  
ENGINEER: ED HERNANDEZ - Absent**

Public Attendance – 9

**CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF:** (Report on file) There was 1 alarm, 5 training drills and 1 event during the month.

**DPW –** (Report on file)

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER –** (Report on file)

**BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES –** No Report

**HISTORIAN –** Discussion about a possible contest to design a Village logo.

**MAYOR UPDATES –** NYSEG event Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 at the Community Center to help residents understand and save on their bills. Ed Hernandez would like to retire as the Village Engineer for water and sewer, so a few new firms will be researched. Our building and planning engineer will review requirements and offer suggestions also.  
5/22/26 will be the Village Memorial Day Parade.

**MOTION** to authorize boot purchases for each DPW employee, not to exceed \$550.00 per year, made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

Signs will be installed near the Park Ave. Bridge stating there is a 10k weight limit. There will be temporary flags installed also to signify the change.

Working on Village grant opportunities.

Winterfest meeting was held last week with lessons learned and a few new ideas.

Garage Sale Weekend – May 1, 2 and 3.

We are exploring an electronic sign for Cannon Park.

Working on scheduling a partial audit.

**TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM –** Working on welcome packages and will have an example for next month. Two grants have been submitted. Would like to see a local law passed regarding “Jake Brakes”.

**TRUSTEE NELSON –** Climate Smart committee has met and will be doing an energy audit with the assistance of a volunteer, Mary Buszuwski. The next repair café is May 30<sup>th</sup>. An open letter to state officials has been prepared for review regarding NYSEG rates and rebate programs.

**TRUSTEE STEWART –** The LOSAP for the FD has been discussed with Penflex. The next step is to meet with the Fire Dept. and review the criteria. It will need to be decided by June to be prepared for the November ballot.

**Voucher Totals by Account  
4/21/2026**

“A” General Fund	\$ 47,447.38
“F” Water Fund	\$ 45,055.11
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 11,356.11</u>
TOTAL	\$103,858.60

Treasurer’s Report – copy provided to all board members

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

**MOTION** to approve the budget adjustments as presented to the Board made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Stewart  
Motion carried 4-0

Increase A.1920.400 Municipal Assoc. Dues by \$150.00 to cover Chamber Dues.  
Increase A.3410.409 Fire Dept. Gas and Oil by \$2500.00 to cover increased gas prices  
Increase A.5142.400 Snow Removal Contractual and A.5142.100 Snow Removal Personal Service by \$1800.00 to cover salt and snow plow labor  
Increase A.5142.400 Snow Removal Contractual by \$3,600 to cover salt and fisher plow parts  
Increase A.1680.400 Central Data Processing, Contractual by \$5000.00 to cover General Ledger Software  
Increase A.1680.400 Central Data Processing, Contractual by \$5000.00 to cover Budget Software  
Increase A.1680.400 Central Data Processing, Contractual by \$5000.00 to cover AP and Hosting Software  
Increase G.9710.700 Budget Note Interest by \$21,199.99 to cover the annual sewer emergency repair annual principal and interest payment  
Increase G.8130.403 Sewage Treatment/Disposal Electricity by \$5000.00 to cover increase electric costs at sewer pumping locations  
Increase A.1620.403 Buildings Electricity by \$1500.00 to cover general fund electrical costs

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

Ross Barber, 61 Ferry Lane, State the closure of the gate at the end of Ferry Lane is a burden to the residents. This discussion has been ongoing since October of 2024. He stated he believes it is a loss of freedom and it is for the principal of the people. He would like the gate to be opened.

William Saunders, 69 Ferry Lane, asked the VB if he was the reason the gate is closed.

The VB stated he is not the reason the gate is closed. It was found to be being left open and that is not what this Village Boards wants as to protect the Village from theft and insurance claims.

The Village Board stated, with proper scheduling, the DPW will escort large delivery trucks (lumber, concrete – not garbage or amazon trucks) to the end and unlock the gate, let them turn around and relock the gate.

The Village Board also offered the option of moving the gate, as the expense to the Ferry Lane residents only, to allow a small turn around at the end of the road. The proposed price is around \$8,000.00, but still needs to be reviewed.

John Tedesco, 25,27,29,31 and 41 Ferry Lane stated he understands the Village's point of view, for insurance and liability concerns, for keeping the gate closed and wanted it known that Ross Barber does not represent him or any of his properties on Ferry Lane.

Sue Buckley, 65 Ferry Lane, stated she does not want any further problems to arise in the neighborhood.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** to approve the letter to local state officials regarding the NYSEG bills and help for the residents, with discussed changes, made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to appoint Andrew Bisnett to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a three-year term, made by Mayor Wood Zeno, seconded by trustee Stewart  
Motion carried 4-0

**RESOLUTION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER  
April 21, 2026**

**Resolution Appointing and Ratifying Terms of  
Zoning Board of Appeals Members**

Motion By: Mayor Judy Zeno  
Seconded By: Trustee Stewart

**WHEREAS**, Article VII of the Village of Stillwater Form-Based Code sets for the powers and duties of the Zoning Board of Appeals which acts pursuant to Village Law § 7-712.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following appointments and terms of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals are hereby approved and ratified: Steve Marshall, term expiring March 31, 2027; Wayne Simmons, term expiring March 31, 2028; and Andrew Bisnett, term expiring March 31, 2029.

<b>Voting:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Trustee Cunningham	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee DeMarco	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Nelson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Trustee Stewart	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Wood-Zeno	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater duly conducted on April 21, 2026.

**MOTION** to schedule a public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1 – Videoconferencing for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:15 PM made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Nelson  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to schedule a public Hearing for proposed Local Law #2 – Regulation of Electric and Motorized Scooters and Electric Bicycles for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:15 PM made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Stewart  
Motion carried 4-0

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**MOTION** to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Stewart  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 3/17/2026 made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Cunningham  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn to executive session at 7:25 PM for personnel matters made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Stewart  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to exit executive session at 7:52 PM for legal matters made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Cunningham  
Motion carried 4-0

**MOTION** to adjourn at 7:59 PM made by Trustee Nelson, seconded by Trustee Stewart  
Motion carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco  
Clerk/Treasurer