

**REGULAR MEETING -BOARD OF TRUSTEES- JUNE 16, 2026-6:15 P.M. – VILLAGE HALL- 662 HUDSON AVENUE, PRESENT: MAYOR – JUDY WOOD-ZENO, TRUSTEE DOROTHY DEMARCO, TRUSTEE PATRICK NELSON - ABSENT, 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 – ABSENT, JOHN DOWD REPRESENTING
FIRE CHIEF: TONY CONTI
ENGINEER: ED HERNANDEZ - ABSENT**

Public Attendance – 6

MOTION to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2026, Telecommunications Towers, made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Cunningham
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2026, Telecommunications Towers, made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to open the Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2026, Small Cell Wireless Facilities, made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Cunningham
Motion carried 4-0

MOTION to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2026, Small Cell Wireless Facilities, made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 4-0

CORRESPONDENCE –.None

The Auxiliary was awarded a \$10,000 grant for more windows for the Newland Wood Fire Dept.

The electric power surge on 6/7/2026 burned out a transfer switch at the FD and we will be filing a claim with NYSEG and the Mechanicville/Stillwater Chamber will be assisting businesses with the claims.

The Cannon Park Victorian Light Post has been replaced from being damaged by a car over the winter. We received the full reimbursement amount due to extra efforts by the clerk and the attorney.

A sign has been put up at Major Dickinson Park stating the small swings are strictly for children aged 4 years and younger.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEF: (Report on file) There was 1 alarm, 4 training drills and 1 event during the month.

DPW – (Report on file)

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – (Report on file)

BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES – No Report

The Local Government Efficiency Grant for the Tri-Municipal Code Enforcement Project has been awarded. These funds will support implementation of a shared code enforcement platform and the digitization of existing code enforcement records. The award is \$35,922 to be divided between the 3 municipalities

HISTORIAN – (Report on file) There will be a Historical Society meeting on 6/30/2026 at 6:00 PM with the Saratoga Racing Museum with a presentation that explores how racing influenced and was influenced by the turbulent 1900s.

MOTION to purchase 4 Knox Boxes, not to exceed \$2000.00, made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Cunningham
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to accept Christian Wood to the Newland Wood Fire Dept., made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

MAYOR UPDATES – The ZBA will be having a “meet and greet” meeting on 6/23/2026 at 6:30 PM to have all the current members get acquainted. NYCOM passed the 2027 Budget and it means 10% more CHIPS money and guaranteed AIM monies for the Village of Stillwater. LaBella submitted for the \$50k grant for the sewer engineering study on behalf of the Village. A new picnic table has been purchased for behind Village Hall for the employees use.

TRUSTEE STEWART – No report at this time

TRUSTEE DEMARCO – Trying to get the Cannon Park tree shaped. The stones and the clock were cleaned at Cannon Park.

TRUSTEE CUNNINGHAM – A “Welcome Folder” for new residents, with general information and contact information, has been prepared and given to the Trustees for review.

TRUSTEE NELSON – Absent

Voucher Totals by Account Year End 5/31/2026	
“A” General Fund	\$ 30,601.04
“F” Water Fund	\$ 14,943.22
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 1,262.49</u>
TOTAL	\$ 46,806.75

Voucher Totals by Account 6/16/2026	
“A” General Fund	\$ 75,936.62
“F” Water Fund	\$ 545.84
“G” Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 2,035.40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 78,517.86

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 Cunningham
Motion carried 3-0

Increase A.1680.400 Central Data Processing Contractual by \$1500.00 to cover Water and Sewer Billing Software
Increase G.9030.800 Social Security by \$400.00, G.8110.100 Sewer Admin Personal Service by 1000.00 and F.8310.100 Water Admin. Personal Service by \$500.00 to cover year end payroll
Increase A.9060.800 Hospital and Medical Ins. By \$4500.00 to cover health insurance and deductibles
Increase A.1420.400 Law Contractual by \$50.00 to cover Attorney fees
Increase A.5132.404 Garage Eq. Repair by \$250.00 to cover DPW Repairs
Increase A.7110.400 Parks Contractual by \$3,775.00 to cover new cameras at Major Dickinson Park and Pavilion
Transfer \$1000 from A.1670.400 Central Printing Contractual to A.1680.400 Central Data Processing to cover ATC Tax Software Annual Payment
Increase A.3010.100 by \$.02 and A.3620.100 by \$375.00 to cover year end payrolls
Increase G.8120.100 Sanitary Sewer Personal Service by \$3000.00, and A.1325.100 Treasurer Personal Service by \$1900.00 to cover year end payroll

Increase A.3410.200 Fire Department Equipment by \$4,000.00 to cover air bottles and helmet name fronts
Increase A.3410.200 Fire Dept. Equipment by \$5000.00 to cover year end purchases
Increase A.8989.400 Other Home and Community Services by \$5000.00 to cover the replacement of the Victorian street light at Cannon Park, from accident and covered by insurance.
Increase A.3410.200 Fire Department Equipment by \$61,459.15 to cover the Turnout gear payoff 2026

MOTION to Open the Floor to the Public and Press made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 3-0

Tom at the Express inquired about the Canal Boat status. Mayor Wood Zeno responded we are waiting on the Canal Corp. to come review the location for the boat.

Darlene McGraw stated she would like to see the Flex Bus service more locations in the Village and she appreciated the Village’s new Ebike law to incorporate bicycles to be able to drive on the road, same as vehicles.

Tad and Anita Baisley, 1008 Hudson Ave., voiced some safety concerns over a neighboring businesses propane tank and health concerns over his dumpster. It was decided the BCO officer, John McBride, would meet the Baisley’s at the property to review their concerns.

MOTION to close the floor to the public and press made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
June 16, 2026**

**Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 3 of 2026, a Local Law for
Telecommunication Towers.**

Motion By: Trustee Cunningham
Seconded By: Trustee DeMarco

WHEREAS, after due notice a public hearing was duly held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater on June 16, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. to consider the adoption Local Law No. 3 of 2026, a local law for “Telecommunications Towers,” and all persons interested in the subject thereof were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has duly considered the proposed local law and public comment thereon; and

WHEREAS the Village Board acting as Lead Agency pursuant to the NYS Environmental Quality Review ACT (SEQRA) has determined that enactment of the proposed Local Law #3 of 2026 is an Unlisted Action, has duly reviewed the short-form EAF and considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), has determined that the action will not create the potential for any adverse environmental impacts, and that a Negative Declaration should be issued pursuant to SEQRA and its accompanying regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees does hereby pass, approve and adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2026 in its entirety, a copy of which is attached hereto, and issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign all documents and perform such actions necessary to effectuate the filing of the new local law with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State.

Voting:	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Trustee Cunningham	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Trustee DeMarco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Trustee Nelson	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Trustee Stewart	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Wood-Zeno	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater duly conducted on June 16, 2026.

RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
June 16, 2026**

**Resolution Adopting Local Law No. 4 of 2026, a Local Law for
Small Cell Wireless Facilities.**

Motion By: Trustee DeMarco
Seconded By: Trustee Stewart

WHEREAS, after due notice a public hearing was duly held before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater on June 16, 2026 at 6:15 p.m. to consider the adoption Local Law No. 3 of 2026, a local law for “Small Cell Wireless Facilities,” and all persons interested in the subject thereof were duly heard; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has duly considered the proposed local law and public comment thereon; and

WHEREAS the Village Board acting as Lead Agency pursuant to the NYS Environmental Quality Review ACT (SEQRA) has determined that enactment of the proposed Local Law #4 of 2026 is an Unlisted Action, has duly reviewed the short-form EAF and considered the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), has determined that the action will not create the potential for any adverse environmental impacts, and that a Negative Declaration should be issued pursuant to SEQRA and its accompanying regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees does hereby pass, approve and adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2026 in its entirety, a copy of which is attached hereto, and issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to sign all documents and perform such actions necessary to effectuate the filing of the new local law with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State.

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

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RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
June 16, 2026**

Resolution Adopting Official Village Logo and Seal

Motion By: Trustee Stewart
Seconded By: Trustee Cunningham

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater desires to adopt an official logo and seal for the Village of Stillwater for use in branding and fostering community identity, civic pride,

tourism, economic development, and communication; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has duly reviewed and considered various design proposals for an official logo and seal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater Board of Trustees does hereby adopt as the official logo and seal of the Village of Stillwater the color image and brand image color standards attached as “Exhibit A”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Stillwater logo and seal shall not be used without the express written consent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater.

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

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater duly conducted on June 16, 2026.

RESOLUTION

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
June 16, 2026**

**Resolution Directing Public Referendum for Establishment of a Service
Award Program for Active Volunteer Firefighter Members of The Newland-
Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Fire Department.**

Motion By: Trustee DeMarco
Seconded By: Trustee Cunningham

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to establish a Service Award Program for active volunteer firefighters of the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Fire Department (hereinafter the “Service Award Program”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1 The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater, as authorized by Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, directs that there shall be a public referendum of eligible voters within the Village of Stillwater at the election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 to determine whether such Service Award Program shall be established effective January 1, 2027.

Section 2 In accordance with Article 11-A of the General Municipal Law, the Village of Stillwater shall be the Service Award Program Sponsor. The New York State Office of the State Comptroller or its designee shall be the Program Administrator and the Program Trustee and shall hold and invest the Program assets.

Section 3 The type of program shall be a defined contribution plan as described in Section 218 of Article 11-A. All active volunteer firefighter members of the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Department who are at least 18 years old shall be eligible to become Service Award Program Participants. Unless participation is waived, an eligible volunteer shall become a Participant on December 31 of the first calendar year after calendar year 2026 during which he or she earns a year of Service Award Program service credit (see Section 4 of this resolution).

Section 4 Active volunteer firefighters shall have the opportunity to earn pension-like

benefits, as well as pre-Entitlement Age death and disability benefits, under the Service Award Program. For each year of Service Award Program service credit earned during calendar years beginning after December 31, 2026, a \$500 contribution shall be credited to a Participating volunteer's Service Award Program account. For each year of service credit earned for years of active volunteer firefighter service before 2027 with the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Fire Department (see section 6 of this resolution) a \$500 contribution shall be credited to the Participating volunteer's program account. Investment income earned on and investment/administrative expenses paid from the Service Award Program trust fund assets shall be allocated to each Participating volunteer's Service Award Program account. The Participating volunteer's Service Award Program account balance at any time shall be the Participant's "Service Award" earned as of that time.

A Participant may apply for payment of his or her Service Award upon attainment of age 60, the "Entitlement Age". No Service Award shall effectively be paid to any Participant before January 1, 2028. A Participant shall be paid his or her Service Award in the form of a lump-sum payment or in any other equivalent forms of payment selected by the Participant as may be permitted under the terms and conditions of the program document.

The pre-Entitlement Age death benefit shall be a lump-sum payable to the Participant's designated beneficiary equal to the Participant's Service Award. No death benefit shall be payable unless the Participant had acquired a non-forfeitable right to a Service Award (see Section 6 of this resolution).

A Participant shall be eligible to be paid a pre-Entitlement Age disability benefit payment under the Service Award Program if such Participant is granted a total and permanent disability by the Social Security Administration, or by any entity which pays benefits under the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Law, or by any other authority approved by the Program Administrator. Such disability benefit shall be a lump-sum payment equal to the Participant's Service Award.

Section 5 A year of Service Award Program service credit shall be earned by an eligible volunteer for each calendar year after 2026 during which the eligible volunteer earns at least 50 "points" for participating in volunteer firefighter activities as set forth by the Village Board of Trustees in the Service Award Program Point System, as authorized by Section 217 of Article 11-A of the General Municipal Law, and during which the volunteer agrees to participate in the Service Award Program. A copy of the Point System is attached to this Resolution). The Board of Trustees may amend the Point System from time to time, provided such amendments are adopted in accordance with and are allowable under all applicable statutes, rules and regulations. In the event the Point System is amended by the Board of Trustees, a written explanation of the changes shall be distributed to active volunteer firefighter members of the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Department within six months of the later of the date such changes are adopted or are effective.

Section 6 Up to five years of Service Credit may be earned under the Point System by eligible Participants for service prior to January 1, 2027 and after December 31, 2021 with the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Department. To be eligible to earn credit for such service, an eligible volunteer member of the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Department must earn a year of Service Credit in a calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2027 or 2028.

Section 7 Persons who become or continue to be eligible volunteers after attaining the Entitlement Age shall continue to have the opportunity to earn service credit under the Point System even if they have been paid a Service Award. Any \$500 annual post Entitlement Age contribution earned by a Participant shall be credited to the Participant's program account and subsequently paid to the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary in accordance with the applicable provisions set forth in the program document.

Section 8 A Participant's Service Award shall become fully vested (i.e. a Participant shall obtain a non-forfeitable right to his or her Service Award) after the Participant: earns at least five (5) years of Service Award Program service credit; attains age 60 or any subsequent age while an eligible volunteer; or, is awarded a Service Award Program total and permanent disability benefit payment.

Section 9 As of December 31 of the year a non-vested Participant ceases to be an eligible volunteer, such non-vested Participant's Service Award and earned Service Credit shall be forfeited. The forfeited earned Service Credit and Service Award shall be restored if such individual again becomes an active volunteer firefighter member of the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Department within five years and subsequently earns at least one year of Service Credit under the Point System.

Section 10 The total annual cost of funding the Village of Stillwater Service Award Program benefits for current volunteers of the Newland-Wood Fire Company of the Stillwater Department is estimated to be as much as \$16,500 or about \$600 per active volunteer firefighter member, including the cost of administration. The estimated annual cost to administer the program is about \$1,075. The total annual cost is expected to decrease to about \$12,500 (\$500 per active volunteer firefighter member) after ten years when the cost of granting service credit for years before 2026 shall be paid.

Section 11 The Village of Stillwater Service Award Program benefit payments shall commence to Participants after December 31, 2027 when they and/or their beneficiaries qualify for payment.

Section 12 All other provisions of the Village of Stillwater Service Award Program shall be in accordance with Article 11-A of the General Municipal Law as amended from time to time and any and all related rules and regulations issued by the New York State Comptroller as well as any federal statutes and regulations applicable to Service Award Programs.

Section 13 The form of the proposition at the mandatory referendum shall provide:

**VILLAGE OF STILLWATER
PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS OF THE NEWLAND-WOOD FIRE COMPANY OF THE STILLWATER FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STILLWATER ADOPTED A RESOLUTION DATED JUNE 16, 2026, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11-A OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DEFINED CONTRIBUTION SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER, SUBJECT TO MANDATORY REFERENDUM.

IF APPROVED, THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM WOULD BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027 AND WOULD PROVIDE A SERVICE AWARD CONTRIBUTION TO BE CREDITED TO THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM ACCOUNT OF A PARTICIPATING VOLUNTEER OF \$ 500 FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2026, DURING WHICH SUCH VOLUNTEER EARNS A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE PROGRAM POINT SYSTEM.

BASED ON THE CURRENT ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ROSTER, THE ANNUAL COST OF FUNDING THE CURRENT PROGRAM COULD BE AS MUCH AS \$16,500 OR \$600 PER VOLUNTEER, INCLUDING THE COST OF ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$1,075 ANNUALLY, IF ALL CURRENT ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS EARN A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE POINT SYSTEM.

SHALL THE STATED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM BE APPROVED?

X

YES

NO

Section 16 The Village Clerk shall cause notice of the mandatory referendum to be provided and published as required by applicable law.

Section 17 The Village Mayor and Village Clerk are authorized to and shall take the necessary actions to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution.

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

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stillwater duly conducted on June 16, 2026.

MOTION to accept the proposal dated 4/23/2026 by Center for Security to partition the alarm panel to install an emergency bar leading to the Clerk’s office, not to exceed \$982.00, made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION to approve the audit claims for the month made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Cunningham
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting dated 5/19/2026 made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Stewart
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn to executive session at 7:01 PM for legal matters made by Trustee DeMarco, seconded by Trustee Cunningham
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to exit executive session at 7:36 PM for legal matters made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

MOTION to adjourn at 7:36 PM made by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee DeMarco
Motion carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Sheristin Tedesco
Clerk/Treasurer