

Village Board Meeting and Public Hearings (2)
May 4, 2026, 7:00pm
Village Municipal Center

Attendance: Village Board: Mayor Paul Labas, Deputy Mayor Dean Hyatt, Trustees Denise Davies, Heather Leaman, and Paul Garrone

Village Key Staff: DPW Superintendent Scott Mackey, Ass't Sup't Josh Hayes, Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: Patrick Ward, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. Matthew Rollwagen

Mayor Labas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the Public Hearing to order concerning Proposed Local Law #1 of 2026 at 7:00pm.

Public Hearing—Proposed Local Law #1 of 2026 (Updated Flood Plain Administration): Mayor Labas requested the sign-in sheet for persons wishing to be heard concerning input pertaining to Proposed Local Law #1 of 2026. While the Deputy Clerk retrieved the sign in sheet from the back of the room, the Mayor briefly reviewed the rules for public comment for all Public Hearings conducted by the Village. He advised that the primary purpose associated with the proposed legislation was to address/incorporate the changes seen with recent flood mapping services provided for the Mettowiee River, as well as to clarify how the administration of the Flood Plain and codes pertaining to the same would be handled. Upon receipt of the Sign-in sheet, the Mayor then advised that no one had signed in to be recognized. He then inquired of those in attendance if anyone wished to speak.

Hearing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:01pm.

Public Hearing—Proposed Resolution—Consolidation of Village Court: The Mayor called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02pm concerning the draft Resolution pertaining to the consolidation of the Village Court. He advised that the same rules for public comment would apply for the Hearing as seen with Proposed Local Law #1 above. Mayor Labas indicated that the proposed Resolution sought to consolidate the functions of the Village Court into the Town Court by eliminating the positions associated with the Court. Again, the Mayor advised that no one had signed in to be recognized concerning the proposed Resolution, and he then surveyed those in attendance if anyone wished to speak.

Hearing no public comment, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:03pm. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor Labas called the regular session of the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Consider Action—Proposed Local Law #1 of 2026: The Mayor inquired as to the Board's pleasure concerning Proposed Local Law #1 of 2026. The Village Clerk noted that the NYS DEC had reviewed the proposed draft provided by the Village Attorney, and had suggested several changes in syntax, spelling, numbering, etc. Following a brief period of discussion, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved ratification of the

legislation with the amendments suggested following the DEC's review. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consider Action—Proposed Resolution—Consolidation of Village Justice Court: Mayor Labas asked if the Board was prepared to take action concerning the proposed Resolution pertaining to the Village Court. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Davies sponsored adoption of the Resolution by motion. Deputy Mayor Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote. The Mayor then declared the Resolution duly adopted.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Leaman moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of April 6th as published to the Village website. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: Mayor Labas reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board: Water Dept. (3 samples processed, all satisfactory), Police Dept., Fire Dept., Village Court, and Local Ordinance Officer. Trustee Garrone moved approval of the reports as submitted. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Appropriations: The following claims were submitted to the Board for review and in consideration of payment:

General Fund: \$30,857.64
 Water Fund: \$13,960.49
 Sewer Fund: \$22,413.93
 Senior Shuttle: \$1,461.30
 Unaudited
 Vouchers: \$691.98

Total Claims: \$69,385.34

The Board audited the claims and Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved their approval for payment. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated several proposed Budget Transfers for the General, Water, and Sewer Funds in order to avoid overdrawing any individual line items in the funding of this evening's appropriations:

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
A51101	DPW Salaries	+\$10,000.00	P/T Position, DPW
A51104	Cont. Exp., DPW	+\$1,750.00	Salt Costs, Hard Winter
A51824	Streetlighting	+\$4,000.00	Power Costs > Budgeted
A90308	FICA Taxes	+\$2,000.00	FICA Taxes > Budgeted
A90608	Health Insurance Premiums	+12,750.00	Employee Switched to Family Coverage
A911	Unreserved/Unapp. Fd Bal	-\$30,500.00	Cure above shortfall

Water Fund

F83204 Source Power Pump	+\$4,800.00	NYSEG Delivery Charges
F83304 Purification	+\$1,300.00	Increased Chemical Costs
F83404 Contractual Expense, Water	+\$3,500.00	Additional Testing Requirements, NYS
F911 Unreserved/Unapp. Fund Bal.	-\$10,100.00	Cure above shortfall

Sewer Fund

G81304 Contractual Exp, Sewer	+\$19,000.00	Hard Winter, Fuel Costs
G911 Unreserved/Unapp. Fund Bal.	-\$19,000.00	Cure above shortfall

Following a brief discussion, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved approval of the transfers as recommended. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor's Reports: The Mayor updated the Board in the following matters:

- A. Appoint Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief: Mayor Labas reviewed correspondence received from Mr. Matt James, Fire Dept. Secretary. Mr. James indicated that the Department had re-elected Michael Zinn as Fire Chief and also elected Michelle Parbus as Assistant Chief for the coming year. Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved the appointment of Mr. Zinn and Ms. Parbus as per the results of the Department election. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- B. Schedule Year-End Appropriations Meeting: The Mayor inquired as to the Board's preference in scheduling the annual year-end appropriations meeting. Following a brief period of discussion, it was agreed by unanimous consent that the Board would convene their annual year-end appropriations meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:00pm here at the Village Municipal Center.
- C. Reject Bids—Church St. Water Main Replacement: Mayor Labas advised that the Village had received sealed bids in February in conjunction with the replacement of a section of a Water Main on Church Street (from the new bridge to the intersection with Main St.). However, the bids were all in excess of the amount that the Village has been awarded through the NBRC. While the Village is seeking other funding to address the shortfall, it seems very unlikely that any additional opportunities will become available in the next several months. The Mayor then inquired as to how the Board wished to proceed. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Garrone moved that the Board formally reject all of the bids received in February, with the option to re-bid the project in the event that additional funding becomes available. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- D. Discuss Issues with E-Bike Operation: The Mayor noted that with summer approaching, the Village was seeing a significant increase in the use of E-bikes locally. The Village has also received several complaints from constituents regarding unsafe riders. Mayor Labas noted that

he had spoken with the Police Chief in this matter and asked him to have the Department step up enforcement of existing State regulations. The Board discussed some of the challenges with E-Bike operation—including instances where youth under the age of 16 are operating out of compliance, whether the Village can regulate operation of E-Bikes on NYS or County Roadways, who must wear helmets, etc. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Mayor reiterated that he was directing the Police Chief to enforce the existing NYS Regulations concerning E-Bikes, and he noted that the Village may consider inquiring with NYCOM concerning our other communities are addressing similar issues.

Mayor Labas opened the Meeting to public comment at 7:25pm.

There was no public comment.

The Mayor advised that he did not have any items for Executive Session this evening, but he inquired if any members of the Board wished to discuss any matters pertaining to contracts, personnel, etc. There being no response, the Mayor solicited a motion to adjourn.

Trustee Leaman moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 7:25pm. Deputy Mayor Hyatt seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer