

Village Board Meeting
September 14, 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, Local Ordinance Officer Curt Pedone, Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Village Attorney Michael Zinn, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta, and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: None

Others: Mr. Steve and Mrs. Felicia Dougherty, Mr. Matthew Rollwagen, and Mr. Erik Pekar

Mayor Labas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and then called the Meeting to Order at 7:00pm.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Leaman moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 3rd as published to the Village Website. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following monthly reports with the Board of Trustees: Village Court, Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), Fire Dept., and Local Ordinance Officer. Deputy Mayor Hyatt made a motion to accept the reports as submitted. Trustee Garrone 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:	\$94,379.56
Sewer Fund:	\$17,964.55
Water Fund:	\$13,109.66
Senior Shuttle:	\$993.73
Unaudited	
Vouchers:	<u>\$20,027.33</u>

Total Claims: \$146,474.83

Following a brief period of discussion, Deputy Mayor Hyatt made a motion to authorize the claims for payment. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Budget Transfers: The Clerk-Treasurer circulated a memo to the Board recommending a single budget transfer for the General Fund in order to avoid overdrawing any individual line items in the funding of tonight's appropriations:

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reason</u>
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General Fund

A19104 Insurance Premiums	+ \$750.00	Premiums slightly > estimated
A16204 Cont. Expense, Mun Cntr	- \$750.00	Cure above shortfall

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

Resolution—Washington County Hazard Mitigation Plan: Mayor Labas advised that a draft Resolution had been circulated to the Board following the County's update of its Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that the County generally updated its plan every few years in order to stay in compliance, and that the Board had previously ratified Resolutions as requested when updates are processed. No significant changes to the County Plan were noted. Following a brief period of discussion, Trustee Garrone sponsored ratification of the proposed Resolution by motion. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Consider Application—Mobile Home—Slate Valley Drive (Dougherty): The Mayor noted that an application to place a new Mobile Home on Slate Valley Drive had been circulated to the Board. Under Village Law, the Board must review all applications for the placement of Mobile Homes. The Board briefly discussed the application with the applicants, who were in attendance. Following the discussion, Deputy Mayor Hyatt noted that the application seemed to be complete with all necessary attachments. As such, he moved that the Village Clerk be authorized to advertise for a Public Hearing concerning the application on Monday, October 5th immediately preceding the regularly-scheduled Village Board Meeting. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Authorize Attendance at NYCOM Conference (Village Clerk): The Mayor advised that for many years the Village Board had authorized staff from the Clerk's Office and/or the Mayor to attend the NYCOM Conference. Representatives from NYCOM and the OSC conduct seminars at the Conference covering a wide range of topics from accounting practices to matters like Freedom of Information requests, Election law, Open Meetings Law, etc. In the past, NYCOM and its vendors have also provided a good forum to exchange ideas and best practices, including concepts that have produced cost savings and/or generated additional revenues for the Village. This year's conference is being held in Saratoga September 14-18. Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Village Clerk be authorized to attend this year's conference in keeping with past practice. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Fall Leaf & Brush Collection Schedule: The Mayor circulated the proposed schedule for leaf & brush collection seen for this fall. The DPW will assist with the removal of yard waste from the first Monday in October (10/5) through the third Monday in November (11/16). He noted that leaves must be raked curbside or placed in brown or clear bags, and that brush must be bundled in lengths not to exceed 4'. The Mayor stressed that following November 16th, no further vacuum service would be available through the DPW as the vacuum is removed so that the sander can be placed in the dump box. On Columbus Day (10/12), no pick-up service will be available due to the holiday—instead, Tuesday, October 13th will be the regular day for service in that week. Mayor Labas directed the Clerk to advertise these service dates in the Official Village newspaper.

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

- A. Proposed Moratorium—Commercial Solar Development, Data Centers, Battery Storage/Manufacturing Facilities: Mayor Labas noted that several upstate communities have been dealing with project requests for commercial solar developments, data centers, and/or battery manufacturing/storage facilities. He noted that the Village has little regulation for any of these applications, and he would like to see the Village have further time to study possible means to regulate these operations. Following a period of discussion, the Board asked the Village Attorney to draft a Moratorium pertaining to these actions/services within the Village. The Village Attorney advised that he would do so. Deputy Mayor Hyatt then moved that the Village Clerk be authorized to advertise for a Public Hearing concerning the proposed Moratorium immediately preceding the Village Board Meeting of October 5th here at the Municipal Center. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- B. Consider Local Legislation—E-Bikes and Public Consumption of Marijuana: The Mayor noted that several Trustees had approached him concerning possible local legislation to address perceived unsafe operation of E-Bikes and/or public consumption of Marijuana. The Board discussed this matter with the Mayor and they asked if the Village Attorney could look into drafting local legislation in order to address these concerns. The Village Attorney advised that he would look into these matters and report back in October. If local legislation can be crafted to address the Board's concerns in these matters, a Public Hearing could then be scheduled for November or December.

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

There was no public input.

There being no other business, Trustee Garrone moved that the Meeting be adjourned at 7:30pm. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer