Village Board Meeting and Public Hearing
November 3, 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 Joshua Hayes, Local Ordinance Officer Curtis Pedone, Fire Chief Michael Zinn, Village Attorney Michael Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Dee Scarlotta and Clerk-Treasurer Rick Roberts

Press: E.J. Conzola II, *NYVT Media*

Others: Mr. George Demas, Ms. Coral Pardy, Mr. Paul Felice, and 1 more

Mayor Labas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

Reconvene Public Hearing—Proposed Moratorium: Mayor Labas called the Public Hearing to Order concerning a potential moratorium relating to the construction of Data Centers, Battery Manufacturing and Storage Facilities, and Certain Solar Applications within the Village limits for a period of one year. The Mayor advised that certain grammatical and syntax errors had been addressed in the proposed legislation and that all seemed to be in order now. He noted that the text of the proposed legislation had been posted to the Village website and available in the offices of the Village Clerk for the last week to 10 days. He then briefly reviewed the rules for public comment seen for all Public Hearings conducted by the Village and asked if anyone wished to be recognized.

No one had signed in or asked to be recognized to provide input.

Hearing no input, Deputy Mayor Smith moved that the Public Hearing be closed at 7:02pm. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 7:02pm, They Mayor called the regular session to order.

Consider Action, Moratorium: Mayor Labas inquired as to the Board's pleasure concerning Proposed Local Law #2 of 2026 (Moratorium). Following a brief period of discussion, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved ratification of the Local Law #2 of 2026 as posted to the Village website/circulated to the Board. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ratify Meeting Minutes: Trustee Leaman moved ratification of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 5th as posted to the Village Website. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports: The Mayor reviewed the following reports with the Board of Trustees: Police Dept., Fire Dept., Local Ordinance Officer, Water Dept. (3 samples, all satisfactory), and Village Court. Trustee Davies moved acceptance of the reports as read. Trustee Leaman 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:	$33,233.05
Water Fund:	$12,508.28
Sewer Fund:	$21,435.43
Senior Shuttle:	$1,121.02
Unaudited Vouchers:	$21,759.28
Total Claims:	$90,057.06

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

Authorize DPW Superintendent to Execute County Road Maintenance Agreement: The Mayor advised that the County had recently transmitted their annual Road Maintenance Agreement. He noted that this Agreement acted as the means by which the Village received reimbursement for winter snow & ice removal. Following a brief discussion, Trustee Hyatt moved that the DPW Superintendent be authorized to execute the Agreement in keeping with past practice. Trustee Davies seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mayor's Reports: The Mayor advised that he did not have any specific matters to report to the Board, but he did remind those in attendance that the Village's Winter Parking Ban is now in effect. While the weather has been favorable so far, the Mayor asked that constituents comply with the provisions seen in the Parking Ban during the coming winter season. He advised that he has asked the Police Dept. to enforce this Local Law in the interests of public safety, and that warnings have already been issued.

Separately, the Mayor thanked the Village DPW for their efforts in maintaining Mettowee Park and Veterans Park this summer. He noted that both parks see steady, consistent use, and are excellent resources of recreation for Village constituents. The Mayor closed by noting that the DPW has been very busy these last two weeks with leaf & brush removal. He feels that this service has been handled well and is greatly appreciated by residents.

Mayor Labas opened the meeting to public comment at 7:10pm.

Mr. George Demas asked questions about the Village Leaf/Brush pick-up. His questions were answered by the Mayor.

There was no further public input.

At 7:10pm, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Board convene an executive session to consider several employment applications and to discuss a matter that could become the subject of future litigation. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. *The Village Attorney accompanied the Board into the Executive Session in its entirety.*

At 7:40pm, Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved that the Board return to regular session. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor advised that the Board had reviewed two applications in Executive Session. He asked if the Board wished to act on those applications.

Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved the appointment of Rev. Daniel Shedd to the position of Crossing Guard, effective November 2nd. Rev. Shedd will serve as a volunteer in this role, with the Board considering a donation to the Calvary Baptist Church at a later date. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Hyatt moved the appointment of Chase Finach to the position of DPW Intern, effective November 12th. Chase is a student at GCS/WWBCS, and while his role will be unpaid (and he can not operate machinery), it is felt that this will be a good experience for the student and an aid to DPW staffing. Chase's term of service will be from November 12th through December 18th. Trustee Leaman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no other business to consider, Trustee Leaman offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Trustee Garrone seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. Roberts
Village Clerk-Treasurer