

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of  
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday December 15,2025 at  
7:00 P.M. in Municipal Hall

**7:00 P.M.** the **Meeting** was called to order by Mayor Sherry and roll call was taken

PRESENT: Mayor Dana Sherry  
Trustee Mark Ainsworth  
Trustee Virendranath Dhaniram  
Trustee Dominick Scalise  
Trustee Howard Quick  
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi  
Attorney Vincent Rossi

**Department Heads Present:** Deputy Treasurer Paula Dygert, Officer in Charge Richard Bowman, Fire Chief Mike Spisak, Street Superintendent Justin Cristman (excused), Water Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak, Codes Officer Steven Gay.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Sherry.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of December 1, 2025**

**3. PUBLIC MEETING**

The **Public Meeting** was opened on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:07 pm on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried

**4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS**

**5A. RESOLUTION #26-35 Community Garden** was approved on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth second by Trustee Scalise and carried

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General Budget in the amount of \$25.00 for donations to the Community Garden

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| A-510 Estimated Revenue     | \$25.00 |         |
| A-2705 Gifts & Donations    |         | \$25.00 |
| A-960 Appropriations        | \$25.00 |         |
| A-7141-411 Community Garden |         | \$25.00 |

**5B. Resolution # 26-36 NYS Grant Funds for Safety Vests** was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Quick and carried.

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| A-510 Estimated Revenue | \$7,427.21 |            |
| A-3389 State Grants     |            | \$7,427.21 |
| A-960 Appropriation     | \$7,427.21 |            |
| A-3120-217 Equipment    |            | \$7,427.21 |

**5C. RESOLUTION #26-37 2026 Equipment BAN** was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick second by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

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| A-510 Estimated Revenue       | \$136,207.00 |              |
| A-5730 Bond Anticipation Note |              | \$136,207.00 |
| A-960 Appropriation           | \$136,207.00 |              |
| A-3120-217 Equipment          |              | \$ 55,219.00 |
| A 3410-217 Equipment          |              | \$ 80,988.00 |

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7A.** Attorney Rossi said he would like to refer the Basloe Library to Executive Session. On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to refer to Executive Session.

**7B.** On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve the recommendation of the Clerk Treasurer to reduce to the **Town of Herkimer's Bill** for the leak in half to \$ 46,760.41. The Town agrees to a temporary fix on the box culvert on Oberle Road and a permanent fix to be completed in the spring. They have also agreed to do the digging to help the Water Department move the line.

**7C.** The **Oak Hill Cemetery Year End Report** was placed on file on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried. It was also agreed the Acting Police Chief Richard Bowman will look into selling the old Police Pick-up Truck on Auctions International once their new truck is in service. We need to look into a used truck for Oak Hill.

**7D.** The **MOVAC Agreement** was referred to Attorney Rossi for language changes on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth, seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8A.** The **Herkimer County IDA Correspondences** regarding Payment in Lieu of Taxes were tabled for Attorney Rossi's review on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried. He said he would e-mail the board since the timeline was this week.

**8B.** On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve the request from Robert Holt PBA President to participate with the **Annual Shop with a Cop** event.

**8C.** The request from Rabbi Levi Charitonow for the **Annual Lighting of the Menorah** to be held on Tuesday December 16, 2025 in Myers Park was approved on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

**8D.** On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to hire **Zachery Kopelman** as an Account Clerk in the Village Office as recommended by Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi. He will follow the CSEA Contract. His hourly rate will be \$ 22.09 an hour.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to adjourn to **Executive Session** at 7:26 pm to Discuss 7A. Basloe Library

The **Regular Meeting** was reopened at 7:50 on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

**7A.** On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to have Mayor Sherry and Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth meet with Kathy Coyne from the Library to discuss the **overdue lease**.

The **Village Audit** was approved on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

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| General Fund | \$ 135,271.38 |
| Water Fund   | \$ 35,436.34  |
| Sewer Fund   | \$ 26,311.44  |

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:52 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi  
Acting Clerk Treasurer