

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday January 5, 2026 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 (excused)
Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth
Trustee Virendranath Dhaniram
Trustee Dominick Scalise
Trustee Howard Quick
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi
Attorney Vincent Rossi (excused)

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

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth.

On a motion by Trustee Scalise second by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025**

3. PUBLIC MEETING

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

Marion Curry N. Main Street asked about people not shoveling their sidewalks, and why the Village isn't enforcing it. She also questioned why the ordinances are not on the web page.

Codes Officer Steven Gay reminded everyone it is the home owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalks clear.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:15 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The letter from **Joseph Chilelli of Herkimer Mall LLC**. Requesting the Village remove the brick papers and the trees in front of his business was discussed. The DEI Grant funding will be addressing the sidewalks and paving for Main Street. Street Superintendent Justin Cristman will look into a temporary fix until the project is complete.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. RESOLUTION #26-38 Insurance Recoveries was approved on a motion by Trustee Scalise second by Trustee Quick and carried

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General Budget in the amount of \$2,459.00 for Insurance Recoveries

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$2,459.00	
A-2680 Insurance Recoveries		\$2,459.00
A-960 Appropriations	\$2,459.00	
A-3120-424 Auto Repair		\$2,459.00

5B. Resolution # 26-39 Christman Candy was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Scalise and carried.

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General fund Budget in the amount of \$ 115.00 for donations for Christmas Candy for Santa

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$115.00	
A-2705 Gifts & Donations		\$115.00
A-960 Appropriation	\$115.00	
A-7140-497 recreation Supplies		\$115.00

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. There is no **Attorney Report**.

7B. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to authorize Mayor Sherry to sign the **MOVAC Agreement** with the Fire Department. Attorney Rossi prepared the final draft.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. The request from Trustee Quick to add **no parking signs** from Brookwood Park to Lou Ambers Drive was discussed and tabled for more information from Street Superintendent Justin Cristman and Officer in Charge Richard Bowman.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the request from Water/Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak to hire **NYS Leak Detention** at a cost of around \$ 3,500.00. He said we have a major leak that we have been looking for since December 15th. This company will come in with special equipment and help find that and probably many others.

8C. Trustee Quick wanted to add a motion to request the Village Agenda be posted on the **Village Facebook Page** again Trustee Scalise seconded and it carried. Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi said it was not a village page and the only way to access the account is through someone's personnel Facebook account and she did not want office employees using personal devices for village business. She also advised them the villages web page is up and running with all village information available. She will try to use a village phone to access.

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

General Fund	\$	143,310.43
Water Fund	\$	8,170.18
Sewer Fund	\$	1,297.96
Capital Fund	\$	28,873.25

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:45pm on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi
Acting Clerk Treasurer