

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday May 4, 2026 at 7:00
PM in Municipal Hall

7:00 P.M. the **Meeting** was called to order by Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth 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 (excused)
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paula Dygert
Attorney Vincent Rossi

On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to open the Regular Meeting at 7:02 PM.

Department Heads Present: Police Chief 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 Quick and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of April 20, 2026 and Special Meeting of April 30, 2026**

3. PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Meeting was opened at 7:06 pm on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

Donald Foor Harter St, asked the following: 1. If the lights on Mohawk St were going to come down, it was explained they are year round. 2. Can we consider taking the light down at Green & Washington St, Justin to speak with DOT for study. 3. If the Mayor is still being paid as she has not been present. Trustee Ainsworth explained there are personal/health issues with herself and/or family. Yes, as an elected official, she still gets paid. 4. Where is demolition of 115 N Main St, should begin late May or early June based on Attorney contact with contractor.

Cathleen Coye, Margaret St, asked if the library shed could be moved back to its original spot. Concerns about damage to the shed was brought up if moved. Thoughts are that it should stay where it is as it is in direct line with a camera system for view. Justin was asked to clear snow for easier access in the winter.

Mark Netti William St, wanted to thank the Police, Fire, Codes and DPW for all of their hard work over the past couple weeks.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:16 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The request for use of Myers Park on Memorial Day May 25, 2026 by the Herkimer Veterans Council & VFW Post 4915 was approved on a motion from Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

4B. Request for movement of library storage shed was requested by Christine Fleisher. They would like the shed moved back to its original spot, as it was broken into. Concerns about damage to the shed was brought up if moved. Thoughts are that it should stay where it is, as it is in direct line with a camera system for view. Justin was asked to clear snow for easier access in the winter.

4C. Battery Development from Abundant tabled until the board can find out more about it. Howard was going to contact company to find out particulars about the project. On a motion by Trustee Scalise and seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

4D. ARC Park request for 2 Police Officers Presence at Summer Concert to be held on July 24th from 6-9 PM. Police officers pay to be reimbursed by ARC and approved on a motion from Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$14,329.00.00 for use of ARPA Funds for the balance due on Camera System

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$ 14,329.00
A-4089 General Government Aid	\$ 14,329.00
A-960 Appropriations	\$ 14,329.00
A-1620-496 Buildings	\$14,329.00

Approved on a motion from Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

5B. Resolution to change where DRI Funding is spent. John Piseck of IDA was here to explain the reallocation asking for us to decline funding for the Establish the Downtown Diamond District to The Quackenbush Square Project. This will support downtown development and assist the goals of the Herkimer DRI. New housing, retail space and art studios are being considered. Approved on a motion from Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

5C. General Fund transfer # 7363 in the amount of \$151,998.00 to balance accounts approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

5D. Water Fund transfer # 7364 in the amount of \$12,000.00 to balance accounts approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

6. REPORTS

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. Attorney Rossi had discussion about MVWA and the DOH. DOH was satisfied with proposal sent by Mr. Rossi last week. Mr. Rossi will be contacting Ilion Attorney to set up a meeting with MVWA to discuss retail vs wholesale water rates, volume of water they would require and what discounts they may have.

Contract brought for signature for air monitoring concerning 115 N Main St Project. The signature of Deputy Mayor Ainsworth approved on a motion from Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

Contract brought for signature for Myers Park DRI proposal. Seeking approval to develop the plan only. The signature of Deputy Mayor Ainsworth approved on a motion from Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to accept the **Attorney's Report**.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. Letter to appoint Election Inspectors for Village Election to be held on June 16, 2026. Approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the change order #2 for Patricia Electric. The change is an increase of \$14,928.48 due to replacement of lighting that no longer works properly at the WWTP.

8C. **Award** contract for air monitoring concerning 115 N Main St Project. The signature of Deputy Mayor Ainsworth approved on a motion from Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

8D. Request for mower from Justin Crisman DPW Supervisor in the amount of \$12,072.00. Tabled until the next meeting so that budget can be reviewed to see if we can approve.

8E. Fire Personnel – this request was sent to Executive on a motion from Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise at 8:06 PM.

On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to reopen meeting from executive session at 8:20PM. Per the board, the minutes are to reflect that Chief Spisak is entitled to the 2.5% raise the fire fighters received.

8F. Water/Sewer Personnel tabled until next agenda to allow board to review letter from Department Superintendent Matt Spisak. On a motion from Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

The Reconciled Bank Statements for March 2026 and Village Audit was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

General Fund	\$ 46,745.40
Water Fund	\$ 9,515.79
Sewer Fund	\$ 16,963.81
Capital Fund	\$ 2,500.00

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:26 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dygert
Deputy Treasurer