

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday March 2, 2026 at 7:00
P.M. in Municipal Hall

7:02 P.M. the **Meeting** was called to order by Deputy Mayor Ainsworth and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: Mayor Dana Sherry (excused)
Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth
Trustee Virendranath Dhaniram
Trustee Dominick Scalise (excused)
Trustee Howard Quick
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi
Deputy Clerk Paula Dygert
Attorney Vincent Rossi

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 Quick second by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026**

3. PUBLIC MEETING

7:04 PM The Public Meeting was opened on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

Ralph Franco, 237 William St, complaining about 239 William St and its absentee landlord. Ralph owns and rents out 237 William St to his sister Domenica. Ralph says 239 William St has had over 70 police complaints for domestic issues and drug activity. The owner is concerned about retaliation and is looking to see what the Village can do for him. 239 William St had previously been raided and all documents forwarded to the Village Attorney. Referring this issue to Village Attorney to review our Nuisance Abatement Law and discuss with the board at the next meeting on March 16, 2026.

7:14pm Public Meeting was closed on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and second by Trustee Quick and carried.

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Request from the Little League to hold an opening Day Parade on Saturday May 9, 2026 beginning at 9am. Parade to start at N. Washington St. entrance of the County Building and proceed to Lou Ambers Field on Marginal Road. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and second by Trustee Quick and carried.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. Resolution # 26-44 Energy Audit Grant was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Quick and carried.

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General fund Budget in the amount of \$ 35,200.00 for funds received from the State Energy Audit Grant.

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$35,200.00
A-3989 Economic Development	\$35,200.00
A-960 Appropriation	\$35,200.00
A-3120-111 Reg Employees	\$35,200.00

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. Attorney Report

7B. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to issue past due hydrant bills to the Town of Herkimer. The town has not paid for these hydrants since 2021. The Town claims the previous Mayor Netti told them they did not have to pay for them. Matt Spisak and the Town have since had a meeting where they have agreed to pay the past due hydrant bills and expect to be billed annually going forward.

7C. On a motion by Attorney Rossi asked each trustee to review an easement report for the water project and the Get the Lead Out Grant. Attorney Rossi would like to know if anyone was familiar with any of the names on the list. Trustees will reach out to Attorney Rossi and let him know.

7D.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve **Change Order #1 for the HVAC** Construction at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was no change in contract price.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve **Change Order #1 for the Electrical** Construction at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was no change in contract price.

8C. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve **Change Order #1 for the General** Construction at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was no change in contract price.

8D. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to appoint Richard Bowman permanent **Chief of Police** since he has qualified in the Police Chief B exam in the past. (Per Civil Service) This will have a six-month probationary period.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the conditional offer of employment to Jacob Millet as a **Grade 1 Police Officer**. He will receive (2) weeks’ vacation and all other benefits under the Police Contract. This is conditional pending satisfactory completion of all required evaluations

8E. On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the upgrade of Aiden Mead to **Water/Sewer Maintenance Grade A** at a rate of \$ 22.68 per hour.

8F. The **amendment for Fiscal Advisors** for the Sewer Project was approved on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried. It has an increase of \$ 6,900.00 with a new amount of \$ 24,900.00. This increase is due to the delay in closing for short term financing.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to adjourn to **Executive session @ 7:15 pm** to discuss 7A and 7B.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to open the **Regular Meeting @ 7:35 pm**.

7B. The **Demolition Bid** was awarded to D&S Contractors contingent on Strategic Design and Attorney Rossi’s approval, if not the bid will go to the low bidder L&S Excavating on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

7C. Library was informational only

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

General Fund	\$ 181,587.85
Water Fund	\$ 27,911.94
Sewer Fund	\$ 22,481.87
Capital Fund	\$ 126,968.10

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:35 pm on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi
Acting Clerk Treasurer