

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Tuesday February 17, 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, Police Chief Richard Bowman, Fire Chief Mike Spisak, Street Superintendent Justin Cristman, Water Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak (excused), Codes Officer Steven Gay.

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

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of February 2, 2026 and Special Meeting of February 9, 2026**

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 7:04 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The request from the Herkimer Elks Lodge 1439 to use Myers Park Saturday August 1st for their **Annual Car Show** was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. General Fund Transfer # 7265 in the amount of \$ 32,750.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

5B. Resolution # 26-43 SRO Funds 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 fund Budget in the amount of \$ 50,791.00 from SRO funds received but not budgeted for SRO an Officer in School.

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$50,791.00
A-1989 Economic Development	\$50,791.00
A-960 Appropriation	\$50,791.00
A-3120-111 Reg Employees	\$50,791.00

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. No Attorney Report

7B. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to refer **Demolition Bid Award** to Executive Session.

7C. Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth told the board he and Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi met with Christine Palmiotto and Kathryn Coyne from the Library Board to discuss the **Library**

Lease. He asked that it be referred to Executive Session. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to refer to executive session.

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