

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday October 6, 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, Police Chief Mike Jory, Fire Chief Mike Spisak, Street Superintendent Justin Cristman, Water Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak, Codes Officer Steven Gay.

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

The minutes of **Regular Meeting of September 23, 2025, Special Meetings of September 5, 2025** were approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Ainsworth and carried.

Norabelle Greenberger from LaBella and Associates explained to the public the BOA process. It stated years ago with a plan to revitalize the Downtown Area. The (2) Resolutions are to continue this project.

3. PUBLIC MEETING

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

Mary Tomaso 724 Garden Lane asked Village to post increase Spohn's Garbage Rates on the Village Web page.

Richard Paul of Highland Ave questioned being 6 months without a street light on Highland Ave. He was informed that Mohawk Light Department is coming this week to assist with light changes.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:10 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The correspondence from **Robert Cirillo** requesting permission to a **Halloween Party** on Saturday November 1st, 2025 from 8:00pm-1:00am was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick second by Trustee Scalise and carried. There will be music.

4B. The correspondence concerning **Ice Agents** was ordered placed on file on a motion by Trustee Scalise second by Trustee Quick and carried.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-17 for \$2,210,000.00 Ladder Truck Serial Bond.** The vote on roll call as follows

YEA - 4, NAY – 0

5B. On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-18 for \$136,207.00 Equipment Purchase Bond.** This bond is for 2 Pick-up Trucks for Police and Fire Departments.

5C. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-19 Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts under SEQRA** for the preparation of a Brownfield Opportunity Area.

5D. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-20 Approving and Adopting the Herkimer BOA Plan.**

5E. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-21 Authorizing the Award of Contract 2B -HVAC Construction** in the amount of \$ 360,000.00.

5F. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-22 Authorizing the Award of Contract 2C Electrical Construction** in the amount of \$ 2,814,000.00

5G. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-23 Authorizing the Award of Contract 2A General Construction** in the amount of \$ 7,444,300.00

5H. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve **Resolution # 26-24 ARPA Funds.**

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$28,658.00 for use of ARPA Funds to update building cameras.

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$ 28,658.00	
A-4389 Arpa Funds		\$ 28,658.00
A-960 Appropriations	\$ 28,658.00	
A-1620-496 Buildings		\$ 28,658.00

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. On a motion by Trustee Scalise and second by Trustee Quick and carried to accept the Attorneys Report for September.

7B. The **lease agreement between Robert Day and Tiffany Taylor and the Village of Herkimer** was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Scalise and carried. He will need to pay the additional security deposit.

7C. Request for **CODES/ Shared Services** was tabled for next meeting on a motion by Trustee Quick and seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

7D. The **Settlement Agreement** between the Herkimer Permanent Firemen’s Association was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick and seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve the request from Officer in Charge Bowman to hire **Officer Torry Sitterly** as a part time officer,

8B. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to adjourn to Executive session to discuss the **Officer in Charge Stipend.**

8C. On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve hiring **Michael Massaro** as a **Fire Call Man** as recommended by Chief Michael Spisak.

8D. On a motion by Trustee Quick and seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to set **Halloween Trick or Treat** for Friday October 31st, 2025 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

8E. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram and seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve the **Budget Modification for BOA.**

8F. On a motion by Trustee Scalise and seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the **Elevator Contract / Service Agreement with Elevattitt.** This contract is from 10/1/25 – 9/30/30.

8G. On a motion by Trustee Scalise and seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to hire **James Smith as a Water/Sewer Maintenance** at \$22.58 an hour. He will follow the CSEA Contract.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Scalise to adjourn to **Executive Session** @ 7:55 pm to discuss 8B.

The **Regular Meeting** was reopened at 8:08 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick second by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Scalise second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve a \$10,000.00 stipend for Captain Bowman as Officer in Charge.

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

General Fund	\$ 92,135.25
Water Fund	\$ 1,744.88
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,361.68
Capital Fund	\$ 1,331.75

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:10 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhanirham and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi
Acting Clerk Treasurer