

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of  
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday July 6, 2026 at 7:00  
P.M. in Municipal Hall

**7:00 P.M.** the **Meeting** was called to order by Mayor Jory and roll call was taken

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Jory  
Trustee Mark Ainsworth  
Trustee Howard Quick  
Trustee Miriam Curry  
Trustee Erin Kelley  
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi  
Attorney Joe & Nick Macri

**Department Heads Present:** Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paula Dygert, Police Chief Richard Bowman, Fire Chief Mike Spisak, Street Superintendent Justin Cristman, Water Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak, Codes Officer Steve Gay.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Mike Jory.

On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of June 15, 2026.**

7:05 Public hearing Local Law #2 of 2026 Water/Sewer Rates – No one chose to speak. Village will be instituting a 5% Water & Sewer Rate increase.

**3. PUBLIC MEETING**

**Charles Crandal – 410 N Main St** spoke about needing more than a part time codes officer. The village needs to hire; the village is going downhill and needs attention. Municipal cooperation is needed with other communities; Charlie was thrilled to see that we consolidated the Village with the Town Court. Need to consider consolidating other services or dissolve the Village as there is not enough tax payers to fund it.

**Don Foor – 219 Harter St** asked where the Village is at with the demolition of 115 N Main St. Steve Gay indicated there has been pre-demolition meetings and that the demo should begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.

On a motion from Trustee Ainsworth and second by Trustee Quick to close the Public Meeting portion of the agenda @ 7:24PM.

**4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**4A.** Resignation of Kimberly Fiato of the Planning Board read and accepted by Mayor Jory.

**4B.** Request for outdoor movie in Meyer Park August 5, 2026 @ 8:30Pm. Approved on a motion from Trustee Ainsworth and second by Trustee Curry and carried.

**4C.** Request to Continue Downtown Chowdown – Per Mayor Jory, not sure we will continue exactly as is, but looking for interested individuals.

**5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS**

**5A. Local Law #2 of 2026 Water/Sewer -** Rate increased 5% for both on a motion from Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Ainsworth and carried.

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| Aye | Trustee Ainsworth | Aye | Trustee Quick  |
| Aye | Trustee Curry     | Aye | Trustee Kelley |
| Aye | Mayor Jory        |     |                |

**5B.** Resolution #27-3 Specific Purpose

|                         |             |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| A-510 Estimated Revenue | \$ 5,448.00 |             |
| A-917 Fund Balance      |             | \$ 5,448.00 |
| A-960 Appropriations    | \$ 5,448.00 |             |

A-7141 Community Garden  
A-3120 LEAD

\$ 2,541.39  
\$ 2,906.61

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7A.** Attorney Report - Joe & Nick Macri will be meeting with Attorney Rossi to discuss pending litigation and Attorneys Macri will advise the Village Board.

**7B.** Battery Energy Storage - On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to not allow this in Brookwood Park as suggested.

**7C.** Labor Attorney Contract – On a motion by Trustee Curry and seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to no longer employ the services of Goldberger and Kremer as the Village labor attorney. Nick Macri can handle after 30-day contract exit requirement.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

New Mayor Jory chose to speak about the existing and new appointments & liaisons for his new term in office. There are additional appointments to be filled

### **Appointments:**

Deputy Mayor – Trustee Quick  
Attorney – Macri Law Offices  
Clerk/Treasurer – Amanda Viscomi (holdover)  
Deputy Treasurer – Paula Dygert  
Registrar – Paula Dygert  
Deputy Registrar – Heather Bannister  
Fire Warden – Mike Spisak  
Bank – M&T / Adirondack AKA Arrow  
Paper – Daily Sentinel  
Budget Officer – Mayor Jory

### **Liaisons:**

Office: Trustee Kelley  
DPW – Trustee Quick  
Water & Sewer – Trustee Quick  
Fire – Trustee Curry  
Police – Trustee Curry  
Community Engagement – Mayor Jory  
Education (HCCC,HSCD/St Francis) – Trustee Kelley  
Oak Hill Cemetery – Trustee Curry  
Codes – Mayor Jory  
Zoning Board – Trustee Quick  
Planning Board – Trustee Quick  
Valley Health/Foltsbrook – Trustee Ainsworth  
Library – Trustee Curry  
Town – Mayor Jory  
County – Mayor Jory  
Herkimer Housing Authority – Trustee Ainsworth  
Chamber of Commerce – Mayor Jory  
HARC – Mayor Jory  
Next – Trustee Curry  
IDA – Mayor Jory

**8A.** Board Audit 2025-2026 Court Docket – Trustee Quick to verify what gets completed and filed with the State any what is still needed to be filed.

**8B.** Department Head Raises – Tabled at this time on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Curry and carried.

**8C.** Police Personnel – Conditional employment offers to Andrew Ross. Andrew is a current recruit and will come in as a Grade 3 in the amount of \$22.76. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Curry and carried.

**8D.** Police Personnel – Increase in Part-Time Officer pay - In an attempt to recruit and retain part time officers we are asking to increase the hourly rate to \$27.00 per hour plus any applicable shift differential. These officers are entitled to retirement benefits, but no other contract benefits are offered. On a motion by Trustee Curry and seconded by Trustee Ainsworth and carried.

**8E.** Water/Sewer Department Resignation – Received a resignation from Water Department employee Aden S. Mead effective 6/12/2026.

**8F.** Police Department request for 2 new vehicles – Mayor Jory asked for additional information on the vehicles to consider tabled until next meeting on a motion by Trustee Curry seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried.

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

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| General Fund | \$ 70,354.30 |
| Water Fund   | 7,829.71     |
| Sewer Fund   | 15,674.28    |
| Capital      | 208,924.87   |

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:49 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Curry and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dygert  
Deputy Treasurer