

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday February 2, 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
Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth
Trustee Virendranath Dhaniram
Trustee Dominick Scalise
Trustee Howard Quick
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi
Deputy Clerk Paula Dygert
Attorney Vincent Rossi

Department Heads Present: Officer in Charge 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 Mayor Dana Sherry.

On a motion by Trustee Scalise second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026**

3. PUBLIC MEETING

The **Public Meeting** was opened on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

No one wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:05 on a motion by Trustee Quick second by Trustee Ainsworth and carried.

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. Correspondence regarding Transportation was referred to the Clerk's Office who will reach out to UCP to see if there are any accommodations available for individuals to be transported to Herkimer College to attend classes on a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. General Fund Transfer #7263 in the amount of \$17,565.00, was approved by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

5B. Sewer Fund Transfer #7264 in the amount of \$20,000.00, was approved by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. Attorney Rossi held **Mohawk Valley Water Authority** discussion with Kate of the Department of Health. Vincent would like to hold a meeting with the local villages involved with the transmission line from Utica and will work on setting this.

7B. Attorney Rossi discussed the **Demolition Bid and award process for 115 N Main St**, Steve Gay, Codes Officer and Attorney Rossi to complete their due diligence, check references & discuss performance bond for the lowest responsible bidders prior to awarding the contract.

7C. Sidewalk Maintenance: The board will appoint a committee to review the local laws and discuss snow removal options. Many pros and cons but need to consider the large number of elderly tax payers in the village. The board is confident there will be no real solution until the next winter season. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to accept the Attorney's Report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. Police Personnel to be discussed in executive session

8B. Water/Sewer Personnel to be discussed in executive session

On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Quick and carried the board adjourned to **Executive session** to discuss police and water/sewer personnel at 7:31 PM

8:35PM **reopen meeting** after executive session with the following:

Police Captain Bowman will be made provision Chief with a salary of \$95,000 annually with contract benefits of the PBA except as follows, no clothing allowance, no sick incentive and may sell back 1 week vacation per year. On a motion by Trustee Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

Acting Water/Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak will be made provisional Water/Sewer Superintendent with a salary of \$100,000 annually with contract benefits under the CSEA. Retirement however will be capped @ 240 hours for sellback purposes. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded Trustee Dhaniram and carried

Trustee Quick wanted to congratulate our prior **Fire Chief Michael Moody** on being appointed the new Fire Chief for Ithaca.

Motion to contact the County to find out about renting **voting machine(s)** for our upcoming election in June and the costs associated with it. On a motion from Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

Motion to accept the **Audit** by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

General Fund	\$ 33,748.52
Water Fund	13,235.76
Sewer Fund	4,934.23
Capital Projects	126,968.10

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:40 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Dygert
Deputy Clerk