

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday July 20, 2026 at 6:00
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 (excused)
Trustee Howard Quick
Trustee Miriam Curry
Trustee Erin Kelley
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi
Attorney 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 Curry second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of July 6, 2026.**

On a motion by Trustee Quick second by trustee Kelley and carried to adjourn to **Executive Session @ 6:06 pm** to discuss 6A Attorney, 7A DPW Superintendent Raise, 7B Hydrant Rentals.

The **Regular Meeting** was reopened @ 6:24 pm on a motion by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Curry and carried.

3. PUBLIC MEETING

Don Foor – 219 Harter St asked the village if there was a meter on the car charger station at the library and if so, are we charging for the use? He asked who put it in and since it was a requirement of the LED Lighting Grant are we done with the grant. He also asked why the equipment requests were not part in the budget.

Tim Tubia - Henry Street questioned the board on the law enforcement of the electric scooters, he said it's getting dangerous to drive.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed @ 7:37 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Curry and carried.

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The Request from the Herkimer Police Benevolent Association to begin **contract negotiations** was referred to Mayor Jory and Trustee Curry.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. General Fund Transfer # 7367 in the amount of \$ 32,850.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Curry seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried.

5B. Resolution #27-4 a resolution for the **Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad New York Scenic Byway Nomination and Corridor Management Plan Adoption** was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Curry and carried.

6. REPORTS

6A. Attorney Report - Attorney Macri said he is working with Attorney Rossi to transition and tie up loose ends. On a motion by Trustee Curry seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried to accept the Attorney Report.

6B. Codes Officer Steve Gay reported the 10-day notice is in place for the 115 N. Main Street Demolition, he said we are one step closer.

Street Superintendent Justin Cristman said they installed 4 benches at the library, repaired some water pavement cuts and he is getting ready to start paving project in a couple of weeks.

Police Chief Richard Bowman said he had nothing to report but wanted to commend his department on how quickly they responded and quelled the situation on North Main Street. He also informed the public the National Night Out will be Tuesday August 4th at Basloe Field and the ARC Park.

Fire Chief Michael Spisak said his department went on 171 calls. 130 were medical, 39 were motor vehicle accidents and 2 were small fires. He also said Alexander Scholl graduated from the fire academy.

Matt Spisak, Water/Sewer Superintendent said his department finished reading section 1 for billing, cleaned the sand filter bed, did routine maintenance, he had a 10” water main break they were on all night and he said the new belt press was delivered to the plant.

Trustee Howard Quick said being the liaison to the DPW and Water/Sewer Departments is working well and he feels it will continue to do so.

Trustee Mirium Curry asked that the DPW post the paving schedule ahead on the village web page.

Mayor Michael Jory said he is working with Trustee Kelley to get the villages face book page up and running, they are working on a social media policy. He also stated they have advertised for the Village Clerk position. He said he started a new Community Engagement Committee and has Jennifer Parmon taking the lead with that.

7A. OLD BUSINESS

7A. On a motion by Trustee Curry second by Trustee Quick and carried to increase the **Street Superintendent Justin Cristman’s pay** from 63,300.00 to \$ 85,000. 00 retro active to June 1, 2026.

7B. Hydrant Rentals was tabled and referred to Attorney Macri on a motion by Trustee Kelley seconded by Trustee Curry and carried.

7C. On a motion by Trustee Quick second by Trustee Kelley and carried to authorize Mayor Jory to sign the **5-year Hud Plan** for the Herkimer Housing Authority. Mayor Jory also reappointed David Ronan and George Neveresky to the **Board of Commissioners of Stone Ridge Residency** they are five- year terms ending 4/30 and 4/28 respectively

7D. Mayor Jory gave an update on the **court audit**, he said they have been working with Judge Stone to figure out what has to be done since they are a couple of years behind and now the court is closed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. The **Franchise Agreement** with Charter Communications was referred to Attorney Nick Macri on a motion by Trustee Curry second by Trustee Kelley and carried. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 3, 2026.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Quick second by Trustee Curry and carried to authorize Mayor Jory to sign the **Municipal Agreement** with the Town of Herkimer regarding the summer pool program.

8C. On a motion by Trustee Curry seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the **redevelopment of the wells** on Marginal Road as recommended by Water/Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak. The amount quoted is \$ 43,1150.00.

8D. 1. On a motion by Trustee Curry seconded by Trustee Kelley and carried to **hire Andrew Ross as a Grade 3 Police Officer**. He will follow the Police Benevolent Association Contract.

2. On a motion by Trustee Curry second by Trustee Quick and carried to accept the **resignation of police Officer Donald Kane** effective 7/21 /26. He was also approved as a part time officer.

3. On a motion by Trustee Curry second by Trustee Kelley and carried to approve the **selling back of 56 hours unused vacation** from the 2026 fiscal year for Police Officer William Robinson.

4. On a motion by Trustee Curry second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the **purchase of a 2024 Dodge Durango** at a cost of \$ 61,200.00 The General Fund will get reimbursed from the 2027 Equipment BAN.

8E. The request from Water/Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak to purchase **(2) new pick-up trucks** was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick second by Trustee Curry and carried. The first truck is a crew truck in the amount of \$ 51,011.00 that will be paid for from fund balance. The second truck is cab truck at a cost of \$ 52,082.00 which will be paid for with the 2027 Equipment BAN

8F. On a motion by Trustee Kelley second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the hiring of **substitute lifeguard** Isabella Scalise at a rate of \$ 15.00 per hour.

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

General Fund	\$ 270,43.47
Water Fund	40,568.00
Sewer Fund	40,041.85
Capital	2,118.85

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:17 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Curry and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi
Clerk Treasurer