

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

7:00 P.M. the **Meeting** was called to order by Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth 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

Department Heads Present: Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paula Dygert, Police Chief Richard Bowman, Fire Chief Mike Spisak excused, 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 Quick second by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of March 16, 2026 and Special Meeting of March 19, 2026**

3. PUBLIC MEETING

The **Public Meeting** was opened at 7:05 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Ralph Franco 237 William Street asked for an update on the property next door to him. He told the board he was not satisfied with what Attorney Rossi explained. The owner is an absentee landlord who doesn't have to live next to it he said.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:11 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The **letter of appreciation** from Herkimer Central High School for the Police Department was placed on file on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

4B. The **letter of appreciation** from Oak Hill Cemetery for the DPW and Water/Sewer Department was placed on file on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

4C. The request from the Business and Professional Association of Herkimer for the **village wide garage sale** on Saturday July 18, 2026 was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

4D. The request from Herkimer little League to utilize the tennis court area for **batting cages** was approved on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried. It was agreed the cages will be portable and they will preserve the integrity of the courts.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. Resolution # 26-47 RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General fund Budget in the amount of \$ 100.00 for funds received from the American Legion for to the **Easter Egg hunt**.

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$100.00
A-2705 Gifts and Donations	\$100.00
A-960 Appropriation	\$100.00
A-7140-497 Recreation Supplies	\$100.00

5B. Resolution # 26-48 RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General fund Budget in the amount of \$ 2,285.72 for funds received from the Cornell Cooperative Extension for the Community Garden.

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$2,285.72
A-2705 Gifts and Donations	\$2,285.72
A-960 Appropriation	\$2,285.72
A-7141-497 community Garden	\$2,285.72

5C. General Fund Transfer # 7270 in the amount of \$ 45,550.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

5D. Water Fund Transfer # 7271 in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

5E. Sewer Fund Transfer # 7272 in the amount of \$ 30,450.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

5F. Resolution # 26-49 Awarding Contract No 3 General Construction Sanitary Sewer Capital Improvement Project On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to award the bid to National Water Main Cleaning Company in the amount \$ 4,357,180.00.

5G. Resolution # 26-50 RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer is authorized to include in the June 1, 2026 tax roll any unpaid water and sewer accounts thirty (30) days delinquent. She is also authorized to include in the 2026 tax roll any other village assessable that are unpaid, such as garbage and trash removal fees, weed cutting, tree removal, fire services and any fee incurred by the village for failure to maintain property.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. Attorney Rossi said he has set up a **meeting at noon on Friday April 10, 2026** at the Village of Ilion for all municipalities involved with the transmission line from Utica to meet and discuss options.

He asked the clerk if the office received any **recommendations** from CHA for the Village Hall Energy Audit, the clerk said they were going to send this week.

Attorney Rossi also said he has a phone conference on April 20th regarding **115 N. Main St.** on when we can get started. He was advised the Pete's Grill needs notice before the work begins.

The **Attorney's Report was accepted** on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. The **Memorandum of Agreement** between the Village of Herkimer and the Herkimer Permanent Firefighters Benevolent Association was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the **Dental Renewal** effective July 1, 2026. It comes with a 4.5% increase.

8C. On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to accept the **resignation** of James Smith from the Water/Sewer Department.

8D. Police Personnel was referred to Executive Session on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried.

On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to adjourn to **Executive session @ 7:35 pm** to discuss 8D.

On a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to open the **Regular Meeting @ 7:45 pm**.

8D. On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to approve pending Mayor’s approval the appointment of **James Burns to Captain.**

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

General Fund	\$ 107,763.58
Water Fund	\$ 31,050.24
Sewer Fund	\$ 26,629.05
Capital Fund	\$ 143,065.00

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:50 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi
Clerk Treasurer