

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday March 16, 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 (excused)
Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth
Trustee Virendranath Dhaniram
Trustee Dominick Scalise (excused)
Trustee Howard Quick
Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi
Attorney Vincent Rossi (excused)

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 Steven Gay.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of March 2, 2026 and Special Meeting of March 11, 2026**

Sarah Evans from **EDR Planning from Saratoga Spring** explained to the board the Herkimer Downtown Revitalization Initiative Strategic Investment Plan. (DRI Project). Which they helped to plan. The plan is to revitalize and upgrade Myers Park. Enhance Village Streetscapes for Main Street which includes, paving, sidewalks, curbing.

EDR is on the agenda (8B.) with a proposed contract to implement the DRI Program. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth seconded by Trustee Quick to move 8B. up on the agenda.

8B. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Quick and carried to approve the contract with EDR for the DRI project for Myers Park cost of \$ 168,800 and the Enhanced Village Streetscapes at a cost of \$ 258,600.00.

3. PUBLIC MEETING

The Public Meeting was opened at 7:35 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Doanld Foor Harter Street asked several questions of the board, he asked the status of the demolition of 115 N. Main Street, He asked the status of the Library Lease Agreement, the status of the Gravesville water line, the sidewalk issue, and lastly the cost of the new ariel truck. Discussion did follow with the board updating him.

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:50 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

4A. The request from the Herkimer High School to hang Senior Banners again this year was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Quick and carried.

4B. The correspondence from Herkimer County Social Services to explore hosting individuals with work activity requirements was referred to the Clerk for information on possibly doing it.

4C. A reminder the **Villages Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday March 28, 2026 at 11:00 am.

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL LAWS

5A. RESOLVED that the Village Clerk Treasurer is hereby authorized to increase the 2025-2026 General fund Budget in the amount of \$ 550.00 for funds received from Town of Herkimer, Fenner Funeral Home and Vincent Enea Funeral Home for donations to the **Easter Egg hunt**.

A-510 Estimated Revenue	\$550.00
A-2705 Gifts and Donations	\$550.00
A-960 Appropriation	\$550.00
A-7140-497 Recreation Supplies	\$550.00

5B. General Fund Transfer # 7266 in the amount of \$ 24,495.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

5C. Water Fund Transfer # 7267 in the amount of \$ 37,000.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

5D. Sewer Fund Transfer # 7269 in the amount of \$ 500.00 was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

5E. Resolution #26-46 Polling Places

Resolved that the voting for the June 16,2026 Village election shall be conducted at the Basloe Library for both District 1 and District 2

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. The Memorandum of Agreement between the Village of Herkimer and CSEA unit 7103 was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

8B. EDR Planning was moved up on t he Agenda

8C. The request from Chief Richard Bowman to officially hire **Jacob Millet** as a full time Grade 1 Patrolman was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

8D. The Clerk Treasurer & Deputy Clerk Treasurer turned over the **2026-27 Work Budget** to all board members.

8E. The request to hire a **Temporary Firefighter** was referred to executive session on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee quick and carried.

8F. Department Head raises were referred to Executive Session on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to adjourn to **Executive session @ 8:00 pm** to discuss 8E and 8F.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to open the **Regular Meeting @ 8:40 pm.**

8E. Temporary Firefighter was tabled for more discussion on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

8F. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to give Street Superintendent Justin Cristman a 3% raise and Deputy Clerk Treasurer Paula Dygert a 3% raise retro active to June 1, 2026.

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

General Fund	\$ 124,798.61
Water Fund	\$ 29,346.58
Sewer Fund	\$ 21,014.23
Capital Fund	\$ 493,545.12

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:41 pm on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

