

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of
Herkimer, New York, held, Monday June 1, 2026 at 6:15
P.M. in Municipal Hall

The village board met at 6:15 with several members of the Department of Health to discuss the on-going issues with the Village of Herkimer's water system. The village confirmed with the Health Department their commitment to going forward with the water transmission line from Mohawk Valley Water Authority. Attorney Rossi has a scheduled meeting Wednesday with Mohawk Valley Economic Development, the Village of Ilion, and Barton & Loguidice with the Water Authority for discussions on the sale of water and or contracts. Vincent said the MVEDD has agreed to coordinate the project going forward since Herkimer County IDA no longer is a partner in this. The village would like to be a part of the meeting scheduled for Wednesday. They all agreed they should meet more often just to keep everyone updated on the progress.

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, Street Superintendent Justin Cristman, Water Sewer Superintendent Matt Spisak.

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

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram second by Trustee Scalise and carried to approve the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of May 18, 2026 and the Special Meeting of May 28, 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.

Miriam Curry N. Main Street asked if the budget had been adopted.

Sherry Hartwell from the Herkimer County Humane Society said she had complaints regarding the village's animal control officer. She was advised the board would not discuss in open session.

Gina Werczynski Herkimer County Humane Society stated once animal control officer's bring animals to the society, they no longer have a say in what the society does with the animal.

Deputy Mayor Mark Ainsworth said he would like to refer this to executive session

Since no one else wished to speak the **Public Meeting** was closed at 7:18 pm on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. RESOLUTION AND LOCAL

LAWS SA. RESOLUTION# 27-1

TAX WARRANT

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several persons named in the Tax Roll hereunto annexed, the several sums stated in the last column hereof opposite their respective names, being a total of \$6,092,725.84 for the following purposes:

For the Current Budget	\$ 5,896,702.00
For Re-levied Water Rents and Charges	\$ 92,685.64
For Re-levied Sewer Rents and Charges	\$ 101,082.89
For other Charges	\$ 2,254.84
TOTAL	\$ 6,092,725.34

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to receive and collect such sums without additional charge between the first day of June 2026; and thereafter, to collect with such of the sums as have not been theretofore collected, and additional charge of five per centum (5%) for the first month or fraction thereof one per centum (1%) for each month or fraction thereof thereafter until paid.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to file the Tax Roll and Warrant in your office on or before the 2nd of November 2026, and to deliver to the Board of Trustees and the Herkimer County Treasurer at the same time an account of the taxes and assessments remaining due and unpaid; describing each parcel of real propeliy upon which tax and assessments are unpaid, showing the person or persons to whom the parcel is assessed and showing as to each parcel the amount of tax unpaid.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7A. Attorney Rossi reported he has scheduled a meeting Wednesday with MVECC, the Village of Ilion and Bailon & Loguidice regarding an agreement for the **Mohawk Valley Water Authority**.

He said **115 N. Main Street** will be coming to head, work will commence in about a week. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to accept the **Attorney's Report**.

8. NEW BUSINESS

SA. The request from Street Superintendent Justin Cristman to **upgrade Brad Gay** to the position of Heavy Equipment Operator B was approved on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried. His new hourly rate is \$ 23.11

SB. The request from Street Superintendent Justin Cristman to change to **summer hours** which is 6:00 am to 2:30 pm was approved on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

SC. The letter from **Clerk Treasurer Amanda Viscomi** advising the board her term will end with the Organizational Meeting of July 6, 2026 was placed on file on a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

8D. On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Scalise and carried to accept the **resignation of Police Officer Brayden Zahniser** effective June 13, 2026. They also approved moving him to a part time Police Officer status.

On a motion by Trustee Dhaniram seconded by Trustee Quick and carried to adjourn to **Executive session@ 7:28 pm** to discuss Contractual with Herkimer County Humane Society.

On a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried to open the **Regular Meeting@** 7:55 pm.

The board would like the Clerk to set up a meeting with the Village's **Animal Control Officer** to discuss issues with the Herkimer County Humane Society and any other issues she is having.

There was no **Village Audit** since the board met on May 28th and had an audit then.

The **April 2026 Bank Reconciliations** was approved on a motion by Trustee Scalise seconded by Trustee Quick and carried.

Since there is no other business, the Regular Meeting was **adjourned** at 8:00 pm on a motion by Trustee Quick seconded by Trustee Dhaniram and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Viscomi

Clerk Treasurer