

The official minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees board meeting held on April 7th, 2025. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, April 28th, 2025.

In attendance: Mayor - G. Ostrander, DPW Superintendent J. Bechy, Treasurer/Clerk - G. Barnes, Village Attorney S. DiGiorgio, Fire Chief Waufle, Trustees: L. Stern, Trustee B. Bogan, A. Hilley, A. Briggs

Not in attendance: CEO – W. Brown

Public in attendance: Patty Louise, Lori Anne DeAgrella, Sean Baldwin, ken Boone

1. Open Public Hearing for the fiscal year 2025-26 Budget. Time open: 7:14pm

Motion to open Public Hearing – Trustee Bogan 2nd – Trustee Hilley **Carried**

No public comments

Motion to close Public Hearing – Trustee Briggs 2nd – Trustee Stern **Carried**

Meeting closed 7:15pm

2. Open regular meeting at 7:15pm

3. Approve the minutes of the March 10th, 2025 Board meeting

Motion to Approve – Trustee Hilley 2nd – Trustee Bogan **Carried**

4. Approval of Purchase Order(s)

Motion to Approve – Trustee Briggs 2nd – Trustee Stern **Carried**

5. Approve Audit of Expense Abstracts dated: H0 ABS 3/19/25, TA ABS 3/20/25, GEN ABS 4/7/25

Motion to Approve – Trustee Stern 2nd – Trustee Hilley **Carried**

6. Clerk/Treasurer Barnes opened the two sealed bids received for tree and stump removal. Greater Heights bid \$19,150 and Rick Turk bid \$28,425. DPW Superintendent Bechy wanted to review the bids before awarding the bid.

7. Public Participation

- Jill Kervin from the Waterville Public Library stated that the roadway from White St. to the library has been compromised by the parking of oversized vehicles and other vehicles parking into the roadway essentially turning the road into a one lane road. Ms. Kervin said the issue of oversized vehicles parking into the roadway has increased and she has concerns that someone will get hurt, especially young kids who are walking or on bikes as you cannot see them when a car drives around the parked vehicles. Mayor Ostrander said the Village should designate the area as no parking.

Trustee Bogan made a motion for the Village to move forward with designating that area as no parking. Trustee Briggs seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

- Jill Kervin said the library received a Community Foundation grant for the library to hold a Community Block Party. The Block Party will be held on June 26th in conjunction with the library's annual Summer Solstice party.

8. Department Head's Reports

- DPW Superintendent Bechy
 - Received bids for miscellaneous equipment on Auctions International that need approval
 - 50 metal chairs \$25
 - 2 car charging station \$42
 - 5 wooden tables \$60
 - 4 steel wheels \$27
 - 4 tires \$620
 - 2 tires \$260
 - 2 sets of solid oak doors \$70
 - 3rd seat from fire truck 429 \$25
 - Old fire truck \$4500

Motion to accept bids – Trustee Stern 2nd – Trustee Hilley Carried

- The Fireman's pavilion has been demolished. Oneida/Herkimer Solid Waste will haul away the debris.
- 155 Buell Ave. is ready to be taken down. Waiting to hear from the City of Utica on when they can take down the house.
- Request for bids for the Big Creek project have been advertised. Bids will be open on April 14.
- Oneida County Planning has bond money available that can be used for stream bank rehabilitation. DPW Superintendent and Trustee Stern will be submitting a 90/10 match grant application to rehab Big Creek from where the current project has stopped to the sewer plant.
- Oriskany Creek Watershed Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17th at Westmoreland
- Need board approval to submit a purchase order to order the new GMC 2500 HD pickup truck which is budgeted for in the next fiscal year budget. It will take 6 months before the truck will be available.

Motion to approve PO submittal – Trustee Bogan 2nd – Trustee Stern Carried

- An advertisement has been submitted online and in the Waterville Times for the DPW position vacated by Aaron Barnes. Deadline to apply is April 18th. Five applications have been submitted to date.
- Presented the February and March DPW reports
- Fire Chief J. Waufle
 - New fire truck is almost ready to be put in service. It is set to be lettered soon.
 - Invited Village Board to the annual firemen's banquet April 26th
 - The firemen are ready to relinquish the Firemen's Ballfield to the Village. FC Waufle and Village Attorney DiGiorgio will meet to discuss details.
- Village Attorney DiGiorgio
 - The amended water laws have been reviewed and are ready for public hearing. Cl/Tr Barnes will schedule a public hearing for April or May meeting

9. Trustee's Reports/Old Business

- Trustee Bogan – Thanked everyone involved in the NY Forward grant application. The Village won the 4.5 million grant on the first try. Waterville First will be holding a NY Forward informational meeting on April 9th at 6pm. Danny Lapin from NYS Dept. of State will be

attending to provide information on the NY Forward process. The meeting will start off with a tribute to Joyce Swansberg to celebrate her retirement and her many years of service.

- Trustee Stern – Congratulated and thanked Brian Bogan and the members of the NY Forward committee for a great job on the NY Forward application.

10. Mayor's Report – No report

11. Adjournment, next meeting will be Monday, April 28th, 2025 at 7pm.

- **Motion to adjourn – B. Bogan** **2nd – A. Hilley** **Motion Carried**
- **Time – 8:10 pm**

Village Clerk's Signature

Date