

The minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees board meeting held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**In attendance:** Mayor - G. Ostrander, Village Clerk/Treasurer – G. Barnes, Village Attorney S. DiGiorgio, CEO B. Bialek, Fire Chief J. Waufle, Trustees: L. Stern, A. Briggs, B. Bogan, K. Conners

**Not in attendance:** DPW Superintendent J. Bechy

**Public in attendance:** Patty Louise, Meredith Leland

- Meeting called to order at 7:00pm
- **L. Stern made a motion to open Public Hearing** to hear comments on Local Law #1 of 2026 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law 3-c  
**Motion seconded by A. Briggs                      Motion Carried                      Time Open: 7:03pm**

No public comment

**Motion to close Public Hearing – B. Bogan    2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Conners    Motion Carried**

Time Closed: 7:06pm

- The Village Board of Trustees voted 5-0 in favor of passing Local Law #1 of 2026
- **L. Stern made a motion to approve** the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – A. Briggs                      Motion Carried**
- **B. Bogan made a motion to approve** Purchase Orders  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Conners                      Motion Carried**
- **A. Briggs made a motion to approve** Audit of Expense Abstracts – GEN ABS 2-24-26, 3-9-26, TA ABS 2-24-26  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Conners                      Motion Carried**
- Public Participation – No public participation
- Department Head's Reports
  - Fire Chief
    - Heavy rescue needs a new siren. Received two quotes from JPJ Electronics – one, to replace the unit with the same system but with a protective box around it and the second quote is for an entirely different system. The Board asked about what type of warranty the new siren would have. FC Waufle stated that he would call JPJ to see if there was a warranty and would get back to the Board.  
**Trustee Conners made a motion** to approve the quote contingent upon the better warranty  
**2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Ostrander                      Motion Carried**
    - FC Waufle said he has tried to set up a meeting with a grant writer about submitting a grant for fire department equipment, but the grant writer hasn't responded. The grant is due by 3/11/26.

- Mayor Ostrander asked if the fire department has done anything about getting the rust on the doors of the fire trucks fixed. This request was made by previous boards. FC Waufle said he needs to get someone to drive the trucks to the repair shop, but he does have someone who can fix them. There are also budgetary concerns about getting them fixed. Mayor Ostrander also asked whether FC Waufle has completed his inventory of equipment and personnel that the board requested. FC Waufle stated that he just has to make a few updates. Mayor Ostrander asked to have the inventory by the following week.
- CEO Bialek
  - February/March is slow. Apartment inspections are due this year. Researching new codes enforcement software and continuous education classes.
  - Trustee Connors asked if there was any update on the Berrill Ave. property that is in probate after the owner passed away. CEO Bialek stated that he tried reaching the former owner's brother, but the person he called stated he had the wrong number.
- Trustee's Reports New/Old Business
  - Larry Stern
    - SWOCO meeting on Thursday 3/12 at 6:30pm
- Adjournment, next meeting will be the annual organizational meeting and public hearing on the 2026-27 budget to be held on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7pm.

**Trustee Bogan made a motion** to adjourn the meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – K. Connors      Motion Carried      Time Adjourned: 7:50pm**

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Village Clerk's Signature

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Date