

The minutes of the Village of Waterville Board of Trustees board meeting held on April 20th, 2026. Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting on Monday, May 18th, 2026.

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

Not in attendance: Trustee Bogan

Public in attendance: Jim Fuess, Laurie Fuess, John Mariani

- Meeting called to order
- **L. Stern made a motion to open Public Hearing** to hear comments on the proposed revisions to water billing rates

Motion seconded by A. Briggs

Motion Carried

Time Open: 7:03pm

No Public Comments

Motion to close Public Hearing – L. Stern 2nd – K. conners Motion Carried

Time Closed: 7:03pm

The Board of Trustees voted 4 Ayes and 0 Nays on Resolution #8 of 2026

RESOLUTION #8 of 2026 AMENDING WATER RATES AND CHARGES

WHEREAS, a Local Law No. 8 of 2025 has been enacted amending Local Water Law of 2007 entitled “Water Laws” which allows the Village Board of Trustees to levy charges for water usage by resolution after public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees are desirous of amending the water use rates and charges pursuant to said local law, and

WHEREAS, after due notice a public hearing was duly held before the Village Board of Trustees at the Village Hall on April 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. to establish such rates and charges, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board hereby approves the following water rates and charges, as follows:

The INSIDE user rate is \$6.50 per 1000 gallons for water INSIDE the Village billed quarterly.

The OUTSIDE user rates is \$7.50 per 1000 gallons for water OUTSIDE the Village billed quarterly.

ALL USERS will be subject to an additional \$5.00 flat fee for water INSIDE and OUTSIDE the Village (not based on usage) for upgrades and improvements billed quarterly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be filed and accessible to view with the Village Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect on June 1, 2026.

- Prior to approving the April 6th board minutes, Tr/Cl Barnes made the following amendments to the board minutes:
 - The 2026 Village tax rate is increasing 2.9%, not 3.9% as said at the April 6th meeting
 - The 2026 Town of Marshall tax rate with the equalization rate factored in is only a 5% increase over the 2025 tax rate, not 6.4%

A. Briggs made a motion to approve the April 6th board minutes with amendments
2nd – K. Conners Motion Carried

- **K. Conners made a motion to approve Purchase Orders**
2nd – L. Stern Motion Carried

- **A. Briggs made a motion to approve General Fund, Truste & Agency abstracts dated 4-20-26**
2nd – L. Stern Motion Carried

- Public Participation
 - Laurie and Jim Fuess, representing the Waterville Historical Society, thanked the Village and Village DPW crew for their support and help of the WHS 60th Anniversary Gala.
 - John Mariani asked if there was an update on the sinkhole at the Schoolhouse Apartments. Village Attorney DiGiorgio stated that the issue is still tied up in litigation.

- Department Head's Reports
 - DPW Superintendent
 - Oneida County Planning is assisting the Village with writing a grant for decommissioning the reservoir. The grant is due by June 26.
 - DPW Bechy and Trustee Conners attended a webinar hosted by Department of Homeland Security on the new cybersecurity mandates for wastewater treatment facilities.

 - FC Waufle
 - The new siren for the heavy rescue has been installed.
 - Fire Dept. has a transfer from the City of Sherrill fire department. Will bring the application for approval to the next board meeting.

 - CEO Bialek
 - Issued 3 building permits, a Notice of Violation and an Order to Remedy.
 - A Stop Work Order has been issued again for 333 Stafford Ave. The property owner does not have any permits issued.

 - VA DiGiorgio
 - The Village will be working on amending the zoning ordinance as part of the General Code project. The board members should start reviewing the zoning code to see if there's items that need to change or added to the zoning code.

- Clerk/Treasurer Barnes
 - A public hearing will be held at the next meeting on May 18th to hear public comment on revisions being made to penalties and fines for code violations.
 - The Comprehensive Plan Committee is having an open house on Wed., April 22 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm to provide the public with information on the comprehensive plan.
 - The pickup schedule for Rigid Plastics and Electronics will be changed from the first Wednesday of the month (from March – December) to the Wednesday after Trash pickup which is currently the first Tuesday of the month (from March – December).

Trustee Conners made a motion to approve the change

2nd – L. Stern Motion Carried

- Trustee’s Reports New/Old Business

- Trustee Stern

- Oriskany Creek Watershed Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, April 28th at 4:30pm in Oriskany Falls

- Trustee Conners

- Stewart’s needs to have a fence installed next to the picnic tables on side of building for safety reasons. There is a big drop off to the creek that is very dangerous.
 - Presented a handout on the new regulations for cybersecurity regarding wastewater treatment facilities. NYS will be doing a free risk assessment in August or September. The Village will need to create an Incident Response Plan, Emergency Plan, and implement security measures. NYS is offering grants to assist with costs associated with these requirements. The Village has until 2027 to comply.

- Mayor’s Report

- Requested Cl/Treasurer Barnes to send a letter to the house next to CVS on Main Street regarding all the trash and rubbish in the yard.

- Adjournment, next meeting will be on Monday, May 18th, 2026 at 7pm.

Trustee Conners made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd – L. Stern Motion Carried Time Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Village Clerk’s Signature

Date