MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE VALLEY
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 – 7:00 PM – MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT:

James Bowen – Mayor
Craig Bedell – Trustee
Jeremy Keesler - Trustee
Raymond Hughes – Trustee
JoElla Emborsky – Clerk Treasurer
Louis Szabo – Sr. Line Worker

ABSENT:

Larry Imhoff – Sr. Line Worker
Todd Palmatier – Deputy Mayor/Trustee
Kory Gross – Streets/Water Supervisor

VISITORS:

David Shinners Jacob Kahm

Mayor James Bowen called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION #153, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Hughes, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2026, organizational and regular meeting. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Keesler, Trustee Hughes,
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier

GUEST:

MAYOR:

- ***OLD BUSINESS:***

1. ZBA member still needed
2. Adam Zeafla's retro pay

- ***NEW BUSINESS:***

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:

STREETS/WATER WORKING SUPERVISOR:

TRUSTEES:
Trustee Craig Bedell:

Trustee Ray Hughes:

Trustee Jeremy Keesler:

Trustee Todd Palmatier: Code Enforcement Contract? Mayor Bowen stated that the Town of Ellicottville would be willing to provide a shared service. They will get us some numbers in regard to cost of services.

CLERK TREASURER:

1. Hiring Lifeguards – 6 returning and 3 new
   The following applicants applied for the lifeguard position, all with the necessary certifications: Madison Frentz, Charli Ross, Alexandra Minnekine, Anna Dorn, Jack Merrill, Hadleigh Krug, Brayden Whited, Kathryn Bless, and Jasmine Laskey

MOTION #154, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Keesler, to approve the hire of the 9 applicants as lifeguards and Madison Frentz as the Head Lifeguard. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Keesler, Trustee Hughes,
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier

2. Swim Lesson fees – increase or leave the same? Board decided to keep the cost the same. 1 child @ $25; 2 children @ $40; 3 or more children @ $50.

BUILDING & ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT:

PAY BILLS AND APPROVE PAYROLL REPORTS:
Clerk Treasurer Emborsky presented the payroll for May 13, 2026, along with the accounts payable printouts for the board's approval. She also had the board review the vouchers listing for each fund and sign for their approval. The vouchers to be approved for payment are as follows:

5/13/2026 through 5/26/2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CHECKS:	General Fund	#8593-8600	$1,976.35
	Electric Fund	#8623-8635	$61,185.29
	Sewer Fund	#5996-6000	$962.67
	Water Fund	#6158-6162	$477.09
	Trust Fund	#4538-4540	$4,640.46
	Water Project Fund	#0000	$0.00

CHECKS VOIDED

Payroll Ending 5/13/2026

Payroll Fund		$0.00
Direct Deposit		$25,292.08
Trust Fund	#4535-4537	$13,487.11

MOTION #155, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Keesler, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to pay the bills and payroll as presented. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Keesler, Trustee Hughes,
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION #156, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Keesler, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to go into Executive Session at 7:10 PM to discuss an Employee Contract and A. Zeafla's retro pay. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Keesler, Trustee Hughes,
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier

MOTION #157, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Keesler, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to come out of Executive Session at 7:24 PM.
SO MOVED, RESOLVED.
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Keesler, Trustee Hughes,
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier

Clerk's Contract – Tabled

Adam Zeafla's retro pay – Mayor Bowen will contact the Village Attorney regarding this matter.

Resolution #8, 2025-2026 – Support the Williams' Constitution Pipeline Project

Resolution to Support the Williams' Constitution Pipeline Project

WHEREAS, Williams is a national energy infrastructure company that handles approximately one third of the natural gas used each day in the United States to heat homes, cook food, and generate electricity;

WHEREAS, the Northeast region faces persistent energy affordability challenges and natural gas supply constraints that have resulted in higher electricity and heating costs for families and businesses;

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WHEREAS, dependence on foreign sources of energy leave consumers more susceptible to price spikes caused by global affairs;

WHEREAS, domestically produced energy supports the American workforce and provides consumers with insulation from energy market impacts of international conflicts;

WHEREAS, increased interstate natural gas pipeline capacity alleviates energy supply constraints, improves system reliability during peak demand periods, and places downward pressure on energy costs for residential, commercial, and industrial customers;

WHEREAS, the Constitution Pipeline is a proposed natural gas transmission line designed to transport energy from the Marcellus Shale region in northeastern Pennsylvania to support key markets across New York and New England;

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WHEREAS, the project is associated with $13 million in property tax revenues and $100,000 in additional New York and Pennsylvania income tax revenue;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Little Valley supports investments in energy infrastructure projects that promote U.S. energy independence, improve reliability, affordability, and economic opportunity for residents and businesses.

MOTION #158, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Bedell, to approve the passing of Resolution #8, 2025-2026, to Support the Williams' Constitution Pipeline Project. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Keesler, Trustee Hughes,
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION #159, 2025-2026

Motion made by Trustee Bedell, seconded by Trustee Keesler to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. **SO MOVED, RESOLVED.**
AYES: Mayor Bowen, Trustee Bedell, Trustee Keesler, Trustee Hughes,
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: Trustee Palmatier

Respectfully submitted,

JoElla M Emborsky

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Clerk Treasurer

Village of Little Valley's
Summer Swim Lesson Sign Up Sheet

The Village of Little Valley's 2026 swimming lessons will be July 6th and end August 14th. The swim program is open to all children within the Cattaraugus-Little Valley School District.

The charge for swimming lessons will be:

1 child @ $25.00	**2 children @ $40.00**	**3 or more children @ $50.00**

You can make checks payable to the **Village of Little Valley Pool**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Madison Frentz, Recreation Director, at 716-938-9151.** If interested, please fill out the form and drop it off at the **Little Valley Municipal Building by July 1, 2026.**

Advanced	**Ages 4 and Up**	**9:00 – 9:45 AM**	**Mon, Wed, Fri**
Intermediate	**Ages 4 and Up**	**10:00 – 10:45 AM**	**Mon, Wed, Fri**
Beginner	**Ages 4 and Up**	**11:00 – 11:45 AM**	**Mon, Wed, Fri**

***The times may change depending on the number of children signing up.*

Parent/Toddler	Ages 1 to 3	11:00 – 12:00 PM	Tues. & Thurs.

***This class is to get your infant or toddler acquainted with the water in a quiet environment.*
Parent or guardian must always be present & in the water with the child.
(Class will need to have at least 5 toddler)

Name of swimmer:			
Address:			
Parent/Guardian:			
Phone #:		**Emergency #:**	
Date of Birth:		**Age:**	
What class level was the swimmer in last year?			
List of allergies or medical concerns to be aware of:			

I hereby give permission for my child to take swimming lessons from the Village of Little Valley:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

All parents/guardians must have their own insurance coverage.

PAYROLL NO: 01 VILLAGE OF LITTLE VALLEY PAYROLL DATE: 5/13/2026

*** REGISTER TOTALS ***

REGULAR CHECKS:		
DIRECT DEPOSIT REGULAR CHECKS:	19	25,292.08
MANUAL CHECKS:		
PRINTED MANUAL CHECKS:		
DIRECT DEPOSIT MANUAL CHECKS:		
VOIDED CHECKS:		
NON CHECKS:		
TOTAL CHECKS:	19	25,292.08

*** NO ERRORS FOUND ***

** END OF REPORT **

VENDOR SORT KEY	DESCRIPTION	FUND	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
JACOB KAHM	JACOB KAHM: MEAL REIMB	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	68.07
LOUIS SZABO	LOUIS SZABO: MILEAGE REIMB	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	214.60
	INS PREMIUMS	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	58.20
	INS PREMIUMS	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	149.52
			TOTAL:	490.39
ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC	INDICATOR LENS - RED	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	2.80
	INDICATOR LENS - GREEN - 2	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	5.30
	SWITCH PANEL - ROCKER - 2	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	151.82
	INDICATOR LENS - MACHINE	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	2.61
	SPADE TERMINALS	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	67.75
	SWITCH - ROCKER - 3	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	10.86
	FREIGHT	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	26.52
			TOTAL:	267.66
BLUE COLLAR WORKWEAR	CLOTHING REIMB - B. BROWN	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	193.00
			TOTAL:	193.00
CATT CO DPW	TIPPING FEES G(EWS)	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	6.19
	TIPPING FEES E(GWS)	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	6.19
	TIPPING FEES S(GEW)	SEWER FUND	SEWER	6.18
	TIPPING FEES W(GES)	WATER FUND	WATER	6.19
			TOTAL:	24.75
CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BANK	FICA W/H	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	598.87
	MEDICARE W/H	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	140.04
	FICA W/H	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	1,105.96
	MEDICARE W/H	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	258.66
	FICA W/H	SEWER FUND	SEWER	402.00
	MEDICARE W/H	SEWER FUND	SEWER	94.01
	FED W/H	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	3,509.47
	FICA W/H	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	2,225.49
	MEDICARE W/H	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	520.48
	FICA W/H	WATER FUND	WATER	118.66
	MEDICARE W/H	WATER FUND	WATER	27.77
			TOTAL:	9,001.41
CHASE CARD SERVICES	MICROSOFT	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	8.40
	BJS WTR JUGS G(EWS)	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	13.99
	ADT G(E)	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	167.89
	DEWALT 20V BATTERY 2PK	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	119.40
	BJS WTR JUGS E(GWS)	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	13.98
	ADT E(G)	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	167.88
	APPRENTICE SCHOOL ROOMS	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	1,056.00
	APPRENTICE SCHOOL MEALS	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	207.48
	BJS WTR JUGS S(GEW)	SEWER FUND	SEWER	13.98
	HOSE & GASKET FOR MAHINDRA	SEWER FUND	SEWER	175.00
	BEAUTIFICATION DECORATIONS	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	375.02
	BJS WTR JUGS W(GES)	WATER FUND	WATER	13.98
			TOTAL:	2,333.00
COGECO US (PENN), LLC DBA: BREEZELINE	STATIC IP G(W)	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	12.50
	STATIC IP W(G)	WATER FUND	WATER	12.50
			TOTAL:	25.00
H. H. RAUH PAVING INC	9.5MM 5.03 - TICKET 11514	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	466.43

VENDOR SORT KEY	DESCRIPTION	FUND	DEPARTMENT		AMOUNT
	9.5MM - 3 TICKET 1861	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL		278.19
				TOTAL:	744.62
HULL ELECTRIC, INC	3/4X8 GRAY WIRE MOLD - 4	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		25.24
	PHOTO SENSOR - 10	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		145.20
	FREIGHT	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		107.57
				TOTAL:	278.01
JACK HENRY & ASSOCIATES, INC.	PYMT SOLUTIONS 2026-04	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		5.00
				TOTAL:	5.00
JAMESTOWN RUBBER STAMP CO., INC.	2026 BASEBALL FIELD SPONSO	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL		2,622.45
	VECTORIZING - 8	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL		200.00
	STANDARD DESIGN - 4	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL		100.00
				TOTAL:	2,922.45
JOELLA EMBORSKY	MEDICAL REIMB - JE G(SW)	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL		191.93
	CLOTHING REIMB - J. EMBORS	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL		97.48
	MEDICAL REIMB - JE S(GW)	SEWER FUND	SEWER		191.93
	MEDICAL REIMB - JE W(GS)	WATER FUND	WATER		191.92
				TOTAL:	673.26
JORDAN ZIMBARDI	CLOTHING REIMB - J. ZIMBAR	SEWER FUND	SEWER		323.08
				TOTAL:	323.08
LARRY IMHOFF	MEDICAL REIMB - L. IMHOFF	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		191.00
				TOTAL:	191.00
LINEMEN'S SUPPLY INC.	BACK BELT - SMALL	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		767.72
	BLACK CLIMBER KIT	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		873.96
	HANDLINE CARRIER	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		8.12
	ROPE DIST EZ SQUEEZE	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		1,145.44
	BUCKADJUSTER	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		459.76
	BLACK DOUBLEBACK HOLSTER	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		116.20
	BOLT & NUT BAG	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		68.88
	SMALL STAPLE STICK	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		63.64
	BIG MOUTH BAG	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		358.48
	INSULATED WRENCH	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		47.50
	STAPLE DRIVING FACE HAMMER	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		59.24
	TRIPLE SQ LINEMANS WRENCH	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		156.99
	BLACK / ACCESSORY RING	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		39.32
	SIDE CUTTING PLIERS	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		39.98
	PUMP PLIERS	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		40.88
	FIBERGLASS FOLDING RULE	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		21.99
	ADJ WRENCH - JAW CAPACITY	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		39.99
	DEMOLITION SCREW DRIVER	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		30.30
	8' TELESCOPIC HOT STICK -	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		436.98
	AERIAL BASKET TOOL APRON	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		215.00
	SHIPPING	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		29.68
	INSULATOR CVR CL 3 TYPE II	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		919.35
	SHIPPING	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC		26.33
				TOTAL:	5,965.73
LITTLE VALLEY SAND & GRAVEL, INC	#1 & #2 MIX STONE - 8.96	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL		168.45
				TOTAL:	168.45

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NATIONAL GRID	ISO EXT 2026-04	ELECTRIC FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	21,194.44
			TOTAL:	21,194.44
NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY	BILLING 2026-04	ELECTRIC FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	23,546.75
			TOTAL:	23,546.75
NEW YORK STATE DEFERRED COMPENSATION P	DEF COMP	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	495.00
	DEF COMP - ROTH	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	50.00
			TOTAL:	545.00
NEW YORK TEAMSTERS HEALTH INSURANCE	HEALTH INSURANCE	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	671.47
	HEALTH INSURANCE	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	671.52
			TOTAL:	1,342.99
NYS CHILD SUPPORT PROCESSING CENTER	BX94301K1	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	339.74
			TOTAL:	339.74
NYS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	967.34
	RETIREMENT LOANS	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	404.00
			TOTAL:	1,371.34
NYS TAX DEPARTMENT	STATE W/H	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,604.40
			TOTAL:	1,604.40
PROTOCOL 80, INC.	OMNIS TECH G(EWS)	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL	252.50
	OMNIS TECH E(GWS)	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	252.50
	OMNIS TECH S(GEW)	SEWER FUND	SEWER	252.50
	OMNIS TECH W(GES)	WATER FUND	WATER	252.50
			TOTAL:	1,010.00
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 264	UNION DUES	TRUST FUND	NON-DEPARTMENTAL	417.50
			TOTAL:	417.50
XYLEM	TREE REMOVAL EAGLE ST	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	1,937.50
	TREE TRIMMING EAGLE ST	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	1,937.50
	TREE TRIMMING THIRD ST	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	1,937.50
	TREE TRIM & REMOVAL FOURTH	ELECTRIC FUND	ELECTRIC	1,937.50
			TOTAL:	7,750.00

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FUND TOTALS

A01	GENERAL FUND	2,715.26
E20	ELECTRIC FUND	62,549.91
S11	SEWER FUND	1,458.68
T30	TRUST FUND	15,381.60
W07	WATER FUND	623.52
	GRAND TOTAL:	82,728.97

TOTAL PAGES: 4

APPROVED BY: _____

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RESOLUTION 8, 2025/2026

Support of Williams' Constitution Pipeline Project

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Motion By: Trustee Hughes
Seconded By: Trustee Bedell

Affirmative Village of Little Valley Board of Trustees:

Affirmative: # 4
Negative: # 0
Abstain: # 0
Absent: # 1

I, JoElla Emborsky, do hereby certify that resolution #8-2025/2026 was passed at a meeting of the Village of Little Valley held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is on full force and effect.

JoElla M. Emborsky
Village Clerk/Treasurer