October 6, 2026

At 7:00 PM, Mayor Sherwood called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The following were present:

Patricia Sherwood	Mayor
Steve Dominessy	Trustee
Anthony Giboo	Trustee
Mary Farrington	Trustee

Clerk Gina Maltby

Absent from meeting: Trustee Brandon Stearns

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Works Daren Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Chris Lexer, Fire Chief Jeff Holmes and department member Chris Hazeltine, Village resident Valerie Sullivan.

MINUTES

Trustee Dominessy, seconded by Trustee Farrington, moved suspension of the reading of the Minutes of the previous board meeting September 1, 2026 as Board members had been supplied copies. Carried. Mayor Sherwood announced that corrections and alterations would then be heard, and concluding there were none, the minutes stand approved. Carried.

PUBLIC

No one in attendance wished to speak during the public period.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Mayor Sherwood advised Treasurer Chris Edmunds is on vacation, nothing to report.

Fire Chief Jeff Holmes advised there were 34 calls for the month of September:

EMS CALLS

Village	11
Town of Yorkshire	8
Town of Freedom	3
Yorkshire	1
Machias	3

CO DETECTOR ACTIVATION

Village	1
Town of Freedom	1

HAZARDOUS CONDITION

Town	1

COUNTY WEATHER STANDBY

Fire Hall	1

PIONEER HIGH FOOTBALL STANDBY

Yorkshire	2

LANDING ZONE

Machias	1

STRUCTURE FIRE STANDBY

Franklinville	1

In other department news, the fire prevention open house will be taking place here at the Fire Hall tomorrow from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Will be going to Delevan Elementary from 9 AM to 1 PM for fire prevention on Thursday the 8th. The fall meat raffle will be held on November 7th. The department is still waiting for five members to finish up with OSHA. Two need to get their paperwork in for their physical.

Department member Hazeltine provided board members with a copy of the EMS billing 2026 review packet and gave quarterly report. Went over information on possible changes that the County and departments have been reviewing. No date or definite plan is in place currently. Looking to come up with a plan within six months. Trustee

Farrington advised that the district 2 meeting that was held in September was great and very informational. Advised she feels it would be beneficial for Bobby Kuhn to do presentation.

Superintendent of Public Works Daren Smith reported the following:

1.) Generator up at water was serviced and did a bunch more work at the springs last week. There were a couple more trees down and looks like a couple more that won't make it through the winter.
2.) Received and investigated a couple water complaints. One was low pressure – turned out to be the screens on their faucet. Other complaint was that their water tasted bad. He and the neighbor said it tasted normal. Looked for a leak on it, none found.
3.) Received a call on a leak; shut the water off at the meter pit. They had dug to put in a new line and caught the line from the curb box to the meter pit.
4.) Needs to call the County on water tests being kicked back from the lab. All testing is up to date.
5.) Been having problems with the chipper. Put a new screen on it; codes come up, haven't figured out problem yet.
6.) Stevens and Owens have been paved and did shoulder. Town did most of the work.
7.) Did the section from the second bridge to the Village line, had Matuszak's paver.
8.) Waiting on the gas company to move forward with installing a snowplow turnaround and staging area for snow on Palmer. Not sure if it will be completed this year. Spoke with second property owner. Holding off on paving until that gets done.
9.) Bills won't be received in time for him to submit for CHIPs until winter. Will end up having to pay them, but funds will be slowly coming back in. Lexer advised will probably receive the funds back in April.
10.) Had an incident in the recreation/community building out back. Two teens broke into the building; doors need to be replaced and there is paint damage inside the building. The door inside is savable. Discussion took place on door replacement, whether to put through to insurance or not. Trustee Giboo advised he can come down Saturday to take a look at it and give an idea on replacement.

Clerk Gina Maltby reported the following:

1.) Prepared Vouchers and Abstract
2.) Cash receipts provided to each board member.
3.) Two parking tags issued in the month of September.
4.) Outstanding taxes to be collected: $13,989.63. Advised the 31st of this month is last day able to collect before turned over to the County.
5.) Outstanding water to be collected: $13,084.90.
6.) Clerk's office will be closed Monday the 12th due to holiday.

COMMUNICATIONS

1.) National Grid remittance received in the amount of $2,487.22.
2.) National Fuel remittance received in the amount of $989.07.
3.) A letter was received from Verizon Wireless advising that on or after November 30, 2026, Verizon will have the authority to discontinue traditional copper-based phone service. Superintendent Smith advised he was told the garage line will be discontinued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.) **Sewer Project**: Clerk Maltby advised the board that property access agreements and letters were mailed out to residents on freshwater wetland surveying. There were 15 parcels on the list. Clerk Maltby provided information from the letter, when responses were due and that as of today, six agreements have been received back. Code Enforcement officer Lexer advised the board that a meeting with Machias on the intermunicipal agreement needs to happen and currently working on setting up.
2.) **Water shut offs**: Clerk Maltby advised the board that water shut off letters were mailed out on September 24th. There were 67 accounts on the list totaling $15,554.73. As of today, $5,647.78 has been paid (22 accounts) leaving $9,906.95 to be collected.
3.) **EMS Plan Meeting**: went over during Fire Department's report.
4.) **Audit of the books**: Trustee Farrington and Trustee Giboo reported that the audit of the books has been completed and went well. Trustee Giboo advised his wife assisted.

NEW BUSINESS

1.) **Recreation/Community building:** went over during Superintendent Smith's report.
2.) **Summer Recreation meeting:** Mayor Sherwood advised the board that Treasurer Edmunds is setting up a date for the Town and Village to meet. Edmunds provided November 12th as the date that would work with his schedule.

#720 RECREATION MEETING

Moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Giboo, to approve the Village board meeting with the Town board to discuss the 2027 summer recreation program with confirmation on a meeting date to be received from the Town.

Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Farrington aye, Mayor Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns absent, Trustee Giboo aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent. Carried.

PAY CLAIMS

The bills for the previous month of September were presented and audited. It was moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Giboo, to make payment of $18,435.29 Abstract #005, $16,888.28 General Fund Claims and $1,547.01 in payment of Water Fund.

Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Farrington aye, Mayor Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns absent, Trustee Giboo aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 PM it was moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy to adjourn. Carried.

Village Clerk Gina Maltby