November 3, 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
Mary Farrington	Trustee

Clerk Gina Maltby

Absent from meeting:	Trustee Brandon Stearns
	Trustee Anthony Giboo

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Works Daren Smith, Code Enforcement Officer Chris Lexer, Treasurer Chris Edmunds, Fire Chief Jeff Holmes and department member Andy Eastman, Dog Control Officer Jeremy Lavery.

MINUTES

Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy, moved suspension of the reading of the Minutes of the previous board meeting October 6, 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: Treasurer Edmunds advised board members that all have been supplied with a copy of the September and October reports. Need to increase engineering A1440.4 by $82.50 from A599 appropriated fund balance. Will need to keep increasing it as bills for the sewer project are received.

Fire Chief Jeff Holmes advised there were 35 calls for the month of October:

EMS CALLS

Village	9
Town of Yorkshire	8
Town of Freedom	3
Machias	4
West Valley	1

SMOKE INVESTIGATION

Village	1
Town of Yorkshire	2

HAZARDOUS CONDITION

Village	1

VEHICLE FIRE

Town of Freedom	1

CO DETECTOR ACTIVATION

Town of Yorkshire	1

LANDING ZONE

Machias	1

AUTO ACCIDENT

Town of Yorkshire	1

AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM

Village	2

In other department news, the fall meat raffle will be held Saturday. Doors open at 6:00 PM, first spin at 7:00. Ground ladder testing will be taking place on Friday at 10:00, fire service safety testing. The next EMS plan meeting

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was tentatively scheduled for November 19th but notice was put out that the date needs to be changed. Not sure when it will take place, should be between the 19th and first week of December. Will let Clerk Maltby know of new scheduled date. Clerk Maltby presented Chief Holmes with a rescue squad donation envelope that was dropped off.

Superintendent of Public Works Daren Smith reported the following:

1.) Been working up at springs. Got some of the spring lines and boxes cleaned out.
2.) Ended up having to do a lot of marking for the engineering firm on the sewer project.
3.) Fixed a Grove Street water leak on the 22nd and a Delevan Ave. leak on the 27th. On the 22nd it was a flare fitting on Village side. Rural water came out to confirm that it was not the main. On the 27th, a six-inch main broke. It was found out about when water surfaced after a truck drove over. Between fixing the two leaks, it saves 32 gallons of water per minute.
4.) Trouble regulating chlorine level. Cut the well back, the filters aren't running as much. The tank up in the woods is running over.
5.) Finished black topping; Chris and his guys did a lot of work. Shoulders, driveway approaches. Stevens, Owens and Palmer were done this year.
6.) Done chipping brush for the year. Chris had to send the chipper in because there were still problems with it at the end.
7.) Crew for National Grid have been clearing brush; made it to the reservoir in the woods. Have not made it to the other side yet. Should be on the other side of the tank tomorrow. They have cut down locust trees growing next to the building and have been chipping and removing everything.
8.) Need to replace a light in one of the park shelters and reset the clock on the front of the building.

Clerk Gina Maltby reported the following:

1.) Prepared Vouchers and Abstract
2.) Cash receipts provided to each board member.
3.) Five parking tags issued in the month of October.
4.) Water shut-off update: there were a total of eight shut-offs performed, three accounts have yet to pay. One of them wanted the water shut off since no one is living there and they are preparing to winterize the home. Total amount due for the three: $396.31.
5.) Outstanding water to be collected: $2,552.23.
6.) Planning on mailing out December water bills the 27th if possible.
7.) Finished collecting Village taxes for the year; those that were unpaid have been sent back to the County.
8.) The Village office will be closed next Wednesday the 11th due to the holiday.

COMMUNICATIONS

1.) **Williamson Law Book**:

#721 SOFTWARE SUPPORT CONTINUATION

Moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy, to authorize clerk Gina Maltby to sign the water software support agreement with Williamson Law for the sum of $1,542.00 – an increase of $73.00 from last year.

Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Farrington aye, Mayor Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns absent, Trustee Giboo absent.

3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1.) **Sewer Project**: Lexer advised the board that underground locates were done for surveyors to pickup water lines for mapping. Project has been moving forward well. However, the Village did not receive any funds from the WQIP grant that was released. The Village has received only the 7.4million from before. The numbers that were talked about at the community informational meeting still stand. There are other funding agencies to apply for in the future and the Village can reapply for WQIP funds again next year and still use it in this project. Cannot apply for the CBDG grant until further along in the project. It is not a definite that the Village would receive funds; the Village probably did not score high enough this time.

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Should be having a phone conference to go over why. The Village board needs to decide on whether to move forward with the project. There are a few things that can be looked at to try to reduce the cost (less expensive property purchases, less easements, etc.). Discussion was had on whether to move forward with the project or not; the Board agreed to proceed and move forward with the sewer project.
Lexer also advised that the meeting with Machias did not happen. Updated the board on recent discussions and reviewed shared costs, upgrades, repairs, etc. Will continue discussing with Machias and keep the board updated.
Surveyors have started already – they have been out with drones and walking. Wetlands have been marked out and will have to confirm that they would not be affecting or going through wetlands.

2.) **Community building door:** Lavery advised that Trustee Giboo gave a verbal quote of around $3,000.00 to replace the door on the community building and that a quote should've been dropped off. Clerk Maltby advised that nothing has been received yet. Superintendent Smith advised the frame should still be useable. Board members reviewed the form that was received from the Cattaraugus County probation department. A written quote will be needed to provide to them. Lavery advised he will follow up with Trustee Giboo on quote and get the information sent over.
Reviewed monthly report: 1 dog seizure, 0 dog on dog attacks, 0 dog on human attacks, 0 dangerous dog complaints, 1 dog found to be unlicensed. Went to court for an unlicensed dog that was running at large. Contacted owners about getting their dog licensed. Had a dog complaint on First Ave., spoke with the owners of the dog. Has been working on the issue of vandalism the occurred in the community building. Had an issue of people covering the light at the gazebo in the park. Caught the individual and had a talk with him. Was asked by a resident how long someone can stay in a camper on property. Code Enforcement officer Lexer advised for no more than a 30 day period.

3.) **Clock:** Time is still wrong on the Dubay park clock. Trustee Farrington advised she will find out if a previous board member is available to see if they are able to fix it.

4.) **EMS Plan meeting:** Discussed during Chief Holmes' report.

NEW BUSINESS

1.) **Snowplow Contract:** Lexer advised the board that the per-trip cost has been increased by $30.00 from last year due to increasing costs. Went over increase in cost of salt, advised will have to increase the per-trip amount next year as well.

#722 SNOWPLOW CONTRACT APPROVAL

Moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy, to approve the snowplow contract with the Town of Yorkshire for the fee of $280.00 per trip – an increase of $30.00 per trip from last year.
Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Farrington aye, Mayor Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns absent, Trustee Giboo absent.
3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Carried.

#723 AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN

Moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy, to authorize Mayor Sherwood to sign the snowplow contract with the Town of Yorkshire.
Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Farrington aye, Mayor Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns absent, Trustee Giboo absent.
3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Carried.

2.) **Taxes current to overdue:**

#724 TAXES CURRENT TO TAXES OVERDUE

It was moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED: that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to make the following budgetary transfer in the amount of $12,671.25 comprised of $11,662.27 base taxes, penalties of $932.98 and late notice fees of $76.00 from A250 Taxes Current to Taxes Overdue.

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Upon roll call vote:

Trustee Dominessy	aye
Trustee Giboo	absent
Trustee Stearns	absent
Trustee Farrington	aye
Trustee Sherwood	aye

The resolution was declared adopted.

PAY CLAIMS

The bills for the previous month of October were presented and audited. It was moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy, to make payment of $82,934.37 Abstract #006, $70,678.14 General Fund Claims and $12,256.23 in payment of Water Fund.

Trustee Dominessy aye, Trustee Farrington aye, Mayor Sherwood aye, Trustee Stearns absent, Trustee Giboo absent.

3 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 PM it was moved by Trustee Farrington, seconded by Trustee Dominessy to adjourn. Carried.

Village Clerk Gina Maltby

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