

Village of Franklinville

April 13, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the village office at 6pm. Members present were Mayor Ashley Schumaker, Trustees Carissa Vincent, Steve Pockey and Scott Hillman. Trustee Sherrill Sciortino was absent. SPW Cary Hatch, Chief Robert Cintron and Rick Heavern were also in attendance.

Trustee Hillman moved, 2nd by Trustee Vincent to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2026, meeting as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scheduled guests-

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman to enter public hearing to discuss the 2026-27 Village of Franklinville Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Schumaker presented the 2026-2027 Budget and stated that the Board has stayed within the required 2% tax cap. Garbage collection will increase by 2% going up .70 per quarter to \$34.70 totaling \$138.00 per year for each unit. The water rate will increase 3%, .19 per 1000 gallons of water to a total of \$6.49 per 1000 gallons, this increase is the direct result of the increase in electricity costs. The Board did not increase the sewer rate although the sewer budget has been affected significantly by increased electric costs and additional testing and monitoring requirements via NYS DEC. Mayor Schumaker asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed budget. There were none. Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hillman moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to pass the 2026-2027 Village of Franklinville budget as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Schumaker presented the idea of the Board of Trustee meetings going to one a month vs two a month. She said this will be a more efficient use of time for everyone and if there is an additional meeting needed it can be scheduled and posted as required. Board members agreed.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman, to hold one Board of Trustees meeting each month, the second Monday of each month effective immediately. All ayes. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday May 11, 2026, at 6pm.

Petitions and requests from the floor-

Rick Heavern inquired about the letter he sent on behalf of the Fire Department regarding the Village selling the tennis courts to the department for \$1 as they (Fire Department) are preparing to renovate their facilities. The Board said that although the courts are not being used, the community requests the use often. The Board of Trustees will get into a much more in-depth conversation regarding the property and purposes for the tennis courts and basketball courts across the street at the next meeting. She encouraged Mr. Heavern to attend the May 11th meeting as well as any fire department members.

Mr. Heavern asked what the status of the Park Square TAP grant application was. Mayor Schumaker said the grant was never submitted because they could not get the financial matching requirement secured in time. She said there are a couple other grants that she is looking into, to see if the Village would be eligible to apply for. She said the Village municipality is here to support property owners, but the owners still need to invest in their properties. Mr. Heavern asked if the Cattaraugus County IDA would help. Mayor Schumaker said they have contacted the IDA several times seeking support and they never respond or follow through. The current stance of the Village Board is focusing on small sustainable steps to achieve in the downtown area in hopes it will carry forward to bigger projects and funding. She said one good example of the municipality and owner working together and having a successful outcome is Skateland. With the change in ownership and code enforcement working together, the business is beginning to thrive, looks better than it has in years, and will no doubt get bigger in the near future.

Reports from department heads-

Chief Cintron presented the Board with an updated activity report, he said the new officer is working well. Trustee Hillman moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to change the employment status for Officer Harliegh Lavery from full time to part time. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hillman asked what the status of the new digital speed signs was, Chief Cintron said the department is waiting for additional training on how to use them. As soon as that is done, he will meet with SPW Hatch regarding placement.

SPW Hatch-Trustee Hillman asked about the required sewer testing, SPW Hatch said that he thinks the additional testing will be required by the DEC for the foreseeable future.

Zoning Department- Mayor Schumaker said that property maintenance is especially important for progress in the Village and said that commercial properties are subject to code enforcement inspections regardless of having an active business or not. She said a letter will be sent to all business owners informing them of this and getting the process of applying and scheduling inspections set up with the code enforcement office.

Trustee Hillman moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to hold a public hearing Monday May 11, 2026, to deem 14 Elm Street uninhabitable and condemned. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports from Board members-

Mayor Schumaker said that Maple Festival plans are in full swing and going well.

Trustee Vincent moved, 2nd by Trustee Pockey to pay the bills totaling \$68,622.79 from the General Fund, \$30,899.56 from the Water Fund and \$31,585.57 from the Sewer Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pockey moved, 2nd by Trustee Hillman to adjourn meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.