

**Village of South Dayton Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Killock called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Village Library.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Killock	Present	
Trustee Kevin Butcher	Present	
Trustee Melinda Frederickson	Absent	Present at 7:16 pm
Trustee Joseph Kortz	Present	
Trustee Jenna Tabak	Present	
Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Scott	Present	

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE

Ellsworth Textor

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Karen Strickland

MEETING MINUTES

- Board members reviewed the Board Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2026. Mayor Killock asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Tabak made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Kortz seconded the motion. AYE 4. NAY 0. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Karen Strickland – Backstreet Girls. New shop on Oak Street located in the former Astry Hardware. Handcrafted items will be sold. Already have 12 people who want to set up tables. Shop opens March 20th.
- Karen Strickland - Corey Trautman suggested some students could work in the park to help with Spring clean-up for community service.
- Karen Strickland – “I want to comment on the Dissolution. I love living in the Village and I look at government as providing a quality of life for the people. Will the Town allow us to do what we do now? Will the Town offer the quality of life that we have now? People need time to absorb the information.”
 - Mayor Killock commented the coming budget will knock people's socks off. Had to make the budget on assumption we are still in business. Some services will be reduced a lot due to manpower. Everything is going up.
 - Trustee Kortz commented he is still unsure about the dissolution. The budget for this year makes him lean toward dissolution. The Town has done a decent job taking care of the road this winter. There aren't a lot of services that we offer anyway.
 - Ellsworth Textor commented we should look at some of the communities that have been successful.
 - Trustee Kortz commented it would make sense for the Town to keep the Village DPW open.
 - Ellsworth Textor commented Towns will start having shared services in the future.
 - Trustee Butcher commented Town taxes will have to go up whether or not the Village dissolves.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

DEPOT REPORT – KAREN STRICKLAND

- There will be four Easter trains. Have not received a schedule for train excursions this year.
- In the future months, individual Town historians will come to the Depot and talk about their Towns.

Mayor Killock asked for a motion to accept the Depot Report. Trustee Tabak made a motion to accept the Depot Report. Trustee Kortz seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. Carried.

LIBRARY REPORT – TRUSTEE JOSEPH KORTZ

- Kristy Kohler is back from her surgery time off. Kristy will be in the Library on Thursdays and Saturdays. She will serve coffee on Saturdays.
- Still having issues deciding what to do about a new door.
- Pine Valley School reached out to the Library about Greek mythology books. Kristy Kohler is going to order some.

Mayor Killock asked for a motion to accept the Library Report. Trustee Frederickson made a motion to accept the Library Report. Trustee Butcher seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. Carried.

PLAYGROUND REPORT – TRUSTEE JENNA TABAK

- The ground is really wet at the Playground.
- Need to talk with Lori Petersen about the Playground grant and if we should pursue it.

Mayor Killock asked for a motion to accept the Playground Report. Trustee Kortz made a motion to accept the Playground Report. Trustee Frederickson seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. Carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – DAVID HECKMAN

- No report.
- Mayor Killock stated Heckman wants to retire, so he is looking for a replacement to take over the position.

DPW REPORT – MAYOR ROBERT KILLOCK

- Kirk Smuda has changed his schedule. He will work for the Village on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week, and Gretchen will work her part time position Monday through Friday. Brush pick up will start in April on the first and third Mondays of the month. Trustee Butcher and Killock will help clean up the park. Residents should remove the extra sod from their yards and put it in a pile on the shoulder of the road.

Mayor Killock asked for a motion to accept the DPW report. Trustee Butcher made a motion to accept the DPW report. Trustee Frederickson seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. Carried.

CLERK/TREASURER – BARBARA SCOTT

- Received a check from NYSEG for \$6,861.60 as part of the rebate for the ZEV Charging Project.
- Received \$52,580.00 for Stormwater Project expenses. This will go toward repayment of the \$709,750.00 RAN we received in June 2025. We will also owe \$31,100.00 for interest.
- Water/Sewer payments were due February 9th. We received about \$22,500.00 in water/sewer payments. Unpaid accounts total \$3,877.00 plus late charges. According to local law, customers must pay their accounts in full within 75 days of the due date.

Mayor Killock asked for a motion to accept the Clerk/Treasurer report. Trustee Kortz made a motion to accept the Clerk/Treasurer report. Trustee Frederickson seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. ABSTAIN 0. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS & MAYOR’S REPORT – MAYOR ROBERT KILLOCK

- Tentative Budget for 2026 -2027 was given to the Board last week for review. Killock discussed various changes in revenue and expenses. Budget was written for dissolution and non-dissolution scenarios. There will be a 17.3% increase in the budget. Assessed value dropped about \$41,000.00 from last year. Even with increases, some services and positions will be eliminated. Water/Sewer rates will increase 3%.
- Trustee Kortz asked for clarification on RAN interest, NYS Retirement and Unallocated Insurance. Killock replied with information for those items.
- Killock asked the Board to approve the tentative budget so it could be released to the public and reviewed at a Public Hearing on April 8th. Trustee Kortz made a motion to approve the Tentative 2026 – 2027 Budget. Trustee Frederickson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Mayor Robert Killock	X		
Trustee Kevin Butcher	X		
Trustee Melinda Frederickson	X		
Trustee Joseph Kortz	X		
Trustee Jenna Tabak	X		

AYE 4. NAY 0. ABSTAIN 0. Carried.

- Amy Coté is available to serve as Bond Counsel for the Procore lawsuit. Billable rate is \$375.00 per hour. Calling for a vote to approve using her as our Attorney for this. Legal fees should be paid through the project, but there is no guarantee. Attorney will be suing insurance company and judgment should include legal and court fees. Trustee Butcher made a motion to hire Amy Coté to serve as Bond Counsel for the Procore lawsuit. Trustee Frederickson seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. Abstain 0. Trustee Kortz noted that he voted AYE because his understanding is that Coté’s attorney fees will be included in the judgment.
- Mayor Killock stated notices will be mailed to overdue water/sewer customers and service will be suspended for non-payment. Killock would like a member of the Board to accompany the DPW when they go around to suspend service. Trustee Tabak commented water/sewer is a utility. Other utilities would not allow customers to avoid paying their bills.

TRUSTEE REPORT – KEVIN BUTCHER

- No report.
- Mayor Killock stated there is a Ham and Basket Raffle on 3/14/26 at the Fire Hall.

TRUSTEE REPORT – MELINDA FREDERICKSON

- Easter Egg Hunt will be March 28th at 1:00 pm at the Playground. Trustee Butcher and Chris Rupp will help with the Egg Hunt. Kristy Kohler said she would make flyers for the event. Trustee Kortz will discuss with Kohler. Age groups for the Egg Hunt are 0-3, 4-6, 7-9
- Thank you to the Library for sponsoring the event.

TRUSTEE REPORT – JOSEPH KORTZ

- There is a group of community members who want to clean up trash in the park and around the Village. Will do that on Saturday 3/14/26. Mayor Killock said volunteers should pick up trash in trash bags and throw those bags in the trailer in the garage bay. Volunteers will be from the Free Methodist Church and Community in Action.

TRUSTEE REPORT – JENNA TABAK

- Reviewed Abstracts and deposits for February and everything was in order. Did not review payroll yet. Will get that done next week.

NEXT MEETINGS

- **Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the South Dayton Fire Hall**
 - Public Hearing to review the Proposed Dissolution Plan. Representatives from CGR (Center for Governmental Research) will be present to answer questions.
- **Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Village Library**
 - Public Hearing to review the Tentative 2026 – 2027 Budget
 - Monthly Board Meeting and Reorganizational Meeting will follow the Public Hearing.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Killock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Frederickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Tabak seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. ABSTAIN 0. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Barbara L. Scott
Clerk/Treasurer