

**Village of South Dayton Board Meeting  
January 14, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Killock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Village Library.

**ROLL CALL**

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| Mayor Robert Killock          | Present |
| Trustee Kevin Butcher         | Present |
| Trustee Melinda Frederickson  | Present |
| 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 December 10, 2025. Mayor Killock asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Frederickson made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes. Trustee Kortz seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS – MAYOR KILLOCK**

- Ridout's will be here Monday 1/19/26 to install zoning for the furnace. That day is an office holiday, so Spartan Claiborne will come in and open the doors for them.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- No comments

**DEPOT REPORT – KAREN STRICKLAND**

- Asking folks to remember Jack Reinhard. He passed away. Reinhard was instrumental in the Depot restoration.
- Would like to plan something for America's 250<sup>th</sup> celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Killock suggested an observance with the Legion. Other ideas were discussed. Raffles, flags, chicken barbeque, music. Trustee Frederickson said she would think of more ideas. Killock said we should form a committee. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.
- Trustee Butcher stated Tina Armstrong passed away. She was one of the women who helped with the Farmers Market. Strickland stated Tina's mother, Cindy Lauer, will continue with the Farmers Market. Lauer wants to open the old Astry Hardware and sell crafts. Mayor Killock stated the Code Officer will have to inspect the building before she opens. Local laws have to be as stringent as NYS code laws.
- Trying to promote Amish Trail. Super Duper will be the entrance in our area to the Amish Trail.
- Strickland talked to Cattaraugus County Bank President. In the spring, CCB will put down landscape fabric and gravel to keep the weeds down behind the bank. Collection ponds need to be cut down.
- Strickland offered to compensate the Village for electric costs associated with Christmas lights in the Gazebo. Mayor Killock stated the Village would take care of paying for that.

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

**LIBRARY REPORT – TRUSTEE JOSEPH KORTZ**

- Purged children's books that we're getting rid of. 90% books have been scanned.
- Will issue Library cards soon.
- 6 months remaining to spend money from our grant. Need to spend money on something besides a tutor.
- Still looking at door replacement options.

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**

- No report.
- Mayor Killock mentioned there is a grant available for playground improvements. Killock will forward the information to Tabak.

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

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT – REPORT FROM DAVID HECKMAN - READ BY MAYOR ROBERT KILLOCK**

- December 2025 – Visits to Main Street, Maple Street, Mill Street, Pine Street, Village Office.
- Mayor Killock stated there was a fire sprinkler rupture at STEL Pine Valley Apartments. Heckman went through the building and gave verbal recommendations on what they need. Heckman did not issue any violations. Heckman said pipes that burst were not properly insulated. Mother board on elevator went down and a person got trapped. Fire Department had to release her. Until space is properly repaired, all residents have been evacuated.
- Had a request from Carissa (spelling) Bailey to open a flower shop at 209 Pine Street in the old mercantile space. Heckman will talk with her.
- Trustee Kortz asked if there was any update on the burned-out trailer on Oaks Road or the property on Main Street. Killock replied there was no update. Kortz commented we should ticket people who have burned out properties.
- Killock said he received a letter from Cattaraugus County Land Bank. Will suggest Nestle and old Amerigas properties.

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

#### **DPW – REPORT FROM MAYOR ROBERT KILLOCK**

- Steve Pollock resigned in December, so Kirk Smuda was changed from part time to full time, and his pay rate increased from \$17.00 to \$18.00 per hour. Kirk will receive full time benefits, including insurance buyout and cell phone allowance. We will not hire anyone else at this time. Talked to Gretchen Snyder and she doesn't think we need another DPW employee at this time. We will not insist Kirk get his CDL because it is not needed at this time.
- Trustee Butcher asked If there had been any issues with the Town of Dayton plowing. Killock replied there had been no issues, but the Town was purchasing sand and salt from the County. That is not the Village's responsibility to pay for sand and salt per the agreement. They are supposed to be using sand and salt the Village has.

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

#### **CLERK/TREASURER – BARBARA SCOTT**

- Water Sewer bills were mailed this week. Payment is due February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Four CD's matured January 11<sup>th</sup>.
  1. CD Balance \$10,641.10                      Rolled into new CD.
  2. CD Balance \$10,196.99                      Rolled into new CD.
  3. CD Balance \$51,010.68                      Closed. Funds deposited to General Fund Checking.
  4. CD Balance \$15,295.49                      Closed. Funds deposited to General Fund Savings.
- CHIPS – Next reimbursement will be 3/17/26. Submitting Kravitz for \$5,000.00
- Scott stated her work schedule will change in the coming weeks/months due to illness with her husband. Mayor Killock said that Trustees should contact the Mayor or Spartan Claiborne if they need something during that time. The Village purchased a voice recorder for meetings if Scott is unable to attend and take minutes.
- Mayor Killock said ZEV Charger project requires much administrative work. Clerk/Treasurer Scott is currently working on a NYSEG EV Phase Rate application. Scott commented that for a small project, the ZEV project has required many applications and forms to be completed.
- Thank you to Trustee Tabak for reviewing accounting records that had not been reviewed previously. Everything to date has been reviewed.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS & MAYOR'S REPORT – MAYOR ROBERT KILLOCK**

- There will be a Republican Caucus on Monday January 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Village Library. Judge Textor commented there is Court that night so people cannot go through the Court to use the bathroom. Trustee Kortz said he could take people through the Village Office.
- Waiting to hear from Board of Elections for Dissolution Referendum date. June 9th or 16th. Playground, Library, sidewalks need to be taken care of for residents and these will be included in the draft plan.
- Water Plant - revoking bond on subcontractor Pro Core. Attorney Erich Weyand is trying to find Bond Counsel to assist with this.
- Talked with Matt Zarbo about the Stormwater project. Contractor plans to start in the Spring. Talking about water line replacement, Mill and Main.
- Have a leak in ceiling of the safe. Water built up when temps were warmer and there was thawing. Small crack in the concrete of the ceiling. Covered the safe records with plastic tarp to protect them.
- Trustee Tabak and Killock will start working on water rates and an amendment to the water law. Possibly an additional levy fee. Debt will be charged to all – including vacant property owners.

**TRUSTEE REPORT – KEVIN BUTCHER**

- No report

**TRUSTEE REPORT – MELINDA FREDERICKSON**

- Legion will work with Fire Belles at the Fire Hall next year for the Christmas Event. We won't use the Depot. Santa will be at the Fire Hall. Much warmer.
- Rumors that the Jenny Lee is going to open. If the restaurant does open, her family won't do concessions during Music in the Park concerts.

**TRUSTEE REPORT – JOSEPH KORTZ**

- Covered in Library report

**TRUSTEE REPORT – JENNA TABAK**

- December reports have been reviewed with no discrepancies. Caught up to date.

**NEXT MEETING**

- The next monthly Board Meeting will be Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Village Library.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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Barbara L. Scott  
Clerk/Treasurer