

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

3/02/2026 4:00 PM

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order with a salute to the flag at 4:00pm by Deputy Mayor John Kolkowski

Present: Trustees: Robert Barton; Shannon Barie; DPW Superintendent Anthony Papasergi; Clerk Treasurer Kimberly Roth; Chief of Police Paul Griffith; Deputy Clerk Athena Silluzio; Residents: Allison Thomas, Peggy Andress, Dominic Papasergi, Michael Johnson, Jerry Cummins

RESOLUTION #2026-016-ACCEPT MINUTES

On motion made by Trustee S. Barie second by Trustee R. Barton resolved to approve the minutes from February 2, 2026. Aye-all; Nay-none

RESOLUTION #2026-017-APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT BILLS

On motion made by Trustee R. Barton, second by Trustee S. Barie resolved to approve the payment of current bills. Aye-all; Nay-none

PUBLIC SESSION

Allison Thomas asked about the property on South 7th Street that Dennis Peterson owns. She asked if a building permit was given. Deputy Mayor J. Kolkowski stated a stop work order was issued to the property until a building permit/special use permit is issued. Allison and Peggy stated that they heard saws and that work was being done on Saturday February 28. Allison mentioned a cell phone tower being installed back in 2012 and she believes no notices were given and feels that Mr. Peterson just does what he wants and gets away with it. Deputy Mayor J. Kolkowski stated he will meet with code enforcement on Tuesday and they will go and speak to Mr. Peterson and he will get back to Allison after they meet.

DPW REPORT

DPW Superintendent A. Papasergi provided the Board of Trustees with the report for February 2026. (report is attached)

POLICE REPORT

Chief of Police Paul Griffith provided the Board of Trustees with the report for February 2026. (report is attached).

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CURRENT BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #2026-018 - URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY.

On motion of Trustee Robert Barton seconded by Trustee Shannon Barie the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes all

 Nays none

WHEREAS, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Village of Allegany are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NATIONAL GRID; and

WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS, rural and low-density communities such as the Village of Allegany are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board of the Village of Allegany formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NATIONAL GRID customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from NATIONAL GRID, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Mayor/Deputy Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Town and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NATIONAL GRID, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by NATIONAL GRID, and to encourage coordinated action among affected towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Mayor J. Kolkowski asked the Board of Trustees if they reviewed the tentative budget that was given to them. Trustee S. Barie stated she had a few questions but they would have to wait until after executive session.

RESOLUTION #2026-019-ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

On motion made by Trustee R. Barton, second by Trustee S. Barie resolved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Aye-all, Nay-none

RESOLUTION #2026-020-CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion made by Trustee S. Barie, second by Trustee R. Barton resolved to close executive session. Aye-all, Nay-none

Trustee S. Barie asked about the police budget in the proposed budget. She asked about the increase in the uniform budget. Chief of Police P. Griffith explained the increase is due to the need for new vests for the officers.

RESOLUTION #2026-021-SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

On motion made by Trustee S. Barie, second by Trustee R. Barton resolved to approve a public hearing March 19th at 4:00pm for the 2026-2027 proposed budget.

RESOLUTION #2026-022-ADJOURN MEETING

On motion made by Trustee S. Barie, second by Trustee R. Barton resolved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm. Aye-all, Nay-none

Respectfully submitted.

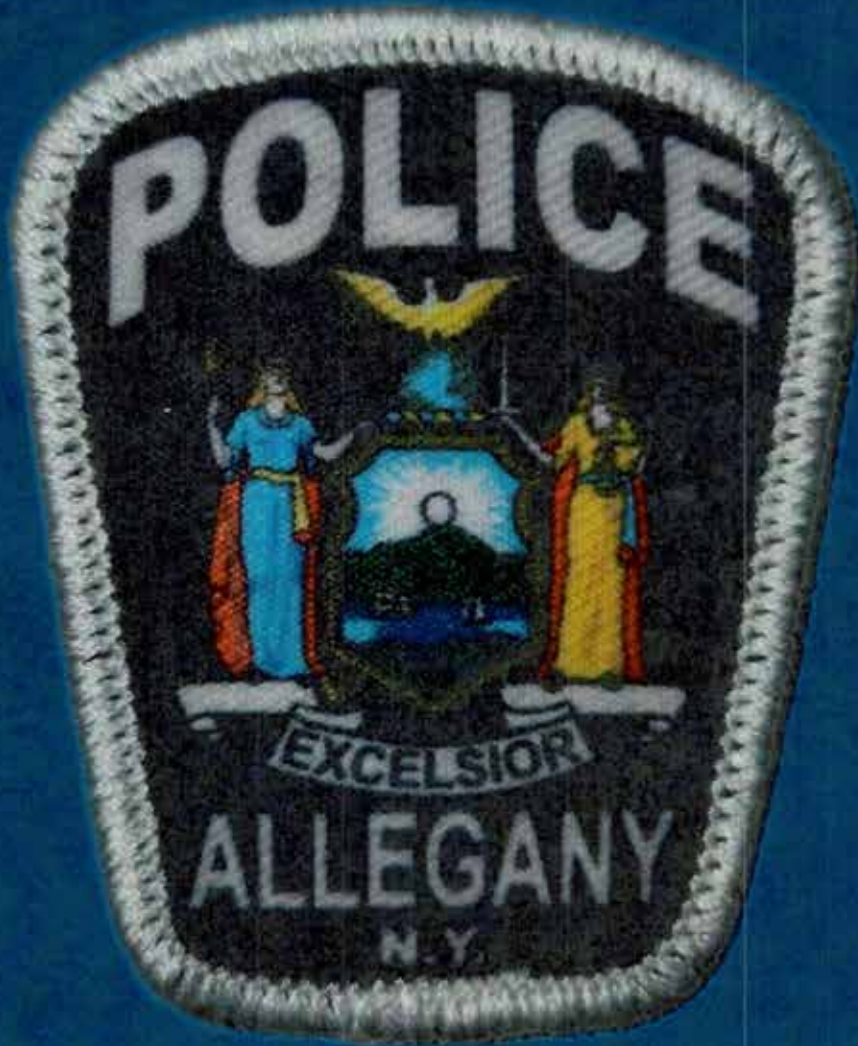
Kimberly Roth/Clerk Treasurer

Monthly DPW Report

Month: February 2026

- *Locates completed as needed*
- *Worked on residential meters as needed*
- *Picked up garbage on Main Street and at Park/Boat Launch*
- *Plowed and Salted Village roads and properties as needed*
- *Vehicle maintenance as needed*
- Finished drywall and trim around picture window in PD.
- Began erecting partition wall in PD
- Xylem completed Preventative Maintenance on both Lift Stations. Found oil plugs needed of replacement at Lift Station 1. Parts were ordered and will be installed when they come back in the fall for PM's. Cost was \$285
- Main breaker on school zone sign at 4th and Maple failed causing the sign not to work. Depuy Electric replaced breaker. Signs and software are old, broken parts, outdated and should be replaced. Looking into using CHIPS money towards new signs and software. Cost quoted from 2025 was \$11,200.00 for new signs, flashing lights, and software. Cost does not include installation. Attempted last year to get the school to pay fully or partial with no success.
- Started servicing small equipment
- Thawed frozen water lines at the Hickey Tavern, Library and two residential customers. Our unit was also borrowed by Village of Franklinville to thaw one of their customers
- Completed and set in annual DEC Water withdrawal report.
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Allegany Police Department
February Statistics Report
2026



Calls for Service

All calls Responded and Proactive Patrol

Village 239
Year to date 537

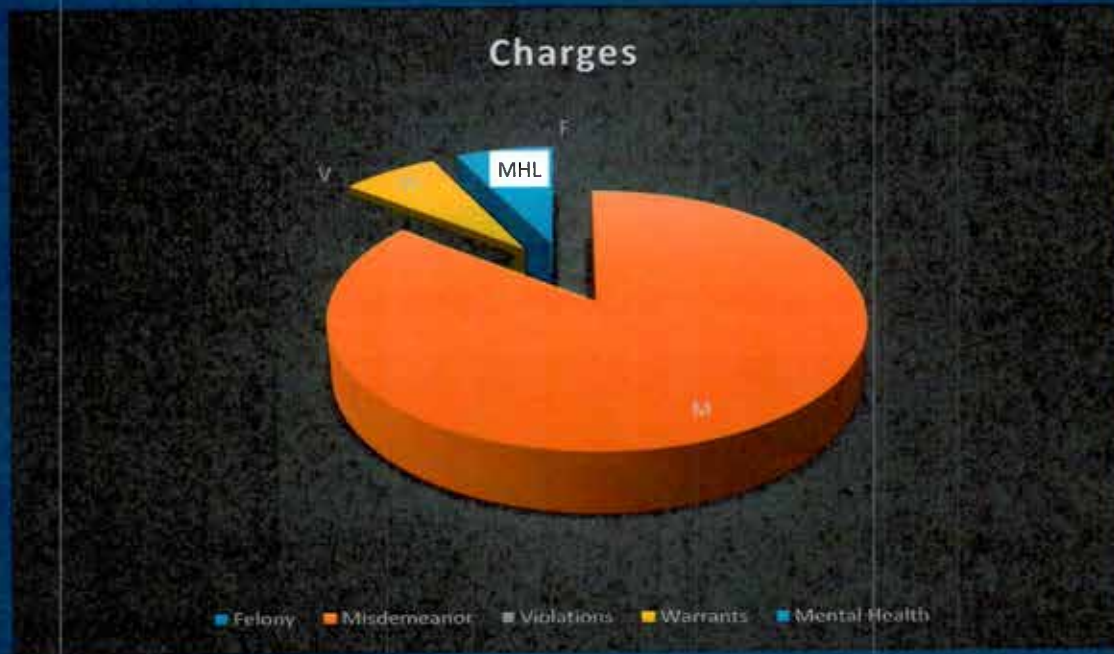
Town 49
Year to date 109

Total Monthly 288
Total Year to date 646



Arrest Charges

Arrests charges are the number of charges file by the Allegany Police Department and are not the total number of persons arrested.



Arrest Charges	Village	Town	Monthly Total	Year to Date
Felony	-	-	-	-
Misdemeanor	-	1	1	13
Violations	1	-	1	1
Warrants	1	0	1	3
Mental Heath	-	-	-	1
Total	2	1	3	18

Driving While Intoxicated

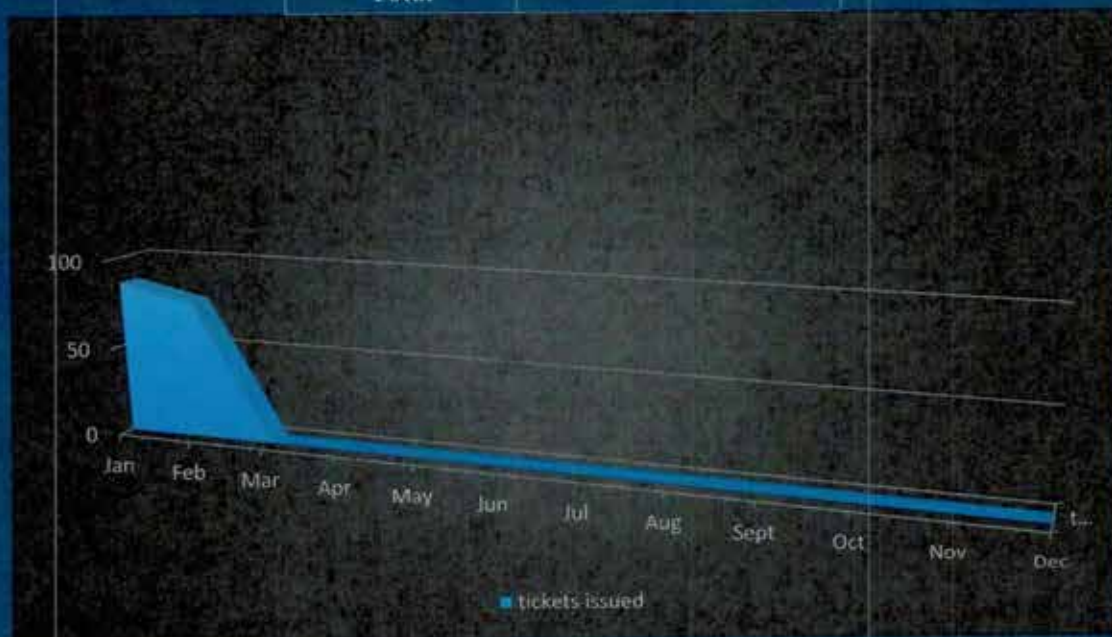
DWI arrests are based on the number of persons arrested for the DWI not on charges filed at the time of the arrest



DWI	Village	Town	Monthly Total	Year to date
Felony	-	-	-	-
Misdemeanor	0	1	0	3

Parking Tickets

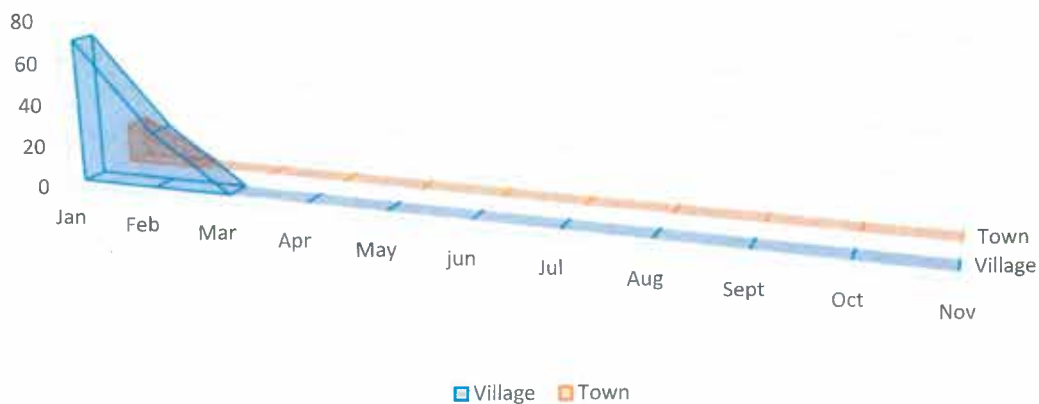
January	86
February	77
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
Year to date Total	



Traffic Tickets

2020	Village	Town	Total
January	69	19	88
February	27	0	27
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Total	96	19	115

Traffic Tickets



Traffic Accidents

2020	Village	Town	Monthly Total
January	1	1	2
February	1	2	3
March	-	-	-
April	-	-	-
May	-	-	-
June	-	-	-
July	-	-	-
August	-	-	-
September	-	-	-
October	-	-	-
November	-	-	-
December	-	-	-
Year to Date	2	3	5

