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Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - 6:30 pm
Angelica Grange, 55 Park Circle

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by J. Shannon
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll call of members/public present: Josh Shannon, Colleen Gyr, Christie Kalinowski, Karin Bruton
Missing: Jim Ryan Village/Town Residents: None Guest: Kier Dirlam
- IV. Minutes from March 10, 2026 approved. Motioned by J. Shannon, seconded by K. Bruton
- V. Public Comment - None
- VI. Reports
 - a. Village Board Meeting Notes: Mayor asked for questions and Karin brought up the need for a moratorium to be put in place against any data centers being built in our area. She was assured that it could not happen, yet a BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) has already been built next to the Crossroads Center. Mayor Claypool said he would look into it and get back to Karin. The village hired Seth Preston, being trained by Archie McRae and will become the head of the Water Dept. Quite a few trees were down with the last storm and power outages. The village has received a 15K quote for a line project. Sand/Salt storage has been eliminated so the Helipad will be moved to accommodate. Guard rails are needed, especially on Peavy Rd, as the Mayor feels it is a situation that will become a body retrieval one day and not an assist. A bracket is needed for a solar panel. Our population has gone down as have our property values and this could pose a problem with our risk assessment from the Comptroller's Office. MACE has a new inspector. A tree removal request from 117 Mechanic St., but may not be village responsibility. Speeding continues to be an issue. More presence and signage is needed. A big issue is not enough businesses are open. Often there isn't even one car parked and makes it more inviting to speed through. Shared Services is being pursued. Pickleball is moving forward. Christmas lights need to be removed. Solar panels are too expensive to consider. Resolutions passed included: Supporting Gov. Hochul in her request for \$100 million in increased funding for temporary municipal assistance in the executive budget proposal. The village received \$9,017 in the past and this will triple that amount. Accepted a \$2,200 grant for the summer rec program, an increase from \$497. Revision to long-term agreement with the NY Power Authority. 10 year agreement, lowers rates, allotment increased by 100 kw. General fund to cover excess payment for police department education. Water abstract will be completed at the end of the month.
 - b. Josh attended the ARC (Appalachian Regional Council) Grant Seminar: They asked the public to "like" their Facebook page "Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board. To be eligible for a grant, you have to be a Church, Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit 501c(3) or Community organization. 4-6 grants could be given. The ARC grant is 2-10 million. 10-14 applications per year. Those that are best prepared are usually selected. Cultural and tourism grants are rare; need to show how they help Allegany county is "At Risk", with no county in the "Distress" level. ARC grants need to be matched by 30% of the total grant This part can be in cash, salary, equipment or in-kind donations, They do like to see a bit of cash already in our accounts. Applying now means an answer by next year May / June. Josh handed out a timeline and a Letter of Intent is due May 1st. The max given is \$250,000, effectively \$215,000 (70% of total). They are not interested in the full construction projects, but would pay for the material for the project. The application is due June 15th. Our number one project is a public restroom in the downtown area to support the businesses. The one available at the village offices is too far away, when young children have a need. The land the Board was looking into is not priced at market value and will no longer be considered. It was intended to turn it into a memorial park with picnic tables, mural and toilets. Josh to send an email to Mayor Rob to inquire if further steps can be taken. Kier suggested that we do not buy any land until the grant has been approved.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Old School – Mr. Terwilliger replied to Josh. A price had been agreed upon a year ago dependent on inspection. It was determined that a new roof was needed, tiles contain asbestos, there is mold, mildew, needs a lot of work and therefore the price needed to be renegotiated. The original owner has passed away and the son subsequently passed away as well. The daughter has control and they are 3 years in arrears in taxes. Mr. Terwilliger feels that spending even \$1 would still be a gamble. A discussion is needed with the Mayor to see what concessions we can offer. **It is felt that the school is an anchor for the village and needs to be saved.** Perhaps this is where a grant could be used best. NYS has programs that give grants for assessing real estate for local government use. Mr. Terwilliger would very much like to work with us, if feasible. He built the Virgil Community Senior Living Center. Kier has resources we can share.
 - b. Research on closed stores for owner incentives (Karin): Tabled

- c. Any new tree plantings planned for Main St. this year (Colleen): The village tries to plant one (1) tree every year, however that does not always take place. The Lion's Club used to give money for that every year.
- d. Any further research on small town revitalization steps (All): Nothing to add

VIII. New Business

- a. Board Bios discussed. Will be submitted to Karin asap.
- b. Allegany County Housing Survey: Members of the board completed and posted on the downtown community board. Per Kier, public sessions were poorly attended.

IX. Guest Speaker(s) – Kier Dirlam: We could apply for grants to have more trees planted, historical markers as part of a downtown walking trail (embedded in the concrete), QR codes in front of each historical building. He confirmed that public access bathrooms, get businesses to open again and the school building reuse are important. Comprehensive plan map suggestions list was handed out as well as Angelica's demographic data compiled by Worldpopulationview.com. Both were reviewed briefly, but the data shows indicators we need to seriously focus on.

X. Comments, Questions, Concerns – None.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, K. Bruton motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm and was seconded by C. Kalinowski

XII. Next Public Meeting to be held on April 14, 2026 at 6:30 pm at the Grange.

ACTION ITEMS:

- ☐ Josh to reach out to Mayor Claypool to discuss whether land acquisition can be negotiated as well as indicate interest in having the school become viable again and what concessions we may be able to offer Mr. Terwilliger
- ☐ Josh to send Karin the email from Dave Hagstrom's to reach out regarding the 250th Celebration (from last month).
- ☐ Karin to research incentives for store owners
- ☐ All to look at public toilet costs
- ☐ Review 5 goals handout