Regular Board Meeting January 4, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Tony Nevone, Code Enforcement

Public: Donald Spaccio and Jessica Westlake

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – General Fund, for the amount of $69,580.75. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Water Fund, for the amount of $15,125.19. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $5,001.28. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Trust and Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,698.72. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan opened the Request for Qualification (RFQ) proposals submitted for the Owego Street Stormwater Improvement Project, OSC Contract # D040679, PIN# 6755.62. The Village received three submissions and they are as follows: Hunt Engineers, Delta Engineers, and LaBella Associates. The submissions will be reviewed by an appointed panel of three members.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan appointing Superintendent Dean Hillyard, Trustee Jeffrey Confer, and Trustee Phil Joe Smith to the Owego Street RFQ review committee. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the reimbursement of a tire replacement due to damage from Village owned equipment in the amount of $162.34. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of an EVConnect repair invoice for the vehicle charger, contingent upon a discussion of the matter with the company. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the contract for Amric Associates LTD. to provide bailiff services at the Village Court. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting January 18, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – General Fund, for the amount of $25,131.43. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Water Fund, for the amount of $6,010.47. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $130,713.38. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to accept the scoring committee recommendation of Hunt Engineers as the engineering firm for the Owego Street Stormwater Project, OSC Contract # D040679, PIN# 6755.62. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving Addendum #1 to the Montour Falls Government Operations Climate Action Plan, the Village of Montour Falls commits to a 50% reduction in GHG emissions within 10 years (2031), base year 2018. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting February 1, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jessica Westlake, Jody Saunders

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – General Fund, for the amount of $64,766.59. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Water Fund, for the amount of $5,113.19. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,631.19. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Trust and Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,070.40. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Montour Falls Library Director, Jessica Westlake, updates the board on the status of the Construction Aid project with Halco/NYSED Construction Aid Grant taking place at the library. The first phase of this project was the insulation of the attic and basement which has been completed and has produced noticeable temperature improvements. She is coordinating phase two of the project which will include more energy saving upgrades.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the New York State Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Grant Program; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up $24,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to improve and/or promote connectivity between recreation areas and communities or between waterways and land trails; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to make recreational and tourism assets more accessible for all ages and abilities and expand audiences served; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for new sidewalks and new signage; and
WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low-and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is $29,878 which about percent of the median household income in Schuyler County ($53,291) and approximately forty-four percent household income in the entire state of New York ($71,117); and
WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local dollar-for-dollar match requirement (up to $24,000) if the grant is awarded; and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the New York State Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the SFY 2023-2024 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program issued by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES).
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to $1,000,000 in financial assistance with no match requirement; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for a new roof for the Village Firehouse; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is $29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County ($56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York ($75,157); and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) SFY 2023-2024 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Regional.
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is the primary applicant and desires to apply for up to $75,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the residents and businesses of the Village and surrounding communities; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for Operations and Safety, which includes Training, Equipment, PPE, and Wellness and Fitness in collaboration with neighboring firefighting organizations; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is $29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County ($56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York ($75,157); and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls intends to provide the local match requirement of 5% (up to $3,750) of total project cost, if the grant is awarded; and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Vehicle Acquisition
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is the primary applicant and desires to apply for up to $75,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the residents and businesses of the Village; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for Vehicle Acquisition; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is $29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County ($56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York ($75,157); and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls intends to provide the local match requirement of 5% of grant amount awarded (up to $3,750); and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety.
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to $75,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the residents and businesses of the Village; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for Operations and Safety, which includes Equipment, PPE, Modification to Facilities, Wellness and Fitness, and Training; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is $29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County ($56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York ($75,157); and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls intends to provide the local match requirement of 5% of grant amount awarded (up to $3,750); and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith accepting the 2023 Delinquent Tax List as presented and authorize the publication. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone setting the Tax Certificate Sale date as Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith resolved, the upcoming General Village Election will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024 and resolved, the polling place will be located at the Village Hall, 408 West Main Street and will be open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. AYES: Trustees Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. at the Montour Falls Village Hall, 408 W. Main St., Montour Falls, New York, to hear public comments on the transfer of funds from the general account toward the purchase of the Montour Marina. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith:

Resolution - Community Distributed Generation (Community Solar) for the Village of Montour Falls New York State Electric and Gas Electric Accounts,

WHEREAS, the NY DPS (Dept. of Public Service) and New York State Electric and Gas have implemented the Community Distributed Generation (CDG) Net-crediting billing mechanism; and
WHEREAS, this allows the Village of Montour Falls the opportunity to receive a discount directly on the New York State Electric and Gas invoice without the need for providing payment information or receiving a second invoice; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has established a relationship with Ampion, PBC. to administer the Clean Energy Communities Community Solar 'Community Campaign'; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls wishes to set an example for residents;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls authorizes the adoption of Community Distributed Generation for all eligible Village accounts with Ampion, PBC.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer:

Resolution - Village of Montour Falls Supporting Ampion Renewable Energy Program
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has been presented with an opportunity to partner with Ampion, PBC. dba Ampion Renewable Energy; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls can benefit by completing High Impact Actions associated with the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program; and
WHEREAS, Ampion has a program that is aligned with the Village's goals to promote sustainability and renewable energy for its community and residents; and
WHEREAS, Ampion is offering the Village and residents the opportunity to save money on electricity costs; and
WHEREAS, this program is offered to residents directly from Ampion; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Village of Montour Falls wishes to support this program; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, that the Village of Montour Falls supports its community's participation in the Ampion Renewable Energy Program.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to schedule budget workshops starting on February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and additional dates: March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18, 2024 as needed, with the regular board meeting immediately following. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the Village Treasurer to pursue a quote from Insero & Company CPAs for financial services. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting February 15, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Public: Jess Westlake, Jody Saunders, Karen Sinsabaugh, and Antoinette & Dustin Corbett

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – General Fund, for the amount of $39,663.41. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Water Fund, for the amount of $437.38. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $43,098.36. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan informed the board that Justice Steven Decker has been appointed by the Sixth Judicial District to serve as Village Justice for Montour Falls and Justice Leon Tuttle will be vacating as of February 29th, 2024.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer appointing two election inspectors for the election on March 19th, 2024: Thomas McGarry and Eleanor Lattin. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to waive the open container law for West Main Street only for the First Fridays on Main events held March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd during the hours of 5:00 – 8:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to open the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. to hear public comments on the temporary transfer of funds from the general account for the purchase of the Montour Marina and Campground. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Village proposes to utilize $81,000 of the General fund account as a down payment for the purchase of the Marina from NYS Canal Corp. The Village will replace the funds with money from the bond after it is obtained.

Dustin Corbett asks what the percentage of the village funds the $81,000 is and what the time frame is for bond counsel.

Mayor Ryan and Treasurer Thompson offer the answers and keep the public hearing open while addressing other Village business.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to approve the 2024-2025 Larson Design Group retainer agreement as presented. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve a 2% increase of Marina Dock and Campground rates for the 2024-2025 season. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the use of ARPA funds for the following green initiatives: to purchase an electric Polaris side-by-side and an electric zero-turn lawn mower. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan notes that the purchase of these items and submitting a solar use plan will put the Village in the position to receive $175,000 from NYSERDA.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the clerk's office staff to manage scheduling for the Fire Dept Community Room as requested by the fire department. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Nolan, and Confer. ABSTAIN: Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the Treasurer to move $81,000 into the budget. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan accepting the resignation of Justice Court Clerk, Dawn G. Rose, her last day will be February 29, 2024. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to enter into executive session at 7:49 pm for discussion of onboarding a new employee. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to exit executive session at 8:17 pm. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hire Catrina Decker as Justice Court Clerk at rate of pay of $18/hr. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting March 7, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk; Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jess Westlake, Jody Saunders, Katie Sirrine, and George Mahler

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – General Fund, for the amount of $110,381.53. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Water Fund, for the amount of $9,832.64. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,311.82. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,960.28. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone the publication of an advertisement for summer employment. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls seeks to promote the responsible disposal of all waste products created as a result of activities and events within the Village, and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and;
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community and is currently completing actions to become a Silver Certified Climate Smart Community;

The Village Board of Trustees adopts the following Government Contract Policies to go into effect May 1, 2024 for all new and renewing government contracts.
1. Waste Separation and Recycling Requirements:

a. Events held on Public Property- All event hosts/coordinators will be required to provide adequate trash, recycle, and compost receptacles, as applicable to the event, and ensure that all waste will be disposed of appropriately. Event staff must be trained on correct waste management, handling, and disposal.

b. Janitorial Services- All janitorial services that contract with the Village must separate and recycle waste appropriately, and must be trained on correct waste management, handling and disposal.

c. Construction and Demolition- Where applicable, the Project Manager will seek to recycle and/or reuse as much construction, demolition, or other project waste as is feasible given project budgets, staff time, and estimated project completion time.

The Project Manager will explore strategies to reduce construction and demolition waste where possible, as well as possible strategies for waste material recycling and reuse; such strategies may involve partnership with an outside organization for the removal, recycling, and/or reuse of waste materials.

2. Energy efficiency and fuel efficiency standards:

a. Appliances and equipment used by contractors- All appliances and equipment will be expected to be energy-efficient, with Energy Star Certification, if applicable. All equipment must be in good running condition with no leaks (fuel, hydraulics, cooling systems, etc.)

b. Transit vehicles- All transit vehicles will be expected to be energy and fuel efficient, and must be in good running condition with no leaks (fuel/exhaust, hydraulics, braking systems, cooling

systems, etc.) New and replacement vehicles must meet all State and Federal fuel efficiency standards. All routes should be the most fuel efficient available.

c. Waste hauling vehicles- All waste hauling vehicles will be expected to be energy and fuel efficient, and must be in good running condition with no leaks (fuel/exhaust, hydraulics, braking systems, cooling systems, etc.) New and replacement vehicles must meet all State and Federal fuel efficiency standards. All routes should be the most fuel efficient available.

3. Anti-idling policies for contractor vehicles:

a. This policy shall apply to all motor vehicles defined in Article 1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. No person who owns, operates or leases a motor vehicle, and contracts with the Village of Montour Falls, shall allow or permit the engine of such motor vehicle to idle for more than five consecutive minutes when the motor vehicle is not in motion, except as otherwise permitted by Exceptions Section below.

Exceptions:

(1) The motor vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions over which the operator thereof has no control.

(2) Regulations adopted by federal, state or local agencies having jurisdiction require the maintenance of a specific temperature for passenger comfort. The idling time specified may be increased, but only to the extent necessary to comply with such regulations.

(3) The engine is being used to provide power for an auxiliary purpose such as loading, discharging, mixing or processing cargo; controlling cargo temperature; construction; or farming, or operation of the engine is required for the purpose of maintenance.

(4) Fire, police and public utility trucks or other vehicles are actually performing emergency services.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to re-hire the following employee: John Brame Jr., Grady Cummings, Amanda Reasor, Jeffrey Salisbury, and James Simmons. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to obtain proposals for curbside garbage pickup, marina garbage pickup and recycling. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to approve the rate for NYS Canal Corporation dredging crew campers for the 2024-2025 season. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting March 21, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk; Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jody Saunders, Kate Sirrine, and Joe Gibson

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – General Fund, for the amount of $16,298.48. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Water Fund, for the amount of $458.96. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $44,078.22. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer the publication of an advertisement for a permanent full time municipal worker at a rate of $18.00 per hour. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone accepting the membership officers of the Montour Falls Fire Department as follows:

Fire Chief: Brian Swartwood
1st Assistant Chief: Andrew Yessman
2nd Assistant Chief: Jake Burns
Captain: Joel Husted
Lieutenant: John Horyczun
2nd Lieutenant: Keith Pierce

AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Mayor and Board reviewed the 2024 Annual Progress Report of the Montour Falls Government Operations Climate Action Plan completed by Amanda Demaria and reviewed by the Sustainability Committee.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the appointment of Jeffrey Confer as the Deputy Mayor. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the appointment of Bryan Monacelli to the Planning Board. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the appointment of Sophie Marmor to the Zoning Board of Appeals. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting April 4, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Public: Sam Hale, Sydney Fee, Colby Smith, Amanda Colunio, Lisa Bennett, Antoinette a& Dustin Corbett, Russell Gardner, and George Mahler

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – General Fund, for the amount of $41,869.32. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Water Fund, for the amount of $7,374.43. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $3,347.66. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,991.04. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer agreeing to hold a special meeting on April 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for public hearings starting at 7:05 p.m. to hear comments on the tax cap override, the proposed water and sewer rates, and the proposed 2024-2025 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the temporary closure of West Main Street on May 3rd, 2024 from 4-9 p.m. for the First Friday event between Lee and Owego Streets. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting April 18, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; Tony Nevone, Code Enforcement Officer; Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow; and Amanda Demaria, Grant Administrator

Public: Sam Hale, Brian Eslinger, Jessica Westlake, Montour Tea Company, Kate Fee and Sydney Fee

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 18 – General Fund, for the amount of $32,890.15. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 18 – Water Fund, for the amount of $333.13. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 18 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $275.34. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the Mayor to sign the marina purchase contract and any additional documents needed from NYS Canal Corporation. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Hunt Engineers Contract for engineering services for the Owego Street Stormwater Improvement Grant Project not to exceed $125,106.00. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the additional costs incurred for the marina survey in the amount of $7,650.00. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comments on the proposed changes to Chapter 160, Attachment 2, Schedule of District Regulations regarding the Mixed-Use District (MU1). AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the hiring of the following seasonal laborers: Donald Hughey, Michael Merrill, Richard Hartwell, Bruce Thatcher, and Francis Harrison. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the purchase of a 2024 Big Tex dump trailer for the amount of $11,250.00 and remove marina dumpsters. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Special Board Meeting April 25, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Confer, Trustees Philip Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Public: James Howell, John & Lorna King

Deputy Mayor Confer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law #1-2024 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to open a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on Local Law #1-2024. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

This proposed budget would require an override of the 2% tax cap that was imposed by New York State.

The tax rate will increase by $0.2836 per $1,000 of property assessment. This budget will require us to use $0 from our fund balance.

Mr. Howell inquired about the cause of the increase in revenues. The board discussed changes in the marina and purchasing the land.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law #2-2024 Amending the Code of the Village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 Water Rates and Sewer Charges

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to enter into a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed changes to the Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The water rates will remain the same with no increase under the proposed budget. The administration fee will decrease by $0.04. This budget will increase the water fund balance by $34,158.

The proposed budget would increase the sewer rates by $1.25 for residential and $1.75 for commercial per 1000 gallons. The administration fee will decrease by $0.04 and the debt charge will decrease by $0.21. This budget will require the Village to use $13,514 from the sewer fund balance.

The Board and John King discussed the Village's flow of wastewater to the new regional plant. The Village should focus on finding the infiltration in our wastewater system.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2024 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #2-2024 for Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC HEARING 2024-2025 Village Budget

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter into a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed 2024-2025 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Deputy Mayor Confer discussed the budget overview sheets for the General, Water, and Sewer Funds.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to close the Public Hearing for the Village Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving Local Law #1-2024 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as follows:

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Montour Falls to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law§ 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls, County of Schuyler, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote by roll call, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving Local Law #2, amending the Code of the Village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 Water Rates and Sewer Charges, as follows:

Local law amends residential water rates to $0.745 per hundred gallons ($7.45/thousand); residential water base charge to $3.20 per billing; residential water rates outside the Village to $1.490 per hundred gallons ($14.90/thousand); residential water base charge outside the Village to $6.40 per billing; residential sewer rates to $1.175 per hundred gallons ($11.75/thousand); residential sewer base charge to $3.56 per billing; and residential sewer unit charge to $280.75 per 41,464 gallons of usage per year.

Local law amends commercial water rates to $1.000 per hundred gallons ($10.00/thousand); commercial water base charge to $1.60 per billing; commercial water rates outside the Village to $2.000 per hundred gallons ($20.00/thousand); commercial water base charge outside the Village to $3.20 per billing; commercial sewer rates to $1.550 per hundred gallons ($15.50/thousand); commercial sewer base charge to $1.78 per billing; and commercial sewer unit charge to $280.75 per 41,464 gallons of usage per year.

The forementioned resolution was put to vote by roll call, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the 2024-2025 Village Budget, summarized as follows:

	General	Water	Sewer
Appropriations	1,820,753	339,194	736,840
Estimated Revenues	1,130,485	373,352	723,326
Appropriated Fund Balance	0	34,158	13,514
Tax Levy	690,268		
Taxable Assessment	70,760,980		
Tax Rate	9.75		

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote by roll call, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting May 2, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jessica Westlake, Montour Tea Company, and Kate Sirrine

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – General Fund, for the amount of $164,974.90. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – Water Fund, for the amount of $11,182.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $45,071.90. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,435.80. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the following meeting dates for the Board of Trustees:

June 6, 2024
June 20, 2024
July 18, 2024
August 15, 2024
September 19, 2024
October 3, 2024
October 17, 2024
November 7, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 5, 2024
December 19, 2024
January 2, 2025
January 16, 2025
February 6, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 6, 2025
March 20, 2025
April 3, 2025
April 17, 2025
May 1, 2025
May 15, 2025

AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the 2024 tax re-levy list as presented. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the $200.00 deposit on campsite #114 deposit. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Farmer's Market use of the carnival grounds on Thursdays, June 13 through October 10th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to open a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. to hear public comments on the proposed changes to Chapter 160, Attachment 2, Schedule of District Regulations regarding the Mixed-Use District (MU1). AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan described the changes to the district regulations.

Jessica Westlake asked details about the side yard and rear yard setbacks.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to exit the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the changes proposed to the Mixed-Use District. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the use of the dump trailer for garbage from the First Friday event May 3rd, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Village to bring in an arborist to evaluate the trees on West South Street prior to the paving/curbing/sidewalk project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting May 16, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, and Jody Saunders

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Antoinette Corbett, Amanda Colunio, and Montour Tea Company

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 20 – General Fund, for the amount of $30,378.29. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 20 – Water Fund, for the amount of $612.92. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 20 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $50,997.06. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the closure of West Main Street, between Lee and Owego Streets; and authorizing an override of the open container law from 5-8 pm during the First Friday event, June 7th, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the closure of West Main Street, between Lee and Owego Streets; and authorizing an override of the open container law from 5-8 pm during the proposed Anniversary Block Party event, July 19, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Legislator Howell provides the board with his Legislative Report.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) initiative, a new competitive matching Grant program to expand access to safe swimming facilities in Underserved Communities across the State. Grant Program, overseen by NYS OPRHP and administered by DASNY; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up $10,000,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to protect the Village residents and visitors to the area from extreme heat related accidents and fatalities; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat, including heat emergencies, to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for the construction of a Municipal Swimming Pool at the Montour Marina; and
WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low-and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is $29,878
which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County ($56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York ($75,157); and
WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 20% (up to 2,000,000) if the grant is awarded; and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the NYS Canalway Grant Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the NYS Emergency Services Loan Program; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor James Ryan and Village Treasurer Laurie Thompson to apply for a loan through the submission of an application to the NYS Emergency Services Loan Program; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor James Ryan and Village Treasurer Laurie Thompson to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant program; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up $350,000 in loan financing; and
WHEREAS, the loan application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the NYS Emergency Services Loan Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Superintendent to sign an intermunicipal agreement with Schuyler County regarding commercial driver's license (CDL) training reimbursement. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the $200.00 deposit on campsite #120 to Cody Owlett. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the $200.00 deposit on campsite #121 to Michele Owlett. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the $200.00 deposit on campsite #129 to Patricia Waterman. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Mayor to sign a five-year streaming and wi-fi agreement with Spectrum for the campground. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Mayor to pursue a municipal bond in the amount of $2M for the purchase the Village Marina and Campground from the NYS Canal Corp, and marina update projects; and contact bond counsel for guidance. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer supporting the pursuit of an EV truck and solar power for the Village pump stations as part of a plan to use grant funds. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the appointment of Mark Hall to the Village Planning Board. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to cover costs of a memorial bench in honor of Donald A. Smalley, in the amount of $1,253.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to reinstate the fire whistle to be used for non-EMS calls. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting June 6, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Jake Burns, Fire Department; Mandy Qualls, Sch. Co. Public Health; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Katie Sirrine, James Pierce and Montour Falls Tea Company

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – General Fund, for the amount of $58,868.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – Water Fund, for the amount of $3,816.23. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $3,267.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,814.11. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 1 – General Fund, for the amount of $55,712.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 1 – Water Fund, for the amount of $70.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mandy Qualls from the Schuyler County Public Health Department spoke to the Board about the services. She hopes to work with community leaders and members to spread awareness of what the department has to offer.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the following Request for Proposals (RFP):

Bid Number: RFP #2024-001
Bid Title: Free Standing Level 3 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Purchase, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, and Management

Description: Village of Montour Falls, NY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2024-001 Free Standing Level 3 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Purchase, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, and Management
The Village of Montour Falls is seeking sealed proposals from interested vendors (Offeror) for the purchase, installation, operation (3 years), maintenance (3 Years), and management (3 Years) of a free-standing level 3 EV charging station to serve two (2) dedicated parking spaces in the parking lot located at the corner of Owego Street and Main Street in accordance with Request for Proposal (RFP) #2024-001. Proposals must include a detailed breakdown of costs, project timeline, subcontractors to be utilized if applicable, equipment details, and proof of insurance (Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than $2,000,000 each occurrence, and $5,000,000 General aggregate).
There is a Minority and Women Owned Businesses goal of 30% for this contract. Please include if and how the vendor will achieve this goal in the proposal.
Sealed proposals will be accepted in the Montour Falls Village Hall, located at 408 W. Main Street Montour Falls, NY 14865, on or before **10:00 a.m., on Friday, June 14, 2024**, at which time the proposals will be opened.
The aforementioned RFP was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the Harris Beach contractual agreement for Bond Counsel services. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS, SCHUYLER COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "VILLAGE"), AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE MARINA AND CAMPGROUNDS; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS $2,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $2,000,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SAID APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board of Trustees") of the Village of Montour Falls, Schuyler County, New York (the "Village" or the "Issuer") is considering undertaking the acquisition of land and the construction of improvements to the Village's marina and campgrounds (the "Project"), all at a total estimated maximum cost of $2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1)) (collectively, "SEQRA") and that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the Village's serial bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued to finance the aforementioned specific object or purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls, Schuyler County, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village is hereby authorized to undertake the Project, and to issue up to $2,000,000 principal amount of serial bonds (including, without limitation, statutory installment bonds) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the estimated cost of said specific object or purpose, or bond anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose is $2,000,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to $2,000,000 in serial bonds of the Village authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds to finance said appropriation, and (ii) the levy and collection of taxes on all of the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of its bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall be due and payable.

SECTION 3.

(a) It is hereby determined that the object or purpose referenced in Section 1 hereof is described in subdivision 21. of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said object or purpose is 30 years.

(b) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

SECTION 4. The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in this resolution. The Village shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized herein with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Village subject to applicable statutory limits, if any. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of serial bonds and bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Sections 21.00, 50.00, 54.90, 56.00 through 60.00, 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village (the "Village Treasurer"). Further, pursuant to paragraph b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for any of the objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to paragraph c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes

authorized by other resolutions of the Board, then the power of the Board to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

SECTION 7. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 8. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchasers of the bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 9. The intent of this resolution is to give the Village Treasurer sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements and instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to affect the issuance of the aforesaid serial bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 10. In accordance with Section 36.00 of the Law, this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum in the manner prescribed by Article Nine of the Village Law of the State of New York (the "Village Law"). The Village Clerk is authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the date of adoption of this resolution by the Board of Trustees, to post and publish a notice with respect to this resolution satisfying the requirements of Section 9-900 of the Village Law, which shall set forth the date of adoption of this resolution, shall contain an abstract hereof, and shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum. Such notice shall be published in the official newspaper of the Village for such purposes.

SECTION 11. In accordance with the Village Law, this resolution will take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, unless prior to the close of such thirty-day period there is filed with the Village Clerk a petition, subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the Village, as shown on the Village's register of electors for the last general Village election, protesting against this resolution and requesting that it be submitted for approval or disapproval by the qualified electors of the Village. If such a qualifying petition is filed, a proposition for approval of this resolution shall be submitted at a regular election held not less than ten (10) and not more than sixty (60) days after the filing of such petition.

SECTION 12. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

SECTION 13. As soon as reasonably possible after the date that this resolution takes effect, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in full in the official newspaper of the Village for such purposes, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows: Trustee Saunders: AYE, Trustee Nolan: AYE, Trustee Confer: AYE, Trustee Smith: AYE, and Mayor Ryan: AYE.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to hire Waylon Hammond to the position of full-time municipal worker. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the reimbursement of unused personal and vacation time to Dean Hillyard. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting June 20, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Emily Byers, Clerk; and interns Emma Malnoske and Helena Donnelly

Public: Katie Sirrine, Shelly Hostetler, and Montour Falls Tea Company

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 22 – General Fund, for the amount of $17,399.93. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 22 – Water Fund, for the amount of $45.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 22 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $42,948.42. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 2 – General Fund, for the amount of $19,033.90. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 2 – Water Fund, for the amount of $1,587.50. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 2 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $1,987.25. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the following resolution:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Environmental Protection Fund for Parks, Preservation and Heritage; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a project located in Montour Falls, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to create a comprehensive Glorious T Municipal Building Site Review, Design and Restoration Specifications Plan; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding of up to $200,000 for the Glorious T Municipal Building Site Review, Design and Restoration Specifications Plan; and
WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low-and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2023) in the Village of Montour Falls is $33,977 which is about fifty-five percent of the median household income in Schuyler County ($61,316) and approximately forty-three percent of the median household income in the entire state of New York ($79,557); and
WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 25% ($50,000), if the grant is awarded; and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the OPRHP's Environmental Protection Fund: Parks, Preservation, and Heritage Grants Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the following resolution:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the NYS Canalway Grant Program; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up $150,000 in financial assistance through the CFA Application; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the Erie Canal and other waterways; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for construction of a playground at the Montour Marina; and
WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low-and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2023) in the Village of Montour Falls is $33,977 which is about fifty-five percent of the median household income in Schuyler County ($61,316) and approximately forty-three percent of the median household income in the entire state of New York ($79,557); and
WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 50% (up to $75,000) if the grant is awarded; and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the NYS Canalway Grant Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the following resolution:
Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 2024 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up $50,000 in financial assistance through the CFA Application; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to update the current Comprehensive Plan to include Sustainability Elements; and
WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low-and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2023) in the Village of Montour Falls is $33,977 which about fifty-five percent of the median household income in Schuyler County ($61,316) and approximately forty-three percent of the median household income in the entire state of New York ($79,557); and
WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 20% (up to $10,000) if the grant is awarded; and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 2024 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the marina payment refund for dock #17S in the amount of $1290.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the use of the carnival grounds on August 3rd for a Craft Fair fundraiser. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the recommendation from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to change the revolving loan fund to a mini grant fund. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan introduces NYSERDA funded interns Emma Malnoske and Helena Donnelly to the board. They each provide details on the projects that they are currently working on.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the treasurer to reimburse Diane Bottjer for hours worked at a Village event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting July 18, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent

Public: Carla Visscher, Jessica Westlake, Kelly Smith, Joanne Smith, and Katie Sirrine

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – General Fund, for the amount of $125,622.56. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Water Fund, for the amount of $16,848.27. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $4,768.49. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,204.96. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the mayor to sign the NYSERDA agreement for $175,000. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the creation of an additional Project Assistant position with Civil Service. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, and duties on a cooperative or contract basis;
WHEREAS the Village of Montour Falls wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or districts pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;
WHEREAS the Village of Montour Falls wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;
Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:
That Laurie Thompson, Treasurer of the Village of Montour Falls is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the following resolution:

The Board of the Village of Montour Falls authorizes the Montour Falls Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to $30,000.00.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the marina refund request for campsite 107 in the amount of $1,655.85. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to deny the submitted request for water/sewer credit on account B362. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Board discusses the RFP (request for proposals) regarding the Level 3 EV Charger Installation. The Village received 9 proposals from 6 companies, a few of those companies were not qualified. Eastern Energy Solutions has been recommended due to the lowest price and their locality to the project location. During the proposal process, they were onsite to gather information. Their proposal has a total cost of $79,907.59.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer awarding the EV Charger Installation project to Eastern Energy Solutions for the Level 3 EV Charger Installation on West Main Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders accepting the contract renewal for grant administration with Ascend Collaborative Development. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the treasurer to purchase Quickbooks for accounting purposes. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting August 15, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jessica Westlake, Helena Donnelly

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – General Fund, for the amount of $173,479.83. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – Water Fund, for the amount of $7,440.52. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $89,029.02. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,425.48. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the proposed ARC Mini Grant Policies as presented. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the advertisement of the RFP (Request for Proposals) #2024-002 Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing and supporting the submission of an application for the Clean Mobility Grant. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hire current intern Emma Malnoske as the grant funded Sustainability Education Coordinator position. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the change from Project Assistant to Sustainability Education Coordinator. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the closure of W. Main Street for the "Montour Mile," part of the Glenora Run Road Rallye, on September 6th from 10:00 am – noon.
AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to waive the open container law only during the Willow Running event on Saturday, September 21st, 2024, from Diversion Brewing to the Main Street Park. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing water/sewer bill credit for account #A217. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders acknowledging and supporting the Fire Department's proposal to build a permanent structure at the Carnival Grounds, also noting that they will need to comply with all permitting processes and requirements. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting September 19, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan
Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Fire Chief Brian Swartwood; Justice Steven Decker; and Emily Byers, Clerk
Public: Emma Malnoske, Russell Gardner, Shannon Baker,

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – General Fund, for the amount of $1,737,698.84. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Water Fund, for the amount of $9,965.26. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $1,819.85. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,885.78. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC HEARING 7:15 P.M. Local Law #4-2024

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter into public hearing at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments on proposed local law regarding NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The State of New York requires that the Village and neighboring communities implement this local law. There are a couple of noteworthy sections including: Section 9 which provides a mechanism for the remediation of a building, structure, and/or equipment if therein is or may become dangerous or unsafe to the general public; and Section 17 sets out a procedure for providing notice of violations and then several remedies in the event the violations are not addressed.

No public comment.

Sustainability Educator Emma Malnoske gave a presentation on the proposals received for the Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan RFP(Request for Proposals). She pointed out the differences and similarities as well as the costs of each proposal.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan awarding RFP #2024-002 Tree Inventory and Community Forest Management Plan to LBS Ecological in the amount of $18,242.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders permitting Catholic Charities to hang purple ribbons in downtown Montour Falls for the month of October in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving and accepting the full Fire Department roster as presented. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the closure of West Main Street from Owego to Genesee Street, and side streets Tracy, Montour, and Schuyler Streets for the Harvest Festival from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to waive the open container law during the Harvest Festival event only on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders denying contract renewal to marina campsite #116 for the 2024-25 Season. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer denying contract renewal to marina campsite #237 for the 2024-25 Season. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to exit the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving Local Law #4-2024, a local law providing for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code as presented. AYES: Trustee Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing influenza vaccines at Quinlan's Pharmacy for interested employees. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders appointing the ARC Grant Committee members: Bruce Boughton, Amanda Demaria, Michael Brown, and John King. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee to enter into executive session to discuss multiple employment matters at 8:34 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to exit executive session at 9:16 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the reimbursement of 40 hours of vacation time to the water operator. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan accepting the resignation of the Climate Justice Fellow Aaron Arnold. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith hiring two part time public safety officers, Mark Leonard and Mark Schaffhouser. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer accepting the resignation Donald Spaccio from the office of Village Justice as of October 7, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith appointing Steven Decker as Village Justice to fill the vacancy. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to suspend a member of Fire Department for one year. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Nolan. ABSTAIN: Trustee Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to close the Clerk's Office during court hours. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting October 17, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Emma Malnoske, Amanda Rodriguez Demaria, James Howell, Brian McKeon, Stewart McDivitt, Jeff Clark, and William McLoughlin

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 6 – General Fund, for the amount of $109,398.49. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 6 – Water Fund, for the amount of $12,097.10. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 6 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $ 87,952.83. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 6 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,921.66. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the mayor and Amanda to continue searching for a tax attorney to oversee the Solar Array Project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the mayor and Amanda to research costs of a study for the Restore NY Grant. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

County Legislator James Howell provides the board with a legislative report.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders setting the Halloween Trick or Treating hours from 5:00 – 8:00 pm on October 31, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing street closure from Schuyler St to Owego St, from 3:00 – 8:00 pm, and waiving the open container law during the Witches Ball event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the DPW Superintendent to purchase a covered trailer and load with supplies to prepare for any future emergency event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan accepting Finger Lakes Landscaping's proposal to take down trees in the marina for $9800.00. AYES: Trustee Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting November 7, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Philip Smith, and Jody Saunders

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Emma Malnoske, Jessica Westlake, and David Barber.

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 7 – General Fund, for the amount of $185,248.55. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 7 – Water Fund, for the amount of $14,027.21. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 7 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,325.93. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 7 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,953.44. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the purchase of a 2022 Ford F550 Super Duty Extended Cab Dump and Plow Truck for $67,600.00 from Auctions International. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer declaring the 2015 International Dump Truck as surplus and list on Auctions International. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Library Director Jessica Westlake provides the board with an update on the library project and information on upcoming events. Once closure dates for project phase two are finalized, she will notify the board.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting November 21, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Philip Smith, Jody Saunders, and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jessica Westlake

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – General Fund, for the amount of $38,578.08. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – Water Fund, for the amount of $508.88. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $963.15. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $543.67. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Library Director Jessica Westlake provides the board with an update on the library project. The library project is developing and the library will be closed for the following dates: November 26th, and December 2nd through December 26th.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders permitting the library to place a 10x20 storage container on Schuyler Street during the project timeframe. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the appointment of Donald Spaccio as Registrar and Dominic Spaccio as Deputy Registrar. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the following resolution:

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and
Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of $50 million in unrestricted state aid; and
Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the $50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and
Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; &
Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and
Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and
Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;
Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Montour Falls calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional $50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and
Be it further resolved, that the Village of Montour Falls urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

The aforementioned resolution was put to a vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the treasurer to pursue the purchase and implementation of new payroll software, PayPro Workforce Management. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Superintendent Hillyard notified the board that the previously awarded contractor for the marina tree removal has changed his pricing due to a subcontractor issue.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the superintendent to utilize the next best value estimate for marina tree removal. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the purchase of a 9 ft spreader and rear wing in the amount $19,617.00 that was previously allocated. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith declaring the Marina golf cart as surplus and list on Auctions International. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to enter executive session at 8:34 pm regarding the possible acquisition of property. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders exiting executive session at 9:17 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to explore options for the Baptist Church on W. South Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting December 5, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Philip Smith, Jody Saunders, and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Educator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jessica Westlake, Library Director; and Dominic Spaccio

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – General Fund, for the amount of $80,974.09. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – Water Fund, for the amount of $ 15,638.55. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,400.69. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,227.76. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan.
NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Matthew Simpson, owner of Greenleaf Recycling, approached the board to discuss the capability of his business to offer weekly garbage and recycling pickup including toters. There are several options available to the Village.

Mayor Ryan requests that the board form a committee to discuss and brainstorm the garbage and recycling needs of the community and the options available. The group will determine the best fit option prior to going out to RFP (Request for Proposals).

Library Director Jessica Westlake provides the board with updates on the library project. The library will be closed on the following dates: November 26th, and December 2nd through December 26th, while work is being performed.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting December 19, 2024 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Philip Smith, Jody Saunders, and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Educator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Katie Sirrine

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 10 – General Fund, for the amount of $118,657.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 10 – Water Fund, for the amount of $3,968.59. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 10 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $86,263.92. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 10 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,329.17. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to waive the open container law for the following First Fridays on Main event dates: 1/3/2025, 2/7/2025, 3/7/2025, and 4/4/2025 from 4-8 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the following resolution to readopt the Climate Smart Communities Pledge:

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls continues to believe that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments and is primarily due to the burning of fossil fuels; and
WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will endanger our infrastructure, economy and livelihoods; harm our farms, orchards, and ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and
WHEREAS, we believe that our response to climate change provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to save money, and to build livable, energy-independent and secure communities, vibrant innovation economies, healthy and safe schools, and resilient infrastructures; and
WHEREAS, we believe the scale of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions required for climate stabilization will require sustained and substantial efforts; and
WHEREAS, we believe that even if emissions were dramatically reduced today, communities would still be required to adapt to the effects of climate change for decades to come,
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village of Montour Falls, in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate, readopts the New York State Climate Smart Communities pledge, which comprises the following ten elements:

1) Build a climate-smart community.
2) Inventory emissions, set goals, and a plan for climate action.
3) Decrease energy use.
4) Shift to clean, renewable energy.
5) Use climate-smart materials management.
6) Implement climate-smart land use.
7) Enhance community resilience to climate change.
8) Support a green innovation economy.
9) Inform and inspire the public.
10) Engage in an evolving process of climate action.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the renewal of the following policies:

Climate Smart Task Force
Including: Nancy Doniger as Climate Smart Coordinator
Fleet Efficiency Policy
Environmentally Friendly Purchasing Policy
Green Power Procurement Policy
Construction & Demolition Waste Policy
NY Stretch Energy Code
Complete Streets Policy

The aforementioned resolution renewing the above policies was put to vote which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the Solar Array request for proposals (RFP) draft. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the following resolution:

Resolution Supporting a New York State (NYS) Department of State (DOS) Local Government Efficiency Grant Application to Study the Feasibility of Fire and Emergency Service Regionalization between the Village of Burdett, Village of Montour Falls, Village of Odessa, and Village of Watkins Glen

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has available funds for the 2025-26 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, and
WHEREAS, this grant program can assist the Village of Montour Falls in identifying opportunities to cooperate with other local governments in the area to reduce the cost of providing services, and
WHEREAS, the cost to provide fire and emergency service is a large share of all municipal and county budgets and property tax levies, and
WHEREAS, at a time when the cost to provide fire and emergency service is growing rapidly and local budgets are tightly constrained, it is increasingly difficult to provide fire and emergency services at a cost that can be supported by local budgets, and
WHEREAS, Village of Montour Falls and its Local Fire Department would benefit from reducing the cost of adequately providing fire and emergency service, and
WHEREAS, a study to evaluate the four villages fire and emergency service and identify areas where regionalization, intermunicipal cooperation, shared services, or redistributions of responsibilities could result in a more efficient system of providing quality fire and emergency service and lower costs, and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls, on behalf of its citizens, supports this effort and grant application for approximately $80,000, with a required local cash match of 50% that shall be allocated among the participating municipalities,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Village of Montour Falls supports the Grant Application to Study the Feasibility of Fire and Emergency Service Regionalization between the Village of Burdett, Village of Montour Falls, Village of Odessa, and Village of Watkins Glen;
RESOLVED, further, That the Village of Montour Falls agrees, if awarded, to participate and assist in all phases of the study to identify the Feasibility of Fire and Emergency Service Regionalization between the Village of Burdett, Village of Montour Falls, Village of Odessa, and Village of Watkins Glen.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote, resulting in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the following resolution:

AUTHORIZED AGREEMENT BY THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN INTERSECTING ROADS, SIDEWALKS, CONCRETE BLOCK PAVERS, LANDSCAPING, PLANTERS, PARKING SIGNS, WHICH ARE A PORTION OF THE NY 14 and NY 244
Paving and Pedestrian Improvement Project, D264132
PROJECT DESIGNATED AS NEW YORK PROJECT PIN 6108.67

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation has submitted to the Village of Montour Falls a proposed agreement by which the Village of Montour Falls is to maintain sidewalks, concrete block pavers, landscaping, planters, parking signs (Shown as parts numbered 1 and 2 on the Maintenance Jurisdiction Table), and the following intersecting streets: Raymond Street (Part No. 4), Owego Street (Part No. 5), College Avenue (Part No. 6), Walker Street (Part No. 7), West South Street (Part No. 8), East South Street (Part No. 9), West Main Street (Part No. 10), East Main Street (Part No. 11) Broadway (Part No. 12) Clinton Street (Part No. 13), Ayers Street (Part No. 14), Washington Street

(Part No. 15) Clinton Street (Part No. 16), Marina Drive (Part No. 17) North Mulberry Street (Part No. 18), South Seneca Street (Part No. 19) and North College Avenue (Part No. 20 on the Maintenance Jurisdiction Table), and a certain Retaining Wall (Shown as Part No. 1A on the Maintenance Jurisdiction Table) and to be designated as a portion of New York Project No. 6108.67, D264132 and said proposed agreement also provides for the Village of Montour Falls to request the Department of Transportation, to submit the aforementioned project with the recommenda-tion that it be approved by the Administrator of the United States Federal Highway Administration, and once constructed by the Department and the Administrator of the United States Federal Highway Administration, the Village of Montour Falls will thereafter at its own cost and expense maintain the previously described portion(s) of this project in a manner satisfactory to the Department of Transpor-tation and the Administrator of the United States Federal Highway Administration, or their authorized representatives, and make ample provision each year for such maintenance.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls shall maintain such features and guarantee the maintenance of such features after construction and will pay the cost of such maintenance and will maintain the project in a manner satisfactory to the New York State Department of Transportation or its authorized representatives and will make ample provisions each year for such maintenance.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New York State Department of Transportation submit such project to the Administrator of the United States Federal Highway Administration and recommend to him the approval of the same for construction with funds apportioned to the State for construction of Highways and related projects under the provisions of Federal Highway Acts, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Village of Montour Falls act through its Mayor and Clerk which are hereby authorized to act for this Village of Montour Falls and make and enter into agreement with the State Department of Transportation, in manner and form and substance as herein stated and in accordance with the form of contract herein mentioned as having been submitted to this Montour Falls Village Board for action, and that this Board furnish two certified copies of this resolution authorizing the Mayor and Clerk of this Village of Montour Falls to execute the agreements on behalf of the Montour Falls Village Board such Mayor and Clerk being fully authorized and directed to make and enter into agreements on behalf of the Montour Falls Village Board and the Village of Montour Falls in any manner and form required by the Department of Transportation, or the Administrator of the United States Federal Highway Administration and attach the seal of the Village thereto.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the State Department of Transportation.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote, resulting in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to cancel the Village Board meeting scheduled for January 2nd, 2025. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith in support of further conversation by Trustee Confer with County officials regarding the Welliver property. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter Executive Session to discuss employee matters at 8:24 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to exit Executive Session at 8:39 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to hire M. Somers as a public safety officer.
AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith regrettably accepting Trustee Nolan's resignation from the board on December 31st, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk