Regular Board Meeting January 16, 2025 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: Antoinette and Easton Corbett, Katie Sirrine.

Honorary Mayor Easton Corbett 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. 11 – General Fund, for the amount of $68,833.26. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Water Fund, for the amount of $5,226.97. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $43,640.52. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer accepting the following budget workshop dates: February 6 and 20, March 6 and 20, and April 3 and 17; held at 6:00 pm with regular board meeting at 7:00 pm, as scheduled. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer establishing that the Special Village Election for Village Justice will be held March 18, 2025. Voting will take place at the Village Hall, 408 W. Main Street, Montour Falls, NY 14865. Polls will be open from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Village Treasurer to override the tax bills for the Village properties at 412 W. Main Street and N. Genesee Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the Fire Department request to surplus and donate the following items: ● 10 Turnout Coats ● 11 Turnout Pants ● 4 Hand lights ● 7 Hand tools ● Dry Hydrants Parts ● 13 Bailout Harness. This equipment will be donated to other fire departments in need. Schuyler County EMO will assist with this process. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Fire Department request to surplus and sell GE-16, a 2001 E-One/Saulsberry Rescue Pumper. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter Executive Session to discuss employee matters at 7:36 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to exit Executive Session at 8:13 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the dismissal of the village Code Enforcement Officer contingent upon findings from NYCOM and Schuyler County Civil Service. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting February 6, 2025 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, & Philip Smith

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

Public: Katie Sirrine, Dominic Spaccio; Christopher and Olivia Learn.

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Honorary Mayor Olivia Learn.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – General Fund, for the amount of $56,638.24. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Water Fund, for the amount of $6,287.55. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $48,865.74. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $6,513.04. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The ARC Grant Review Committee submits their recommendation of two grant projects to the board for the board's consideration:
1. The committee recommends awarding a $10,000 grant to Montour Falls Tea Company for the purchase of an EV or Hybrid Vehicle to replace a 1982 Diesel Truck. The total project cost is $45,000.
2. The committee recommends awarding a $10,000 grant to the Falls Motel for purchase of new energy efficient air conditioners/ heaters for half of the motel rooms to replace the existing 30-year-old inefficient air conditioner/heater units. The total project cost is $25,000.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the ARC Grant Review Committee's recommendation for the Montour Tea Company project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the ARC Grant Review Committee's recommendation for the Falls Motel project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Delinquent Tax List and authorizing the publication. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer setting the Tax Certificate Sale date as Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 10:00 am. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the 2025 Marina documents with no rate increase this season. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for 2025 General Consulting services with Larson Design Group for the Catherine Valley Water Reclamation Facility on behalf of the JPC. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract for consulting services with Larson Desing Group for the NY Forward Catharine Street Lighting Project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter Executive Session to discuss employment matters at 7:43 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to exit Executive Session at 8:02 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to list the Building Inspector III PT position with Schuyler County Civil Service at a rate of $22.00/hour; 20 hours per week. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to list the Building & Safety Inspector PT position with Schuyler County Civil Service at a rate of $20.00/hour; 10 hours per week. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

February 20, 2025 – Meeting Cancelled

Regular Board Meeting March 6, 2025 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, & Jody Saunders

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

Public: Jessica Westlake, Katie Sirrine.

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 Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – General Fund, for the amount of $103,873.85. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Water Fund, for the amount of $16,568.31. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $3,989.99. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,804.06. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Library Director Jessica Westlake provides the board with updates on the library project and discusses Library Advocacy season.

Sustainability Educator Emma Malnoske discusses participation in the Village's recycling & refuse survey and the responses received to date.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Recycling & Refuse Collection. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving use of the carnival grounds by Girl Scout Troop #40211 on Sunday, March 23rd, 2025. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer denying the removal of delinquent tax penalties for property located at 127 N. Catharine Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the purchase of a used Huskee log splitter for $800.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter Executive Session to discuss employment matter at 7:47 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to exit Executive Session at 8:07 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to hire Andrew Simmons as the Building Inspector III PT at a rate of $22.00/hour; 20 hours per week. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

March 20th, 2025 – Meeting Cancelled

Regular Board Meeting April 3, 2025 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Philip Smith, & Jody Saunders

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Michael Hughey, DPW Foreman; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Educator; Steven Decker, Village Justice; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Shane James

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. 14 – General Fund, for the amount of $82,972.87. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Water Fund, for the amount of $7,574.45. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $46,578.98. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,207.39. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to designate the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees as Lead Agency on the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the proposed solar array project. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The board discusses the project and any environmental impacts before completing the State Environmental Quality Review Act application.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith determining that the described action of proposed solar array project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, therefore resulting in a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to designate the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees as Lead Agency on the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the proposed Catharine Street Lighting Project. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The board completed Part II and Part III of the State Environmental Quality Review Act application.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders determining that the described action of the proposed Catharine Street Lighting Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, therefore resulting in a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving Michael Geiger's contract pending attorney review. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the Larson Design Group map proposal in the amount of $10,600.00 to assist in closing out a bridge project grant. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to schedule a public hearing at 7:05 pm on April 17th, 2025 for the purpose on the proposed Local Law No. 1 of the year 2025 entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026". AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to schedule a public hearing at 7:10 pm on April 17th, 2025 for the purpose of hearing comments on Local Law No. 2 of the year 2025, a local law

amending the Code of the Village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 water rates and sewer charges. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to schedule a public hearing at 7:15 pm on April 17th, 2025 for the purpose of hearing comments on the 2025-2026 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to deny the request made for removal of late fees on account B627. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting April 17, 2025 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; 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. 15 – General Fund, for the amount of $49,718.57. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Water Fund, for the amount of $9,182.16. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $46,546.18. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. 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 $3,276.76. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law #1-2025 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to open a Public Hearing at 7:05 pm for the purpose of hearing public comments on Local Law #1-2025. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. 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 decrease by $1.1708 per $1,000 of property assessment. This budget will require us to use $0 from our fund balance and allow us to add $52,000 to our fund balance.

No public comments.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to authorize Kristi Pierce to gain access to the fire department website. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law #2-2025 Amending the Code of the Village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 Water Rates and Sewer Charges

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter into a Public Hearing at 7:10 pm to hear comments on the proposed changes to the Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The water rates will remain the same with no increase under the proposed budget. The administration fee will decrease by $0.30 monthly. This budget will require us to use $12,644 from the water fund balance. The proposed budget would increase the sewer rates by $1.00 per 1000 gallons for both residential and commercial users. The administration fee will decrease by $0.36 and the debt charge will decrease by $0.25. This budget will require the Village to use $14,510 from the sewer fund balance.

No public comments.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the 2025-2026 Joint Project Commission (JPC) Budget for the Catherine Valley Water Reclamation Facility (CVWRF). AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC HEARING 2025-2026 Village Budget

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter into a Public Hearing at 7:15 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed 2025-2026 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan discussed the budget for the General, Water, and Sewer Funds again.

No public comments.

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

WHEREAS, The Village of Montour Falls Board recognizes the proposed Solar Array Project located in the Village of Montour Falls, New York (the proposed "Action") as an Unlisted Action under the provisions of 6NYCRR Part 617; and
WHEREAS, The Village of Montour Falls Board recognizes the need to act as Lead Agency for the purposes of conducting a review of the Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and
WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2, and 3) ("EAF") submitted to and reviewed by the Village of Montour Falls Board identified Involved and Interested Agencies under SEQRA; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.6, the Village of Montour Falls' engineering consultant, Larson Design Group, forwarded the EAF and supplemental information to the Involved and Interested Agencies on March 13, 2025, advising the agencies of the Village Board's intention to serve as Lead Agency for review of the proposed Action; and
WHEREAS, no Agency has objected to the designation of the Village of Montour Falls Board as the Lead Agency for this Action; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls Board has now received and reviewed Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the EAF for the proposed action and all supporting documentation appended thereto; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has thoroughly analyzed the identified areas of environmental concern to determine whether the proposed Action may have a significant effect upon the environment; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has reviewed the criteria for determining significance specified in 6NYCRR Part 617.7 and has therefore recommended that a Notice of Determination of No Significant Impact ("DONSI") be adopted; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls Board, as the designated Lead Agency for the environmental review of the proposed Action, after consideration of the full SEQR record does hereby adopt this Notice of DONSI for the proposed Action; and be it
RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Montour Falls is hereby authorized and empowered to complete and sign the EAF for the proposed Action in accordance with the intent of this Resolution.

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

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

WHEREAS, The Village of Montour Falls Board recognizes the proposed Catherine Steet Lighting Project located in the Village of Montour Falls, New York (the proposed "Action") as an Unlisted Action under the provisions of 6NYCRR Part 617; and
WHEREAS, The Village of Montour Falls Board recognizes the need to act as Lead Agency for the purposes of conducting a review of the Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and
WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2, and 3) ("EAF") submitted to and reviewed by the Village of Montour Falls Board identified Involved and Interested Agencies under SEQRA; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.6, the Village of Montour Falls' engineering consultant, Larson Design Group, forwarded the EAF and supplemental information to the Involved and Interested Agencies on March 13, 2025, advising the agencies of the Village Board's intention to serve as Lead Agency for review of the proposed Action; and
WHEREAS, no Agency has objected to the designation of the Village of Montour Falls Board as the Lead Agency for this Action; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls Board has now received and reviewed Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the EAF for the proposed action and all supporting documentation appended thereto; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has thoroughly analyzed the identified areas of environmental concern to determine whether the proposed Action may have a significant effect upon the environment; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has reviewed the criteria for determining significance specified in 6NYCRR Part 617.7 and has therefore recommended that a Notice of Determination of No Significant Impact ("DONSI") be adopted; now therefore, be it
RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls Board, as the designated Lead Agency for the environmental review of the proposed Action, after consideration of the full SEQR record does hereby adopt this Notice of DONSI for the proposed Action; and be it

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Montour Falls is hereby authorized and empowered to complete and sign the EAF for the proposed Action in accordance with the intent of this Resolution.

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

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the Solar RFP #2-2025 as presented. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Fire Hall Roof RFP #3-2025 as presented. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to close the Public Hearing at 7:37 pm for Local Law #1-2025 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving Local Law #1-2025 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to close the Public Hearing at 7:41 pm for Local Law #2-2025 for Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith 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 $2.60 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 $5.20 per billing; residential sewer rates to $1.275 per hundred gallons ($12.75/thousand); residential sewer base charge to $2.84 per billing; and residential sewer unit charge to $280.50 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 $1.30 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 $2.60 per billing; commercial sewer rates to $1.650 per hundred gallons ($16.50/thousand); commercial sewer base charge to $1.42 per billing; and commercial sewer unit charge to $280.50 per 41,464 gallons of usage per year.
The forementioned resolution was put to vote, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to close the Public Hearing at 7:45 pm for the Village Budget of the fiscal year 2025-2026. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the 2025-2026 Village Budget, summarized as follows:

	General	Water	Sewer
Appropriations	1,999,646	364,495	757,544
Estimated Revenues	1,147,062	351,851	743,034
Appropriated Fund Balance	+52,000	-12,644	-14,510
Tax Levy	852,584		
Taxable Assessment	105,379,173		
Tax Rate	8.5841		

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

The Village Board meeting scheduled for May 1st, 2025 has been cancelled.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

May 1, 2025 – Meeting Cancelled

Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2025 7:00 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; Jessica Westlake, Library Director; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Shane James

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 an updated agreement with Shane James for payment of his past due water sewer bill. Starting June 1, Mr. James will keep new bills current and pay $100 per week until caught up. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – General Fund, for the amount of $155,369.62. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Water Fund, for the amount of $27,016.40. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $48,257.33. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $4,056.95. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Library Director Jessica Westlake spoke to the board regarding library programs and the upcoming library budget vote, scheduled on Tuesday, May 20th at Hanlon Elementary School. She updated the board on the Farmers' Market which will be starting June 19th and host approximately 35 vendors.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the Farmers' Market to utilize the carnival grounds on Thursday evenings starting June 19th through October 12th, 2025. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Fire Academy to park vehicles in the family park on L'Hommedieu Street during an event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the installation of flooring in the Village Hall and Court Office not to exceed $14,000. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving to hire seasonal laborers: Harrison, Hartwell, Hughey, Koellner, Thatcher, and VanAlstine. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving to hire security guard, Salisbury. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the mayor to sign an MOU with Seneca Lake Pure Water Association regarding hemlock trees in the cemetery. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the 2025 Water & Sewer Relevy list. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the mayor to sign the NY Forward Contracts: 1) Catharine Street Lighting Project and 2) Enhancing Walkability through Streetscape on Main St. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Superintendent to purchase a cultivator attachment for the Ventrac for approximately $6000. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter into executive session at 8:46 pm to discuss possible Village property sale. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to exit executive session at 9:15 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders setting the sale price of two vacant village lots on South Genesee Street to $25,000 each. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting June 5, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; Marcus Zerbery, Clean Energy Intern; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: None

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on May Abstract no. 17 – General Fund, for the amount of $93,901.69. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on May Abstract no. 17 – Water Fund, for the amount of $8,006.18. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on May Abstract no. 17 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,062.53. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on May Abstract no. 17 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,784.45. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on June Abstract no. 1 – General Fund, for the amount of $297.66. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on June Abstract no. 1 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $272.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders accepting the garbage and recycling proposal from Greenleaf Recycling. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Refuse and Recycling Policy pending lawyer review. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith

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 CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS ON CATHERINE STREET; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS $1,100,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $1,100,000 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 construction and installation of various street lighting improvements on Catherine Street (the "Project"), all at a total estimated maximum cost of $1,100,000, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto; and

WHEREAS, by a resolution adopted on April 17, 2025, the Board of Trustees determined that the Project constituted 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 $1,100,000 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 $1,100,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to $1,100,000 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, (ii) the application of any monies expected to be received by the Village from the New York Department of State and any other federal or state grant monies received by the Village with respect to the Project, which may reduce the amount of the bonds authorized herein *pro tanto*, and (iii) 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. It is hereby determined that the object or purpose referenced in Section 1 hereof is described in subdivision 5. of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said object or purpose is thirty (30) years.

SECTION 4. The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 the object or purpose 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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: James P. Ryan, Mayor AYE Philip J. Smith, Trustee AYE
Jeffrey P. Confer, Trustee AYE Jody Saunders, Trustee AYE
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Saunders offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer

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 INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR ARRAY IN THE VILLAGE; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS $450,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $450,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE 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 and installation of a solar array in the Village (the "Project"), all at a total estimated maximum cost of $450,000, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto; and WHEREAS, by a resolution adopted on April 17, 2025, the Board of Trustees determined that the Project constituted 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 $450,000 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 $450,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to $450,000 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, (ii) the application of any monies expected to be received by the Village from the New York State Energy Research & Development Agency and any other federal or state grant monies received by the Village with respect to the Project, which may reduce the amount of the bonds authorized herein *pro tanto*, and (iii) 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. It is hereby determined that the object or purpose referenced in Section 1 hereof is described in subdivision 13. of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said object or purpose is ten (10) years.
SECTION 4. The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.
SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. 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 the object or purpose 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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: James P. Ryan, Mayor AYE Philip J. Smith, Trustee AYE
Jeffrey P. Confer, Trustee AYE Jody Saunders, Trustee AYE
The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the Village Board meeting dates list for publication and noting a change to 6:30 pm meeting times:

June 5, 2025	December 18, 2025
July 17, 2025	January 15, 2026
August 21, 2025	February 5, 2026
September 18, 2025	February 19, 2026
October 2, 2025	March 5, 2026
October 16, 2025	March 19, 2026
November 6, 2025	April 2, 2026
November 20, 2025	April 16, 2026
December 4, 2025	May 21, 2026

AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the mayor appointments as follows:

Clerk	Emily Byers
Treasurer	Laurie Thompson
Acting Village Judge	Ronald Goossen
Health Officer	Dr. Benjamin Saks
Historian	Gary Emerson
Official Newspaper	Watkins Review & Express
Official Bank	Chemung Canal Trust Co.
SC Planning Commission	Evie Brahmstedt
Cemetery Commission	Michael Hughey
	David Zinger
Planning Board	Thomas McGarry
	Sarah Chicone
	Orville Carter
	Bryan Monacelli
	Mark Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals	Michael Stamp
	Bradley Stephens
	Steven Lawton
	Sophie Marmor

AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to waive the open container law for the carnival grounds during the Fireman's Festival event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee to close S. Seneca Street to traffic during the Fireman's event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the cancellation of current Cloudpermit code software, and start with new software company that better fits the community needs at a lower cost. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the closure of W. Main Street from 10:00 – 12:00 for the Grand Prix Road Rally. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving and implementing the Wellhead Protection Plan created by the NY Rural Water Association in 2010. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing Marina Electric bills to include administrative fee of $3.00 and an equipment fee of $0.50. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Meeting Cancelled – June 19th, 2025 HOLIDAY

Regular Board Meeting July 17, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Philip Smith, Jody Saunders, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; Marcus Zerbery, Clean Energy Intern; Brian Swartwood, Fire Chief; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Wendy Shutter, Jim Pierce, Kelly Smith, Joanne Smith, William and Toni McLoughlin, Diane Ballard, Pat Nelson, Diane Ballard, Marsha and Dale Welty, James Capriotti, David Novinsky, Judy McKinney Cherry, Jessica Westlake, and Katie Sirrine (1 illegible)

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the mayorial appointment of Mallorie Tong to the Village Board filling the vacancy of James Nolan. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Judy McKinney Cherry briefly discussed two proposed market rate housing projects in the village that are seeking state grant funding. The new owner of the Flats on Broadway, James Cappriotti, proposed constructing housing units behind the rural urban center and businessman John Franzese proposed to build market rate apartments on the old Stillman property. The grant applications are looking for Village support.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the mayor to sign letters of support for the two proposed market-rate housing grant applications for properties at 208 W. Broadway and 251/271 S Catharine Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Wendy Shutter, of SCOPED, discussed a grant proposal to the NY Bricks program that will facilitate the purchase of the vacant greenspace on West Main Street. The Village will need to have an appraisal of the property (which will be reimbursable), support of the board of trustees, letters of intent from the owner, and other detailed information to move forward.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the appraisal of the property located at 300 W. Main Street for the NY Bricks Grant at the cost of $1500.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: Trustee Smith. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on May Abstract no. 18 – General Fund, for the amount of $8,910.78. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on May Abstract no. 18 – Water Fund, for the amount of $88.40. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on May Abstract no. 18 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $31.25. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 2 – General Fund, for the amount of $227,392.17. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 2 – Water Fund, for the amount of $8,255.84. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 2 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $47,253.77. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 2 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,551.04. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Recycling and Refuse Discussion

Benefits: Weekly pickup, less trucks on the streets, less noise pollution during early hours of the morning, no longer paying for *everyone's* recycling, freeing up room to store recyclables, no 8% sales tax for businesses, sanitation throughout the Village, prevents pests and other hazard from spreading to neighboring properties, and promoting green initiatives throughout the village.

How it's going: 400-500 letters sent out to residents and landlords, extended deadline, informative tabling at Village Hall from July 8-11th, posted to social media, approximately two thirds of residents and businesses had a positive response, Greenleaf Recycling has agreed to move along with the program.

The Village will hold an additional informational meeting July 31st, from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Montour Falls Fire Hall, 111 Lee Street before finalizing the program. The matter is tabled until the next board meeting.

Grant Updates

Fire Hall Roof (NYS DHSES) – the Village received 3 RFP's that the engineers will review, apparent low bidder is AJH Design.

Catharine Street Lighting Project (NY Forward) – Contract approved by the State, next RFP

DWSP2 Drinking Water Source Protection (NYS DEC) – Protection plan has been sent to the State for approval

NY Forward – Dentist office moving forward, Catharine St. Lighting moving forward.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to accept the resignation of Steven Lawton from the Housing Authority board. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hire Security Guard C. Ryan and Seasonal Laborer G. Lohmeyer. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing a refund of $1855.00 to Glenn Davis for Dock 40S. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing a refund of $400.00 for deposits on dock 61N and 61S to Lou Grazioso. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong denying a refund of tax penalties for property located at 227 N Genesee Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting August 21, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Philip Smith, Jody Saunders, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, DPW Superintendent; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jim Pierce, Jessica Westlake, Craig May, and Mandy Qualls

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. 3 – General Fund, for the amount of $369,504.29. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Water Fund, for the amount of $ 10,809.72. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $93,222.60. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $3,960.80. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mandy Qualls, Schuyler County Public Health, informing the board that the health department is in the process of updating the Health Improvement & Wellness Plan. They are currently seeking input from community members and leaders.

Recycling and Refuse Discussion

Public Information Meeting was held 7/31/2025

- About 40 community members showed up
- Presentation on background of program, projected cost of recycling, benefits of the program
- Answered questions on price, pickup schedule, extra services offered
- People signed up on the spot
- Overall positive feedback from audience

Policy update submitted for board review

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the implementation of the garbage & recycling program. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Montour Falls Village Court to apply for a JCAP Grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to $30,000.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer:
A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTUAL OR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE VILLAGE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF AND SOLAR PANEL PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING, THE AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES TO AJH DESIGN.
WHEREAS, in May of the year 2025, the Village of Montour Falls ("Village) issued and advertised a Request for Proposal seeking qualified architectural or engineering firms for the design, bidding, construction, solar panel and project closeout services for the Village of Montour Falls Fire Department Roof and Solar Panel Project and,
WHEREAS, three proposals were received from firms responding to the RFQ,
WHEREAS, the Village evaluated all proposals and deemed AJH Design's proposal the lowest cost qualified bidder to carry out the services needed for the Fire Department Roof and Solar Panel Project; and,
WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Village to authorize the Village Mayor to execute a professional services agreement, including a scope of services and fees for Services with AJH Design; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Authorize Award to AJH Design for services related to the Village's Fire Department Roof and Solar Panel Project. The Village Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a professional services agreement with AJH Design including a scope of services and fees for the Services.
Section 2. Implementation. The Village Mayor is hereby authorized to take any further action as necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.
Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.
The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the mayor to sign documents related to the Village Housing Authority grant for building repairs. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders accepting the appointment of James Pierce to the Village Housing Authority board. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the Joint Project Commission's purchase of a submersible pump for the Catharine Valley Water Reclamation Facility (CVWRF) in the amount of $14,344.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving an invoice for the CVWRF in the amount of $2,800.00 for flow meter cleaning. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith accepting the resignation of Margaret Wilcox as of July 21, 2025. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payout of 12 vacation hours, 8 personal hours, and 16.25 sick hours to Margaret Wilcox. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the purchase of a custom salt bay cover from ShelterLogic in the amount of $2,786.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting September 18, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jody Saunders, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jim Pierce, Jessica Westlake, Marsha & Dale Welty, David & Margaret Carlson, Ricky & Nicole Moshier, Jenna Niedermaier, Moe Colunio, Catherine Oberlander, Esther Heichel, Noel Messersmith, Elissa Heichel, Amanda Colunio, Antoinette Corbett, and Doyle Davis

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sophia Moshier.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – General Fund, for the amount of $149,958.97. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – Water Fund, for the amount of $11,638.62. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $70,129.65. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $3,103.04. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of a fire dept. invoice from Trux Outfitter in the amount of $5,365.00. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to waive the open container law during the Willow Running event Sept. 19 & 20, from Diversion Brewing to the Main Street Park. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the closure of W. Main Street from Schuyler to Owego St, and to waive the open container law during the Witches Ball event October 17, between 3:00 – 10:00 pm. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the closure of W. Main Street from Owego to Genesee Street, including side streets Tracy, Montour, and Schuyler Streets; and to waive the open container law during the Harvest Festival event October 4, between 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong accepting the recommendation from the Small Business grant committee to award Jerlando's Pizzeria $20,000.00 toward his project including the installation of a walk-in cooler, fire suppression system and modern exhaust hood. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to schedule a CDBG public hearing on October 16, 2025 at 6:45 pm to hear comments on the Housing Authority grant. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to schedule a CDBG public hearing on October 16, 2025 at 7:15 pm to hear comments on proposed Local Law #3-2025 amending Chapter 147-18 Parking Prohibited at all times. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong:
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS
WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and
WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and
WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945), federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State's natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting October 16, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Brian Swartwood, Fire Chief; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jim Pierce, Jessica Westlake, John King, Mike Kelly, Amanda Wiley

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 $120,736.81. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Water Fund, for the amount of $ 11,052.15. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $ 47,827.16. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $3,220.80. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Amanda Wiley from Schuyler County Public Health informed the board about the County Health Assessment currently being researched by their office with community input. The assessment will cover seven priority areas and health systems in place. She noted several events coming up:

National Drug Take Back	October 25th	Walmart WG, Tyrone/Odessa Fire Depts
Rabies Clinic	November 8th	Monterey Fire Department

Public Hearing	6:45 pm	CDBG Catharine Court Needs Assessment Grant

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer opening the public hearing at 6:45 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on the Catharine Court Apartment Needs Assessment application #154035 and to discuss the possible submission of one or two CDBG grant applications in the 2025 program year. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

John King discussed that the board of Catharine Court had met with CDBG to discuss requesting funds for a necessary roof replacement. While in discussion, CDBG proposed that they could make additional improvements and that the group should consider a Needs Assessment Study. If approved for a $25,000 grant for the assessment, they will hire an engineer to complete the Needs Study for the Catharine Court Apartments.

Trustee Confer inquired if the structure was built in the 1970's. John King confirmed and stated that it had been re-roofed twice and will need a total tear off.

No public comments made.

Emma Malnoske updated the board regarding the Tree Inventory Grant. After meeting with LBS Ecological the firm developing the Community Forest Management Plan for the Village found no critically damaged trees. The Village will have a website access to data on each tree (1,250) and information on its status. In the future, the firm will hold an informational meeting.

Emma Malnoske discussed the proposed Library Rain Garden Installation. She noted that it was previously removed due to construction on the Village Hall. The soil and underlay are still in place from the previous garden. The Library Director plans to apply for $600.00 to install the garden.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the library to reinstall the rain garden with grant funds, if approved. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Public Hearing 7:00 pm Local Law #3-2025
Amending Chapter 147-18
Parking Prohibited All Times

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to open the public hearing at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on proposed local law #3-2025 amending chapter 147-18. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan described the local law amendment. The proposed change would affect the west side of Schuyler Street and implement parking prohibited at all times from 168 ft north of W. Main Street to a point 220 ft north of W. Main St.

No public comments.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to close the public hearing at 7:20 pm proposed local law #3-2025 amending chapter 147-18. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing Local Law #3-2025 amendment to chapter 147-18, Article 3. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the mayor to sign the Canal Corp Site Work Permit with NYS Canal Corp at the marina. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to designate the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees as Lead Agency on the State Environmental Quality Review Act for the Fire Department Roof Replacement project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The board discusses the project and any environmental impacts before completing the State Environmental Quality Review Act application.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith determining that the described action of proposed Fire Department Roof Replacement project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts, therefore resulting in a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong scheduling a public hearing on November 20th at 7:00 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on local law #4-2025 implementing a refuse and recycling program. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the request for proposals for grant administration regarding the NY Forward Small Business grant. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer closing the public hearing at 7:45 pm for the Catharine Court Apartment Needs Assessment application #154035. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to declare the New Holland backhoe as surplus, no longer serving a purpose to the Village. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter into Executive Session at 7:56 pm to discuss a possible property acquisition. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to exit Executive Session at 9:05 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the mayor to continue to negotiate terms with Rev. Norton to receive the Baptist Church contingent upon the Methodist Church proposing uses. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing Code Enforcement, the Mayor, Village Attorney Halpin, and owner at 121 Clinton Street to transfer ownership of the property to the Village. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the removal of firefighter Horyczun from his rank as captain and maintaining his driving suspension through the next fire department election in 2026. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Abstain: Trustee Confer. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. AYES: 3. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting November 6, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jody Saunders, Phil Smith, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Brian Swartwood, Fire Chief; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: James Peckham, Hunt Engineers; Jim Pierce

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. 6 – General Fund, for the amount of $141,836.71. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 6 – Water Fund, for the amount of $12,459.52. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 6 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,325.58. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 6 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,831.04. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

James Peckham of Hunt Engineers provided a status update of the Owego Street Stormwater Improvements Project. The Board requested their consultant, HUNT Engineers, to provide them with a draft extension request letter for the project. In addition, the board was fully briefed on the anticipated overages of approximately $988,199.80 over the funding for the construction budget as of the 11/6 scope reductions implemented by HUNT for the Advanced Design Plans (ADP) submission to DOT. The board will consider bonding these anticipated overages prior to PSE submissions and approvals.

The Original Full Project ADP Construction Cost Estimates were:
Drainage– $971,852.75
Road Work – $1,462,215.50
Total – $2,433,797.25
Overbudget - $1,950,797.25

Reduced Work Scope Construction Costs:
Drainage – $154,543.75 (-$817,309)
Road Work – $1,291,624.75 (-$170,890.80)
Total – $1,291,624.75 (-$988,199.80)
Overbudget $808,624.75

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the mayor to sign a two-year extension request for the TAP funding provided by Hunt Engineers. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Emma Malnoske presented the board with results for the RFP NY Forward Small Business grant administrative services. The Village received a total of 4 bids from: CT Mail Associates, G&G Municipal, FLX Gateway, and Heritage Resources. She recommends low bidder, Heritage Resources, be awarded.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong awarding Heritage Resources to provide administrative services for the NY Forward Small Business Grant Program. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders:
RESOLUTION FOR SEQR TYPE II DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOF REPLACEMENT
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls Fire Department provides fire and rescue services to the Village of Montour Falls and the surrounding area; and
WHEREAS, the Fire Department is a volunteer organization that is funded through Village budgetary appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes the need to replace the existing fire department roof and the need to complete SEQR proceedings in connection with the roof replacement and
WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR, Part 617.3, 617.4 and 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision 617.5(c) (1) and (15) meet the definition of Type II action and therefore ais not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS THAT the replacement of the fire department roof is declared to be a Type II action for State Environmental Quality Review Act purposes, and no further action will be required.
The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong:
RESOLUTION ISSUING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROJECT.
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls (the "Village") has received funding from the New York State Department of State (NYSDOS) to prepare and complete a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan ("LWRP") to guide the future revitalization, protection, and enhancement of its waterfront areas; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR") and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, the adoption of an LWRP is classified as a Type I Action, requiring a coordinated environmental review; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has declared itself Lead Agency for the environmental review of the proposed action; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board has duly reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and supporting documentation for the proposed action, and has carefully considered the potential environmental impacts associated with the adoption of the LWRP; and
WHEREAS, based on such review and consideration, the Village Board finds that adoption of the LWRP will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and that a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance is therefore appropriate pursuant to SEQR.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls hereby:

1. Affirms that future individual projects undertaken pursuant to the adopted LWRP shall undergo separate SEQR review, as applicable;
2. Claims its status as Lead Agency for SEQR purposes for the adoption of the LWRP; and Classifies that adoption of the LWRP constitutes a Type I Action under SEQR, and based upon the review of the Full EAF, issues a Negative Declaration, concluding that the action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the DPW to remove a dilapidated building at the Montour Cemetery. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing Clerk Byers to deed a single grave to Donald Hughey. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing Fire Chief Swartwood to list engine 16 on Auctions International. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting November 20, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders, Philip Smith, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Brian Swartwood, Fire Chief; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jim Pierce, Kate Sirrine, Alyssa Ray, Nicole Moshier, Chris Skawski, Maureen Colunio

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 $29,388.59. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. 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 $4,701.67. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 7– Sewer Fund, for the amount of $42,295.50. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 7– Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $264.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Public Hearing 6:45 pm Local Law #4-2025 Establishing a Refuse and Recycling Collection Service

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer opening the public hearing at 6:45 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed local law #4-2025 establishing a municipal refuse and recycling pickup service. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan noted some highlights of the program. The Village staff has provided the residents with information and public informational meetings. Many residents have supplied their responses to the Clerk's office about participation.

No public input. The Board continued the meeting with the public hearing remaining open for comments.

Emma Malnoske presented the ARC Grant Committee's recommendation to award a $20,000 grant to Haentges Holdings, LLC. The $2.5M mixed use dental clinic with second floor apartments will include the installation of the geothermal radiant slab and spray foam insulation at the W. South and S. Catharine Street parcel.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the ARC Committee recommendation to award $20,000 to Haentges Holdings LLC. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders awarding the Solar Project RFP to Halco, total project cost $288,423.50. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith closing the public hearing regarding Local Law #4-2025 at 7:30 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve Local Law #4-2025 establishing municipal refuse and recycling pickup service. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Fire Chief Swartwood discussed the changes to the NYS fire reporting system. The fire department will need new software to send reports to the state as required. He obtained two quotes, and believes that Blue Devil

Data will be the best choice. It will cost $5,190.00 for installation and upfront costs, and just $900.00 per year.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the fire department to purchase reporting software from Blue Devil Data in the amount of $5,190.00. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. Abstain: Trustee Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing purchases made by the Joint Project Commission (JPC) for the sewer plant. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan notified the board that the final Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) public informational meeting will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2025 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting December 4, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders, Phil Smith, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Jim Pierce

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – General Fund, for the amount of $107,811.03. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – Water Fund, for the amount of $ 16,221.41. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $6,919.25. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 8 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,339.04. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Treasurer to pay $78,937.00 up front to Halco for the solar array grant. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong designating Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 as election day due to Election Law § 15-104(1)(b); and be held at Village Hall, 408 West Main Street, from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the closure of Teemley Drive for the Holiday Market being held Saturday, December 13th, 2025. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the following holiday office closures: December 25 & 26th, and January 1 & 2. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting December 18, 2025 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders, & Mallorie Tong

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Ernest Randall, Jim Pierce

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – General Fund, for the amount of $41,267.30. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – Water Fund, for the amount of $85,619.56. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $55,287.73. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 9 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $984.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The board discussed the progress of the local law regarding refuse and recycling pick up. Emma will reach out to landlords within the village before the next meeting.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of W2O invoice for the water reclamation facility in the amount of $14,805.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of W2O invoice for the Montour Falls pump station in the amount of $3,750.00. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Abstain: Trustee Confer. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement for general consulting by Larson Design Group for the CVWRF in 2026-27. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk