Regular Board Meeting January 15, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Brian Swartwood, Fire Chief; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; 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 Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 10 – General Fund, for the amount of $71,695.57. 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. 10 – Water Fund, for the amount of $6,763.92. 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. 10 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $1,542.70. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 10 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,976.80. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the Budget Workshop dates to be advertised by Clerk Byers: 2/5, 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2. 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 a General Consulting Agreement for 2026 with Larson Design Group. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing an offer letter be sent to applicant for Account Clerk PT. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to schedule a public hearing amending the zoning map to remove tax parcel 86.07-9-50 from the Glorious T Historic Overlay District on February 5, at 6:45 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. Abstain: Trustee Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the Repair Café to utilize the fire station on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 from 10-2 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Superintendent Hillyard asked the board to distribute a portion of funds from the sale of backhoe to purchase a weather camera for Steuben Street hill and two used truck beds. The items will cost a total of approximately $6350.00, leaving $7750.00 as income for the Village.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing Superintendent Hillyard to purchase two used truck beds totaling $3250.00 and a weather camera with annual costs of $3100.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing to pay $3547.00 to Table Rock Alerting Systems for the repair of electrical components of the fire siren. 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 7:20 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting February 5, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: Kim Laursen, Jessica Westlake.

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. 11 – General Fund, for the amount of $80,570.16. AYES: Trustees Confer, 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. 11 – Water Fund, for the amount of $15,575.67. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $4,481.57. AYES: Trustees Confer, 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. 11 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,831.04. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong approving the delinquent tax list and authorizing the publication of the corresponding legal notice. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith setting the Tax Certificate Sale date for March 10th, 2026 at 10:00 am. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the 2026 Marina documents. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the 2026 Marina electrical rate as 0.30 per kwh. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter public hearing at 6:45 pm for the purpose of a hearing comments on the proposed amendment to the zoning map removing tax parcel 86.07-9-50 from the Glorious T Historic Overlay District. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. Abstain: Trustee Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Jody Saunders discussed the burden caused by the overlay district when wanting to modify her home under the Glorious T Overlay district.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to exit the public hearing at 7:15 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. Abstain: Trustee Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong approving Local Law #1-2026 A Local Law amending the zoning map of the Village of Montour Falls to remove tax parcel 86.07-9-50 from the Glorious T Historic Overlay District. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. Abstain: Trustee Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the quotes for the Catharine Valley Water Reclamation Facility (CVWRF) and the Joint Project Commission (JPC) as follows:
1)BDP – quote for repairs on the screw press – $3,122.82
2)Davis Ulmer – five-year service for the sprinkler system – $5,030.00
3)Cummings – three-year service contract for the generators – $14,314.77

The aforementioned quotes were reviewed and put to vote resulting in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith denying the credit request from Robinson's Rock Cabin asking to remove late fees due to a postal issue. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders denying a sewer credit request from Linda's Citgo, due to the water going into the sewer. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith accepting the resignation submitted by Stephen Dee from the Public Works Dept. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Farmers Market to utilize the carnival grounds June 11-Oct 8. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter executive session at 8:17 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 Tong to exit executive session at 8:52 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting February 19, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Educator; & Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Rachel Trojanowski.

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. 12 – General Fund, for the amount of $26,653.95. 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. 12 – Water Fund, for the amount of $5,651.35. 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. 12 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $1,259.10. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $492.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing Mayor Ryan to sign an agreement for general financial services with Municipal Solutions. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to waive the open container law on W. Main Street between Owego and Lee Streets during the First Friday event on March 6th. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan stated that there is a change order on the Solar Array project, an added cost of $18,000, but is within the project budget.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer denying a submitted request asking for a water credit due to a water main break. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. Abstain: Trustee Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Schuyler County Board of Elections for the 2026 Village Election. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving two election inspectors: Thomas McGarry and Eleanor Lattin. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing Trustee Confer to discuss a pre-application to the DEC with Larson Design Group. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter Executive Session to discuss a possible property acquisition at 7:15 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to exit Executive Session at 7:37 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.
AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting March 5, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Emma Malnoske, Sustainability Coordinator; 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 Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – General Fund, for the amount of $25,583.53. 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. 13 – Water Fund, for the amount of $5,975.73. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong:
A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC DELIVERY CHARGES, DEMANDING IMPROVED COST CONTROLS AND TRANSPARENCY, AND AUTHORIZING FORMAL COMPLAINTS TO THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING THE ESCALATING COST OF ELECTRICITY
WHEREAS, residents, seniors, and small businesses in the Village of Montour Falls are experiencing unsustainable, repeated, and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and
WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and
WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude, and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and
WHEREAS, rural and low-density, disadvantaged communities such as the Village of Montour Falls are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity, and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and
WHEREAS, the Village Board finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency, and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Montour Falls formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases, and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG customers; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from NYSEG, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure, and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments, and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Village and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, the Governor of the State of New York, members of the New York State Legislature, and neighboring municipalities served by NYSEG, and to encourage coordinated action among affected towns; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Adopted this 5th day of March 2026, by the Village Board of the Village of Montour Falls.

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

Trustee Tong offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders:
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP
WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional $100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and
WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and
WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and
WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and
WHEREAS, the additional $100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional $100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; &
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Montour Falls.

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

Trustee Tong offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer:
A RESOLUTION OF THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICA 250 COMMEMORATION AND PARTICIPATION IN NEW YORK STATE'S AMERICA250 EFFORTS.
WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 2026, marking a historic milestone in our nation's history; and
WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, affirming the colonies' resolve for self-government and establishing the enduring principles of liberty, democracy, and civic participation; and
WHEREAS, Congress established the U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission (America250) to plan and support a nationwide commemoration that is inclusive, educational, and reflective of the full American experience; &
WHEREAS, New York played a critical role in the American Revolution and the founding of the United States, and the Semiquincentennial provides a unique opportunity for the residents of the undersigned cities and villages to explore and celebrate this rich history, honor the diverse contributions of New Yorkers, and envision the future of our community and nation; and
WHEREAS, the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission—supported by state agencies, local governments, historical organizations, and community partners — has encouraged all New York municipalities to participate in commemorative and educational activities leading up to and throughout 2026;
WHEREAS, the undersigned cities and villages wish to promote civic engagement, strengthen public understanding of American and New York history, and encourage community-wide participation in activities and events that celebrate the Semiquincentennial;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned cities and villages in the State of New York, as follows: Hereby formally endorse and support the America250 commemoration, including the efforts of the New York State 250th Commemoration Commission.

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Schuyler County's application to the Empire State Development County Infrastructure grant program, that if approved will provide infrastructure improvements at the Flats on Broadway property and

allow for the development of approximately 36 new housing units. 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 7:03 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting March 19, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: Jessica Westlake, Library Director

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 Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – General Fund, for the amount of $43,193.60. 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. 14– Water Fund, for the amount of $8,611.26. 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. 14 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,742.21. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,749.66. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong approving the appointments of fire department officers, as follows:

Chief - Brian Swartwood
1st Assistant Chief - Andrew Yessman
2nd Assistant Chief - Jake Burns
Captain - Cayden Confer
1st Lieutenant - Sam Pierce
2nd Lieutenant - Joel Husted

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

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the purchase of two 2021 Ford Explorers outfitted with lights and sirens from Cornell University for $23,000.00 from the monies from the sale of the Saulsberry truck and insurance reimbursement. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith denying a sewer credit for the Montour House, due to the water going into the sewer. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the Village Clerk and Mayor to access the NYSDOT Equitable Business Opportunities account and obtain login information. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. Abstain: Trustee Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing payment of invoices for the Election Technicians and Inspectors totaling $560.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the mayor to send a letter in opposition to Bill #S9115 and A10138 regarding biosolids disposal and the negative impacts of increased costs for local governments. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the mayor to send letter in support of the Village's application for a government appropriation grant in the amount of $980,000 for Owego Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to enter Executive session regarding a possible property acquisition at 7:10 pm. 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 7:59 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the mayor to contact the Village Attorney regarding the Havens property. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders 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 April 2, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; 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 Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – General Fund, for the amount of $155,130.57. AYES: Trustees Confer, 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. 15 – Water Fund, for the amount of $6,133.85. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $41,339.76. 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. 15 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,099.35. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to schedule a public hearing at 6:35 pm on April 16th, 2026 for the purpose on the proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026 entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026". AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to schedule a public hearing at 6:45 pm on April 16th, 2026 for the purpose of hearing comments on proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2026, a local law amending the Code of the Village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 water rates and sewer charges. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to schedule a public hearing at 6:40 pm on April 16th, 2026 for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed 2026-2027 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the 2026 Water & Sewer Re-levy list. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Village will be holding an Arbor Day celebration on April 24th, 2026 at the Montour Falls festival grounds.

FLX Gateway Community Development will be holding a Community Clean-up for the Village on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026 at 7:00 am. The group will meet up at the Village Offices.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting April 16, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: Kevin Lewis, James 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 Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – General Fund, for the amount of $24,200.00. 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. 16 – Water Fund, for the amount of $889.45. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $117.37. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1211.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law #2-2026 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to open a Public Hearing at 6:35 pm for the purpose of hearing public comments on proposed Local Law #2-2026. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. 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 remain the same as last year at $8.48410 per $1,000 of property assessment. This budget will require the Village to use $0 from the fund balance and allow the Villag to add $4,370 to the fund balance.

Mr. Lewis asks for clarification on the tax rate. The Mayor notes that the board worked very hard to keep the tax rate the same as last year and that residents should not see any increase in their taxes.

PUBLIC HEARING Local Law #3-2026 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 Confer to enter into a Public Hearing at 6:37pm to hear comments on proposed changes to the Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The water rates will remain the same with no increase under the proposed budget. The administration fee will increase by $0.07 monthly. This budget will allow the Village to add $6,650 to the water fund balance. The proposed budget would increase the sewer rates by $0.25 per 1000 gallons for both residential and commercial users. The administration fee will increase by $0.11 monthly and the debt charge will decrease by $8.54. This budget will allow the Village to add $14,481 to the sewer fund balance.

PUBLIC HEARING 2026-2027 Village Budget

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter into a Public Hearing at 6:41 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed 2026-2027 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

The three public hearings remain open for 30 minutes to allow for anyone from the pubic to ask questions and make comments. The board will carry on with other business in the meantime.

David Stigers, TAM Team Coordinator, presented to the board regarding the Threat Assessment Management Team. The program is grant funded through the Schuyler County Sherriff's office. He provided the board with information about their processes, the 'see something, say something' policy, included agencies, and early warning signs, and threat management. Concerns should be reported to the agency.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm for Local Law #2-2026 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm for Local Law #3-2026 for Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to close the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm for the Village Budget of the fiscal year 2026-2027. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong approving Local Law #2-2026 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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, 2026 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, 2026 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 resulting as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving Local Law #3, 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 $2.74 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 $5.48 per billing; residential sewer rates to $1.300 per hundred gallons ($13.00/thousand); residential sewer base charge to $3.06 per billing; and residential sewer unit charge to $271.96 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 $1.37 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 $2.74 per billing; commercial sewer rates to $1.675 per hundred gallons ($16.75/thousand); commercial sewer base charge to $1.53 per billing; and commercial sewer unit charge to $271.96 per 41,464 gallons of usage per year.
The forementioned resolution was put to vote, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the 2026-2027 Village Budget, summarized as follows:

	General	Water	Sewer
Appropriations	2,088,581	362,261	746,881
Estimated Revenues	1,177,968	368,821	761,362
Appropriated Fund Balance	+4,370	+6,560	+14,481
Tax Levy	914,983		
Taxable Assessment	106,590,300		
Tax Rate	8.5841		

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the hire of C. Ellison as a Full Time Municipal Worker. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing Trustee Confer to arrange the purchase of trees and shrubs for the Montour Marina up to the amount of $3500.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong allowing Trustee Confer to obtain two quotes for fencing and authorizing the purchase up to $29,000 to fence in the boat storage area at the marina. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong allowing the Village to receive a landlocked parcel in the marina from Ruth Hayes, authorizing to pay for the transfer of the property including attorney and recording fees. 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 7:59 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting May 21, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: Amanda Wiley, Sch. Co. Public Health, and James 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. 17 – General Fund, for the amount of $110,060.40. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Water Fund, for the amount of $24,742.43. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $10,069.53. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $1,211.00. AYES: Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Public Health Official Amand Wiley presents to the board upcoming events and updates. Schuyler County Public Health will celebrate its 100-year anniversary this year. There will be an open house on September 23rd, for the public. The department has scheduled several rabies clinics for this season and is looking for volunteers and veterinarians for next season. Additionally, she wished to spread awareness about ticks this season.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing to enter into the CDL Reimbursement Program Agreement with Schuyler County. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders awarding the NY Forward: Catharine Street Lighting contract to Diekow Electric for the total amount of $918,400.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders:
BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS, SCHUYLER COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "VILLAGE"), AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SOLAR PANELS AND ROOF REPLACEMENT TO THE VILLAGE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS $886,800; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO $886,800 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") is considering undertaking the acquisition and construction of solar panels and roof replacement for the Village's Fire Department Building, including any equipment, machinery, apparatus, land and rights-in-land related thereto and any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto (the "Project"), at an estimated maximum cost of $886,800; and
WHEREAS, the Project described herein constitutes a "Type II" action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)) (collectively, "SEQRA") and therefore no further action need be taken by the Board of Trustees under SEQRA as a pre-condition to the adoption of this resolution; 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 Project.
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 $886,800 principal amount of serial bonds (including, without limitation, statutory installments 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 costs of the Project, 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 $886,800, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to $886,800 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 Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services 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 period of probable usefulness for the aforementioned specific object or purpose is twenty-five (25) years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a)(1) of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law.

SECTION 4. The final maturity of the bonds herein authorized to be issued shall be in excess of five (5) years measured from the date of issuance of the first serial bond or bond anticipation note issued pursuant to this resolution.

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"). Such bonds and notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer consistent with the provisions of Local Finance Law. Further, pursuant to paragraph b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for the class of 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 object or purpose authorized by other resolutions of the Board of Trustees, then the power of the Board of Trustees 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 authorized by this resolution 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.

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. Upon this resolution becoming effective, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published, together with a notice attached in substantially the form as prescribed in Section 81.00 of the Law, in the official newspaper(s) of the Village for such purpose, together with a notice of the Village Clerk 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:

	AYE	NAY
James P. Ryan, Mayor		X
Jeffrey P. Confer, Trustee		X
Jody Saunders, Trustee		X
Philip J. Smith, Trustee		X
Mallorie Tong, Trustee (n/a)		

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 4 AYES and no NAYS.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the mayor to pursue a water cybersecurity grant, that has a $0 dollar match. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the Mayor to pursue additional funds and continue the Owego Street Stormwater Improvements grant notifying the State of the Village's intentions. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the mayor to apply for a grant for a Marina Bathhouse and Playground from NYS Parks and Recreation. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The board was presented with a request for a SEQR to be completed for Marina Bathhouse and Playground grant.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith declaring the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees as Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act process in regards to the Marina Bathhouse and Playground grant AYES: Trustee Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried. Mayor Ryan along with the Board of Trustees reviewed and completed Part II of the Environmental Quality Review Act Application.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders determining the described action of the Marina Bathhouse & Playground grant will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts therefore resulting in a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review. AYES: Trustee Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to waive the open container law for the carnival grounds during the Fireman's Festival event and additionally for parade festivities on Saturday between 4-8 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the contract with Geiger's Marine for the 2026 season. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

June 18, 2026	January 2, 2027
July 16, 2026	January 21, 2027
August 20, 2026	February 4, 2027
September 17, 2026	February 18, 2027
October 1, 2026	March 4, 2027
October 15, 2026	March 18, 2027
November 5, 2026	April 1, 2027
November 19, 2026	April 15, 2027
December 3, 2026	May 20, 2027
December 17, 2026	

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

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the installment plan for Mr. Capriotti, although the removal of late fees is denied. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing Trustee Confer to pursue a propane exchange program for the marina. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter Executive Session to discuss possible property acquisition and potential employee credentials at 7:50 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to exit the Executive Session at 8:38 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Village to accept the property located at 114-116 Owego Street from the property owner. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hire of Brady Bockelcamp as a Seasonal Laborer. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hire of Joshua Langley as Municipal Worker and to create an additional position with civil service if needed. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith accepting the resignations of Mark Leonard from Public Safety and Orville Carter from the Planning Board. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Village to work with Aimee Churchill's office to accept the Hayes property and pay any transfer fees. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Village to make an offer on the Main Street park property. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: Ian Smith, James Pierce, and Kate Sirrine.

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 Confer authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 18 – General Fund, for the amount of $102,287.30. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 18 – Water Fund, for the amount of $8,965.36. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 18 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,238.76. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 18 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,717.85. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 1 – General Fund, for the amount of $52,078.71. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 1 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $86.12. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 1 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $330.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Ian Smith, Seneca Watershed Steward, spoke regarding a potential project within/adjacent to the Village that the Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization and partners are looking to pursue, needing assistance from a municipality to request grant funds. He informs the board that the diversion channel is no longer sufficient and the study will explore reshaping the channels to flow properly. The grant, if awarded, will be for $114,000 with a 25% local match covered by in-kind time by SWS.

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

WHEREAS, The Seneca-Keuka Watershed Nine Element Plan (9E) identifies the Sleeper Creek - Catharine Creek as a priority sub watershed where highly erodible soils and steep topography make hydrologic resiliency projects in the valley floor critically important;
WHEREAS, construction of the Catharine Creek Flood Diversion Channel and associated Barge Canal inadvertently reduced the hydrologic resiliency of Catharine Creek by diverting flows from the Catharine Creek Marsh complex;
WHEREAS, landscape changes upstream of the Catharine Creek Flood Diversion Channel and broader increases in precipitation intensity and volume have resulted in the erosion and incising of the Diversion Channel;
WHEREAS, sediment accumulation within the Barge Channel immediately below the Diversion Channel is negatively impacting the Village of Montour Falls Marina, a priority focus area in the Village's draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan;

WHEREAS, the Seneca Watershed Steward (SWS) has conceptualized a means of both stabilizing the Diversion Channel and diverting stormflows into the Marsh Complex thereby reducing sediment loading to the Barge Channel and Seneca Lake further downstream;
WHEREAS, an initial phase of assessing the feasibility phase of this conceptualization is budgeted at $114,000 and is needed to proceed to design and implementation;
WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has funding available for such projects that will cover 75% of the total project cost;
WHEREAS, the remaining 25% local match can be provided by a combination of In-Kind time provided by SWS, cash, and volunteer time;
WHEREAS, a municipality needs to be the applicant for such a grant, and the Village of Montour Falls, with support from the SWS, has the capacity to administer the grant if awarded; now therefore, it is
RESOLVED, the Village of Montour Falls hereby agrees to be the applicant for the grant funding this project, and an authority designated as such by the Village Board of Trustees is authorized to sign the application and all other documents in furtherance of it and, if awarded, grant administration documentation.

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to schedule a public hearing on July 16th at 6:35 pm regarding a Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) application for 1.5M in grant funds for the infrastructure on Owego Street. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong 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
	Bryan Monacelli
	Mark Hall
Zoning Board of Appeals	Michael Stamp
	Bradley Stephens
	Steven Lawton
	Sophie Marmor

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Village to accept a three-year contract with PERMA for workers' compensation coverage. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to authorize a purchase offer on the West Main Street property, consisting of three parcels, for $30,000 per year for five years with 3% added annually. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Whereas, the Village of Montour Falls hereby requests financial assistance from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15,
Whereas, the Village of Montour Falls certifies that it has identified $140,000 of matching funds from a municipal bond, pursuant to the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 Title 15,
Therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Montour Falls hereby authorizes Mayor James P. Ryan to act on its behalf in submittal of an application through the Consolidated Funding Application for $560,000, to be used for levee recertification.

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

Sustainability Educator Emma Malnoske provides the board with updates on several projects. She noted the Tree Inventory grant has concluded and the Village now has a database. She has been working with Alma from Heritage Resources on distributing NY Forward Small Business Grant Funds.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the purchase of an American Elm tree as part of the Nations 250th Anniversary celebration with the Historical Society for $60.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the wastewater treatment plant to purchase replacement parts for the belt press from BDP Industries in the amount of $3,164.18. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to send a letter to the Humane Society asking that they do not walk dogs in the marina and campground while the season is open from May-October. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter Executive session at 7:59 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to exit Executive session at 8:33 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the Fire Chief to compose a department policy regarding accidents for board review. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to uphold the Fire Chief's decision revoking driving privileges to firefighter Pierce, and allow the Chief to reinstate those privileges after the fulfillment of training hours as recommended by the Chief. AYES: Trustees Saunders, Smith, and Tong. ABSTAIN: Trustee Confer NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting July 16, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: Jean Cooper, Kate de la Garza, Joann Lindstrom, and Kate Sirrine.

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. 2 – General Fund, for the amount of $125,505.99. AYES: Trustees Confer, 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. 2 – Water Fund, for the amount of $4,573.97. AYES: Trustees Confer, 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. 2 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,659.34. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 2 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $3,223.95. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The board was presented with a request for a SEQR to be completed for the Water Withdrawal Permit Application.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong declaring the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees as Lead Agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act process in regards to the Water Withdrawal Permit Application. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan along with the Board of Trustees reviewed and completed Part II of the Environmental Quality Review Act Application.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong, determining the described action submitting a Water Withdrawal Permit Application will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts therefore resulting in a negative declaration under the State Environmental Quality Review. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter public hearing at 6:45 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on the proposed submission of a CDBG grant application while providing information on the proposed project on Owego Street Infrastructure. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan offers the following information on the grant application: This CDBG program is administered by the Housing Trust Fund Corporation's (HTFC) Office of Community Renewal (OCR) and HTFC will make available to eligible local governments approximately $25 million for the 2026 program year for economic development, public facilities, public infrastructure, and planning activities, with the principal purpose of benefitting low/moderate income persons. The Village is applying for $1.5M CDBG funds for Owego Street Stormwater Improvements and Public Infrastructure project. The Village is applying for this additional funding to complete the Owego Street project.

Kate Sirrine asked additional information about the Owego Street current project status.

Mayor Ryan offered an answer to this question.

The board moved on with the meeting while keeping the public hearing open.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR
THE VILLAGE OF MONTOURS FALLS WATER SYSTEM'S LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is required by the EPA Lead and Copper Rule Improvements law to identify and replace all lead and galvanized services requiring replacement by 2034 for its drinking water system; and
WHEREAS, a project is proposed to develop an inventory to determine the composition of existing service lines of unknown composition; and
WHEREAS, the Village is seeking financial assistance through the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) 100% grant funding for lead service line (LSL) inventory projects; and
WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) has stated the 2026 WIIA LSL inventory grant application does not require SEQR review and bonding is not required because no debt would be incurred under 100% grant; now, therefore, be it
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls Board acknowledges and authorizes the Project, authorizes the submission of a grant application to the WIIA LSL grant program, and, if awarded, authorizes the Village to enter into a grant agreement with the EFC, and to execute any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project, and to fulfill the Village's obligations under secured grant agreements, subject to review and approval by counsel; and, be it further
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor, or approved representative, be authorized to sign the WIIA LSL Grant application and supporting documents, and, if awarded, to execute a WIIA grant agreement, and to execute any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project, and to fulfill the Village's obligations under secured grant agreements, subject to review and approval by counsel.

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

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to close the CDBG public hearing at 7:15 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Kate de la Garza from INHS shares a presentation with the board. She said the group builds, maintains, and manages housing developments. Additionally, the group offers many different programs including Real Estate development, manufactured housing, and home ownership including repairs, homebuyer assistance. INHS will submit an application to improve vacant lots/homes on behalf of the Village.

Mayor Ryan would like to create a committee of Village representatives to work with INHS to study and look at an application.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to establish a committee comprised Joann Lindstrom, Jody Saunders, Mallorie Tong, and Jim Ryan to study and work with INHS representatives on a possible grant application. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Joann Lindstrom, County Planner, states she has been working with Janet Thigpen on an interior drainage study on behalf of the Village. The project was estimated to cost $330,000 and will require a 20% local match of $67,000.

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls hereby requests financial assistance from the New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant Program pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law Article 54, Title 15; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls certifies that it has identified $67,000 of matching funds from the issuance of a municipal bond pursuant to the requirements of Environmental Conservation Law Article 54 Title 15.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls hereby authorizes James Ryan, Mayor, to act on its behalf in submittal of an application through the Consolidated Funding Application for $268,000 to be used for Feasibility Study of the Montour Falls Levee System.

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

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to schedule a public hearing for proposed changes to Chapter 147 Vehicles and Traffic, Article III Parking, Standing, and Stopping on August 20th at 6:40 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to schedule a public hearing regarding the proposed renewal of a franchise agreement between the Village and Spectrum Northeast LLC on August 20th at 6:50 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Mayor to work with SCOPED to pursue a CDBG grant for Owego Street Stormwater Improvements and public infrastructure project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing a refund of 3 months to Kevin Sampson for marina boat slip #73S. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to hire Andrew Manganaro as Security Guard. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer:
WHEREAS, an agreement was recorded on October 18, 1993 at Liber 13 of Miscellaneous, at Page 546, between the Village of Montour Falls and Marvin W. Kemmerer and Rose Marie Kemmerer granting that the Kemmerer's property located at 3685 County Road 16, Town of Dix be supplied water by the Village of Montour Falls for the five mobile homes on the property and no more.
WHEREAS, Marvin Kemmerer has received a purchase offer for said property by Rolling Hills Properties of NY LLC, a limited liability company located in Avoca, New York that would like to continue said agreement.
WHEREAS, Rolling Hills Properties of NY, LLC, has received a purchase offer for said property by BCEG Holdings, LLC, located at 15 Larchmont Ave, Horseheads NY, that would like to continue said agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees hereby resolves as follows:
RESOLVED, to continue the agreement recorded October 18, 1993, with the new owners BCEG Holdings LLC, under the same terms and conditions.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting August 20, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: James Pierce, and Kate Sirrine.

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 Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – General Fund, for the amount of $411,337.86. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. 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 $19,088.55. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $3,309.61. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 3 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $3,150.16. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer awarding the Fire Department Roof Project RFP to J&B Roofing, Inc in the amount of $260,000. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer accepting the Fire Department's Vehicle Accident Policy as submitted. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter a public hearing at 6:40 pm to hear comments on proposed Local Law #4-2026 amending Chapter 147, Article III Parking, Standing, and Stopping. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Mayor described the following proposed changes:

§ 147-18. Parking prohibited at all times.

Update to:

Name of Street	Side	Location
South Genesee Street	East	From Main Street to Cook Street

Removal of lines:

North Genesee Street **[Added 6-1-2009 by L.L. No. 1-2009; repealed 1-4-2010 by L.L. No. 1-2010]**		
South Genesee Street	East	From South Street to a point 50 feet north thereof
South Genesee Street	West	From South Street to Cook Street

§ 147-21. Parking prohibited certain hours.

Removal:

Name of Street	Side	Hours/Days	Location
South Genesee Street	East	2:00 a.m. to 6:30 a.m./Nov. 1 through April 1	Commencing at West Main Street southerly to Cook Street

§ 147-24. Time limit parking.

Name of Street	Time Limit; Side	Hours/Days	Location
Main Street	2 hrs.; Both	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m./All	From Catharine Street to Genesee Street
South Genesee Street	2 hrs.; West	All	From Main Street to South Street

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter public hearing at 6:45 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on a cable television franchise agreement from Spectrum Northeast, LLC. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Mayor noted that the attorney is reviewing the document. No public comments.

Both public hearing will remain open as the meeting continues.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer accepting the Gender Based Violence and the Workplace Policy as submitted. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the refund of dock slip rent in the amount of $570.00. The requested storage amount of $80.00 authorized pending confirmation of removal of boat and trailer from the marina. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the hire of C. Seewald as Security Guard trainee. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Fire Academy to utilize the L' Hommedieu Park for parking during a training exercise from September 29-October 1. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to exit public hearings at 7:00 pm for Local Law #4-2026 and Spectrum Cable Franchise Agreement. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving Local Law #4-2026 amending Chapter 147, Article III Parking, Standing, and Stopping as proposed. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Fire Dept to purchase a 1992 Yamaha Jet Drive boat and trailer from Sullivan County in the amount of $4,500.00 contingent upon available funding per the treasurer. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting September 17, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

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

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

Public: James Pierce, and Jimmy Seafuse.

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. 4 – General Fund, for the amount of $176,901.38. AYES: Trustees Confer, 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. 4 – Water Fund, for the amount of $11,517.36. 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. 4 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $2,388.12. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 4 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,089.16. AYES: Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Superintendent to order 120 ft drain pipe for use at 205 Canal Street and the Village will pay half the cost with Mr. Seafuse. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the closure of W. Main Street from Owego to Genesee Street for the Harvest Festival on October 3rd from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm and to waive the open container law from 12:00 – 8:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the closure of W. Main Street from Montour to Owego Street for the Witches Ball on October 16th from 3:00 – 9:00 pm and to waive the open container law from 4:00 – 8:00 pm for the event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Montour Falls Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-27 grant cycle up to $30,000.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving equipment rental agreements for North New York, LLC and E&H Capital Properties, LLC. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: Trustee Smith. Resolution carried.

The Board received a narrative from LBS Ecological regarding the condition of the library tree and their recommendations for board consideration. This matter was tabled as no immediate threat was identified.

The Board received a letter from Town of Catharine requesting a price quote and service proposal for contract fire protection and emergency response services. The Mayor will form a committee including the Fire Chief to consider the Catharine's request.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to schedule a public hearing amending Chapter 99 Parks and Recreation Areas of the Village Code. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of an invoice for repairs to the screw press at the Catharine Valley Water Reclamation Facility, billed by BDP Industries for the amount of $9,968.94. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Tong. NOES: Trustee Smith. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to hire R. Hartwell as full time Municipal Worker. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to enter Executive Session at 7:31 pm to discuss an employee matter. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer exiting Executive Session at 7:43 pm. 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 7:44 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Regular Board Meeting October 15, 2026 6:30 pm
Village of Montour Falls

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Philip Smith, and Mallorie Tong

Absent: Trustee Saunders

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

Public: Katie Sirrine, James Pierce, Tony Turrin, John King, OFD Chief Adam Mahnke

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. 5 – General Fund, for the amount of $66,550.89. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Water Fund, for the amount of $12,690.95. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of $4,611.54. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 5 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of $2,808.90. AYES: Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to open public hearing at 6:40 pm to hear comments on proposed local law #5-2026 amending Chapter 99 – Parks and Recreation Areas. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan described the proposed change to the local law noting the addition of two parks; on South L'Hommedieu and West Main Street.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to enter public hearing at 6:45 pm for the purpose of hearing comments on a proposed application to CDBG Community Planning for a Water System Study. AYES: Mayor Ryan, Trustees Confer, and Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan discussed the purpose and details of the CDBG grant application with a slideshow.

Both public hearings remained open as the meeting business continued.

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to set Halloween Trick or Treat hours on October 31st from 5-8 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer accepting the contractual service agreement from Municipal Solutions for administration of the NY PLAYS grant estimating costs of $13,000.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith awarding the Catharine Court Needs Assessment Study RFP to VGCOM, LLC in the amount of $7,500.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to exit the public hearing for proposed Local Law #5-2026 at 7:05 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to exit the CDBG public hearing at 7:05 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.
Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith:
A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CDBG GRANT TO ADDRESS AGING INFRASTRUCTURE OF VILLAGE'S EXISTING WATER SYSTEM.

Whereas it is necessary to apply for a CDBG grant to address the Village's existing water system issues; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, that the Village Board has agreed that it is necessary to address the aging infrastructure of the Village's existing water system and therefore have decided to move forward in applying for a NYS CDBG grant and designating James P. Ryan as the certified Fair Housing Officer.

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

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving local law #5-2026. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong approving Mayor Ryan's appointment of Sarah Houck to the Planning Board. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to schedule a public hearing on November 19th, 2026 at 6:40 pm to hear comments on proposed Local Law #6-2026, a proposed local law amending section Chapter 62-4(D) of the Village Code to require proof of payment of all real property taxes, special assessments and delinquent water and sewer charges as a condition to issuance of a building permit. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

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

Trustee Tong offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to exit Executive Session at 8:45 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong agreeing to submit a proposal to the Town of Catharine for fire protection services. AYES: Trustees Smith, Tong, and Mayor Ryan. NOES: None. Abstain: Trustee Confer. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Tong to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm.
AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Tong. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk