

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
October 13, 2025**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held October 13, 2025, in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, by Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey, who welcomed everyone. He reminded everyone of the guidelines for public comment. He said that the village needs to get through their business, once done there will be at time for questions and comments with a 3-minute speaking period for anyone who wishes to do so.

Present: Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee T. Lawrence, Trustee L. Matthews, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier and DPW Supervisor DeBetta.

Absent: Officer in Charge Frank Ventura.

Visitors: Kathy Shaffer, Joyce Humphrey, Jr. Shaffer, Ronnie Ford, Gary & Nora Reynolds, Dale Dewey, Brandon Clapperton, Diane Miller, April Leggett, Julie Sutton, Maryann Palmetier, Jerry & Nancy Harris, Joseph Snell, James Parkinson and Jason Wicks.

- Motion authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers.
General Fund Vouchers # 89 - 108, Totaling \$6,896.00.
Water Fund Vouchers # 42 – 55, Totaling \$9,176.14.
Christmas Parade Fund Vouchers # 6- 7, Totaling \$387.50.

Motion as Follows:

Trustee L. Matthews – Aye
Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye
Trustee Humphrey – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.

- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections.
Motion as Follows:
Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye
Trustee L. Matthews – Aye
Trustee Humphrey – Aye
All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- **DPW/ Water:** Verbal report given by DPW Supervisor DeBetta. The Department have been looking for water leaks to determine what may have caused the water to discolor. At this time, no leaks have, been noted. We will be having a company come out to check the lines. We have been in contact with Chenango County; they have indicated that we may need to flush the hydrants four times a year instead of twice a year. The Fire Department had been using the hydrant next to the well house for training proposes; this could have been the cause of the dirty water. Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey stated that the system is

of public drinking water primarily. DPW Supervisor DeBetta said that Lamont Engineers would be sending out letters about the water meter placement.

- Police Department. No report.
- Code Enforcement: No report as there is a vacancy. Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey stated that the village is looking to fill the position, if anyone, knows of anyone who may be interested.
- Planning Board: Planning Board Chair, April Leggett informed the Village Board of Trustees with a number discussions:
 - ✓ Thanked the Village Board of Trustees for allowing the Village Planning Board to hold monthly meetings.
 - ✓ The LED gateway sign, she has spoken with the Unadilla Town Clerk to see what company they used for their sign placement, she will be gathering more information.
 - ✓ Spoke about the affordable pro- housing, as per her discussion with Lamont Engineer, Brendon Becker, and letter of intent for grant funding.
 - ✓ Commerce of Chenango Membership
 - ✓ Microphones - Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey stated that he is looking into options.
- Finance/Insurance: Up to date.
- Parade Committee: No representative.
- 4 Towns Forward: Remains the same.
- Historian Report: No report.
- Dog Control Officer: - Report distributed.

Old Business:

- Progress on the 2 Yellow Houses. Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey said that it appears as though the people who were interested in purchasing these property are no longer. He said that he would reach out to Brendon Becker to see where we are with applying for grant funds to have the houses take down.
- Camera Discussion – At this time Board feels as though it best to have indivisible monitors, to have complete and full access if need be. Trustee T. Lawrence is working on obtaining estimates.
- Charging Station – Trustee T. Lawrence informed the Village Board of Trustees that the New York Power Authority has started the construction. They will be shutting down the access roadway between HALso's and the Rendezvous for one week in November to run the utility lines. They expect to have the system completed by December 20, 2025.

New Business:

- Motion to move \$4,154.74 from General Fund Savings Acc # 2 - A3042 for payment of Invoices #INV0189197, & #INV0189779, & #RTN0011850 - to Ti Sales: for the purchase of water meters. (F8350.40 – Common water supply-meters – for \$4,154.74).

Motion as Follows:

Trustee L. Matthews – Aye

Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye

Trustee Humphrey – Aye

All in favor, motion passed.

- Motion made to keep the Senior Citizens and Disability Income Levels for the 2025 Assessment Roll from Chenango County as they currently are.

Motion as Follows:

Trustee L. Matthews – Aye

Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye

Trustee Humphrey – Aye

All in favor, motion passed.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Visitor Brandon Clapperton, who runs the Go – Kart Track at the Fairgrounds expressed to the Village Board of Trustees that if he has had a rainout on Friday or Saturday if the village would allow him to run on Sunday.
- Motion made to allow Brandon Clapperton to hold Go-Kart Races on Sunday at the Fairgrounds. If it were to rain on either Friday or Saturday.

Motion as Follows:

Trustee L. Matthews – Aye

Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye

Trustee Humphrey – Aye

All in favor, motion passed.

- Visitors Nora & Gary Reynolds asked questions about the placement of the water meters. They asked if each trailer at their rental properties would have their own meters. They were informed that yes, they would. They asked how the billing would work, as of right now they pay for their tenets. They were, told that is would be up to them if they continued to pay for their tenets or have their tenets pay for their own individual use. They expressed their concern about the water that runs down Park Ave, when it rains.
- Visitor Ron Ford, who runs the Afton Motor Park Speedway expressed to the Village Board of Trustees that he has had eight rainouts this season. He stated that even though he is not able to race due to weather, he still has expenses to meet. He states that he would like to be able to host some races on Sundays, if he has a rainout for next season. The Village Board of Trustees expressed that they would like Mr. Ford to finish his race schedule for next season to be represent to the board.
- Visitor Charles Torres expressed his violation of his rights regarding the illegal and unconstitutional placement of the Village of Afton Police Cameras. He expressed his willingness of a lawsuit if the situation is not remedy.

- Visitor Jerry Harris expressed his concern over the placement of a wastewater sewer plant within the village. He feels as though it not necessary and too costly. There were many discussions about the project and the cost and availability of grants.
- Visitor Jason Wicks asked about the game of chance. At this time, the Town of Afton, NY will be taking the lead into looking into this matter. Two of the Village Board Members has joined the committee for the Town to move forward to gather information.
- Motion to enter into an executive session at 7:47 pm, to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
 Motion as Follows:
 Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye
 Trustee L. Matthews – Aye
 Trustee Humphrey – Aye
 All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion to exit executive session at 8:07 pm.
 Motion as Follows:
 Trustee L. Matthews – Aye
 Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye
 Trustee Humphrey – Aye
 All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion to adjourn our regular meeting at 8:10 pm.
 Motion as Follows:
 Trustee T. Lawrence – Aye
 Trustee L. Matthews – Aye
 Trustee Humphrey – Aye
 All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Palmatier,
 Clerk / Treasurer