

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LAURENS  
May 6, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Kovacs

**Present:** Mayor Frank Kovacs, Trustee Tom Halstead, Trustee Starr Liddle, Water Superintendent Dale Bullock, Assistant Water Superintendent Jarrett Hotaling, Clerk Erica LaBuz

**Absent:** Trustee Lois VanAlstine

**Other:** Traci Dilello, Samantha Gray, Daisy Soto

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Hearing on 2025-26 Budget:** Trustee Halstead made a motion to approve the 2025-26 budget. Trustee Liddle seconded. Approved 3-0

**Minutes:** The March minutes were accepted as presented with a motion by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Trustee Halstead. (There were no April minutes due to the lack of a quorum.)

**Financial Reports:** The March financial report was reviewed. A motion to approve the financial report and Abstract #11 and 12 for payment was made by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Trustee Halstead. Approved 3-0  
The certificate of deposit for \$20,000.00 will mature on 5/15. The interest rate is not known on this date. The options are a 7-month or a 13-month CD. Trustee Halstead made a motion to renew \$20,000.00 into the term that pays the highest interest rate and to put the earned interest into the money market account. Seconded by Trustee Liddle. Approved 3-0.

**Water Report** – Water superintendent Dale Bullock gave his report. The Village used 586,000 gallons of water in April. K. K. Electric serviced the generator. They are an authorized Kohler dealer. The water tower will be inspected in June. A new roof is needed on the pumphouse. An estimate of \$5,500.00 was received. If the roof is not replaced this year, replacement will be necessary in 26-27.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Kovacs will put up the flags for Memorial Day. Water is needed in Knapp Park. The deck of the gazebo needs to be pressure washed before painting. Due to rainy weather and the prep work on the gazebo, the Into the Streets volunteers were not able to paint the gazebo.

**Committee Reports**

**Parks, Property & Sidewalks** – Mayor Kovacs will work with the Job Corps on sidewalk replacement. There are concerns about the burnt-out house at 108 Main Street. Trustee Halstead said the new owner of 106 Main Street, Blue Maple Masonry, is interested in purchasing the home.

**Community Engagement** – The Village received the arts grant for \$1,400.00 for the summer concerts. Mayor Kovacs said he will take care of setting up the ice cream if Stewarts Shops awards us ice cream sundae kits.

**Correspondence**

**Public Comment:** Daisy Soto would like to close Craft Street for a block party that includes games, food and vendors this summer. Traci Dilello of Friends of the Feral has experience organizing events. We need to find out the procedure for street closures. Jarrett Hotaling suggested calling Otsego County Emergency Services.

Daisy Soto questioned the debt fee on the water bills. It was explained that this is collected to make the principal and interest payments on the bonds. It will be collected until 2046.

The village clerk provided information that the Laurens Fire District plans to bond \$1,500,000.00 to purchase a fire truck for the Mount Vision Fire Department, a fire truck for the West Laurens Fire Department and constructing an addition on the WLFD to house the new truck. This will increase fire protection taxes on property tax bills.

**Adjournment:** The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Erica LaBuz  
Village Clerk