

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAURENS
November 7, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Deputy Mayor Kovacs

Present: Deputy Mayor Frank Kovacs, Trustee Jonathan Heelein, Trustee Lois VanAlstine, Water Superintendent Dale Bullock, Assistant Water Superintendent Jarrett Hotaling, Clerk Erica LaBuz

Other: Justin Hughes, Marie Iannotti, Tom Halstead

Pledge of Allegiance

Resignation of Mayor – Trustee Heelein made a motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Pinter. Seconded by Lois VanAlstine. Approved 3-0

Appointment of Acting Mayor - Trustee Heelein made a motion to nominate Frank Kovacs for Acting Mayor. Seconded by Lois VanAlstine. Approved 3-0. Acting Mayor Kovacs took the oath of office.

Appointment of Trustees – Trustee VanAlstine made a motion to appoint Justin Hughes for the trustee position vacated by Starr Liddle. Seconded by Trustee Heelein. Approved 3-0

Trustee VanAlstine made a motion to appoint Tom Halstead for the trustee position vacated by Frank Kovacs. Seconded by Trustee Heelein. Approved 3-0. Trustees Halstead and Hughes took the oath of office.

Bank Account Signatures: Trustee Heelein made a motion to remove Kelly Pinter’s signature from all bank accounts and to add Frank Kovacs to the bank accounts. Seconded by Trustee VanAlstine. Approved 5-0

Minutes: The October minutes were accepted as presented.

Financial Reports: The September financial report was reviewed. The clerk/treasurer provided supplemental information regarding fall water billing, receipts, open accounts and the unpaid water and tax totals that will be submitted to Otsego County. Motion to accept the financial report and Abstract #6 for payment was made by Lois VanAlstine, seconded by Justin Hughes. Approved 5-0

Water Report – Water superintendent Dale Bullock gave his report. The Village used 464,000 gallons of water in October which is 200,000 gallons less than the previous month. Water will be turned off at the cemetery on 11/8. PFOS testing will take place next week.

Committee Reports

Parks, Property & Sidewalks - The flags will be taken down by Acting Mayor Kovacs.

Community Engagement - Santa in the Park will be organized by Acting Mayor Kovacs. He will check to see if the Key Club will provide the goody bags. If the board would like the summer concerts to continue, assistance will be needed with the concerts and ice cream. The board expressed that they would like the concerts to continue. The grant application should open in January.

New Business – Caucuses will need to be held between January 21 – 28, 2025.

Correspondence – Otsego County Historian, Deb Mackenzie sent a letter requesting that all county municipalities sign a proclamation supporting America250. The Bank of Greene County sent a letter providing information about financial products.

Public Comment – Dale Bullock said that his water system operator expires in July 2025. He will not renew it so a new water system operator will need to be hired. For budget purposes, we should know who will be hired by February. Jarrett Hotaling is educated in the field of water systems.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Erica LaBuz
Village Clerk