

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LAURENS  
February 4, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Present:** Acting Mayor Frank Kovacs, Trustee Tom Halstead, Trustee Jonathan Heelein, Trustee Justin Hughes, Trustee Lois VanAlstine, Water Superintendent Dale Bullock, Assistant Water Superintendent Jarrett Hotaling, Clerk Erica LaBuz

**Other:** Marie Iannotti, Jim Loudon

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:** The January minutes were accepted as presented.

**Financial Reports:** The December financial report was reviewed. The following budget modifications are needed for Workers Compensation in both the General Fund and the Water Fund:

\$230.17 from A5142.4 (Snow Removal) to A9040.8 (Workers Compensation)

\$230.17 from FX8320.13 (EPA Stipend) to FX9040.8 (Workers Compensation).

Motion to approve the budget modification, and accept the financial report and Abstract #9 for payment was made by Trustee Heelein, seconded by Trustee Halstead. Approved 5-0

**Water Report** – Water superintendent Dale Bullock gave his report. The Village used 463,000 gallons of water in January. In 2024 we used 500,000 gallons. Less testing be required in 2025-26. The water tank will need to be inspected this year. The cost will be \$2,500.00. The Annual Quality Report to DOH is due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Proof that lead line inventory letters went out is due on July 1.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Kovacs reported that he is getting complaints about snow on the sidewalks.

**Committee Reports**

**Parks, Property & Sidewalks** – Sidewalks will be put in the 2025-26 budget. The CHIPS reimbursement has been submitted. Payment will be in April. The new allocation for this year will not be known until the state budget is approved.

**Community Engagement** – We will apply for the Otsego community events grant for community day for funding for the bubble show and the Utica Zoo.

**New Business** – There was a discussion about decreasing the board to three trustees. Mayor Kovacs said that when he was the mayor in the past there were only three trustees. Trustee Halstead made a motion to decrease the board to three trustees effective 4/1/2025. Seconded by Trustee Heelein. Approved 5-0.

The mayor and water superintendent will meet with the village clerk on February 19 at 10:00 to work on the proposed 2025-26 budget.

**Correspondence** – SUNY Oneonta contacted us regarding participation in Into the Streets. We will ask the students to paint the deck of the gazebo.

**Public Comment**

**Adjournment:** The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM so that the board could go into executive session.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Erica LaBuz  
Village Clerk