

**VILLAGE OF VICTORY
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
~ May 31, 2025 ~
5:30 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL MONTHLY MEETING TO ORDER: Attending Mayor Corey Helwig, Trustee Tammy Mitchell, Trustee Leslie Dennison, Village Clerk Treasurer Maureen Lewsey, and Deputy Village Clerk Treasurer Gabrielle Hersey.

Mayor Corey Helwig opened the meeting with an update on the Victory Mills Fire.

-On **Saturday, May 31st, 2025**, at approximately **2:30 PM**, a massive fire broke out at the historic **Victory Mill**. In response to this critical situation, **Mayor Corey Helwig** immediately called an **Emergency Meeting** with the **Village Board of Trustees** to initiate a coordinated **safety and response plan**. Mayor Helwig reported that by mid-afternoon, **tanker operations were functioning at 80% capacity**, and by **5:30 PM**, the **Victory Mills Fire Department** transitioned to a **defensive strategy** to manage the blaze effectively and safely. This strategic shift was made in close coordination with **Saratoga County emergency officials**, who are now advising on a **comprehensive damage control plan**. In recognition of the Mill's future and ongoing redevelopment efforts, the Village invited a **representative from Empire State Development** to the meeting. This is especially important as **Victory Mills is the recipient of a \$10 million grant** earmarked for the **demolition and redevelopment of the site**. This tragic event underscores the urgency of moving forward with plans that ensure safety while also shaping a bold, new chapter for our village. We are committed to full transparency and will continue to **update the community** as next steps unfold.

Mayor Corey Helwig went further and made a motion to declare Immediate Danger to the Community, Trustee Leslie Dennison seconded this motion. All in Favor- AYE 3-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

- Tuesday – June 10, 2025: Public Hearing at 6:30 pm/ Monthly Meeting to Follow

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Dennison to adjourn the meeting and was Seconded by Mayor Corey Helwig. All in Favor- Aye 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabrielle Hersey

Village Clerk/Treasurer

05/28/2025

