

Village of Schuylerville / Village of Victory Water Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2026

Location: Village of Victory

1. Call to Order & Pledge

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance

Members present included:

Chairman Drew

Commissioner Campbell

Commissioner Dennison

Commissioner Healy

Secretary Jamie Porter

2. Board Announcements

- The next Water Board meeting is scheduled for **April 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM** following the public hearing at the Village of Victory meeting hall
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3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Motion:** Approve February 2026 meeting minutes made by Commissioner Dennison
- **Seconded by:** Commissioner Campbell

4. Treasurer's Report (as of February 28, 2026)

- Operating Account: \$134,171.56
 - NYCLASS Operating: \$106,311.51
 - NYCLASS Filter: \$227,982.08
 - NYCLASS Capital: \$65,425.54
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5. Plant & Operations JCF Report

Key operational issues and updates included:

- **RO System Issues (RO1):**
 - Multiple low inlet pressure alarms occurred on March 5–6 Schuylerville plant.
 - Pre-filters were replaced, restoring temporary operation.
 - Continued issues led to shutdown of RO1 and operation on RO2.
 - Inspection revealed:
 - Membranes clogged with rust and filter debris.
 - Membranes were cleaned and reassembled.
 - System now operational, though intermittent issues persist due to a faulty ROS valve.
 - **Action:** Clean or replace ROS valve components (solenoid/actuator) if problems continue.
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Well System Maintenance

- **Well #2 Repair:**
 - Leak identified in threaded couplings.
 - Pipe disassembled, rethreaded, and reassembled.
 - System restored to full operation.
 - Contractor (Mark Rogers) did not charge for repair labor.
 - **Ongoing Concern:**
 - Additional evaluation needed for Victory plant well performance.
 - **Action:** Schedule further inspection with Mark Rogers.
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UV Disinfection System

- UV system alarm triggered during well work.

- Troubleshooting steps:
 - Components cleaned/replaced.
 - Electrical diagnostics conducted with manufacturer support.
 - Determination:
 - Failed ground fault sensor.
 - **Quote Received:** \$508.90 for replacement sensor (Novex).
 - **Issue:** Part is backordered until mid-April.
 - **Action:** Proceed with replacement upon availability.
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Generator Maintenance

- Cummins serviced three generators:
 - No operational issues identified.
 - Batteries replaced in all units.
 - Discussion raised regarding:
 - Existing service contract nearing expiration (~5-year term).
 - Potential cost savings by switching to a local provider (Conover).
 - **Action:** Review contract status and obtain alternative quotes before renewal.
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Chemical Feed System

- **Sodium Permanganate System:**
 - Injection system required cleaning.
 - No spare check valves available at time of repair.
 - Replacement parts ordered.
 - Cleaned components currently functioning.
 - **Action:** Replace components upon failure and maintain spare inventory.
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Regulatory Reporting

- **Annual Water Report (AWR):**
 - In progress for Department of Health submission.
 - **Water Withdrawal Report:**
 - In progress for NYS DEC.
 - Due by March 31, 2026.
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RO Filter Procurement

- Three quotes obtained for RO2 filters.
 - Proposal to purchase **200 filters** to cover:
 - Quotes VEOLIA- drum of KLEEN Motion approved by Commissioner Healy, motion seconded by Commissioner Dennison to approve
 - Quotes VEOLIA Membrane filters Motion approved by Commissioner Healy, motion seconded by Commissioner Dennison
 - UV sensor purchase - Motion approved by Commissioner Healy, motion seconded by Commissioner Dennison
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Pressure Vessels

- Quote received for:
 - Replacement pressure vessels
 - Associated piping and valves
 - New PLC system
 - Information distributed for review.
 - **Action:** Further evaluation required before decision.
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Emerging Technology – Lead Service Line Identification

- Presentation attended on **electric resistivity testing** (Electroscan technology):
 - Non-invasive internal pipe scanning via probe.
 - Identifies pipe material (lead, copper, plastic, etc.) with high accuracy.
 - Key insights:
 - Estimated cost: **\$200–\$700 per property**
 - Compared to potholing: up to **\$5,000 per property**
 - EPA now requires verification at:
 - Interior plumbing
 - Curb stop
 - Main connection
 - Regulatory implications:
 - Full lead service line replacement required by ~2037–2039.
 - Excavation methods now considered “disturbances,” triggering:
 - Flushing protocols
 - Filter distribution requirements.
 - Vendor may assist with **grant funding opportunities**.
 - **Action:**
 - Gather additional information and evaluate as a potential compliance strategy.
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6. Old Business

Water Line Data Collection

- Ongoing effort to collect missing service line data.
- Some addresses found to be invalid.

Email System Transition

- Cost: **\$1,242.22 (3 years)**.
- Issue: Water Board lacks credit card.

Decision / Direction:

- Proceed via Village credit card and reimburse if allowed
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Inventory & Equipment Issues

- Approximately **\$3,000 in obsolete fittings** identified.
 - Discussion of:
 - Scrapping or surplus sale (GovDeals).
 - Maintaining better inventory records going forward.
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Material Policy – Plastic vs Copper

- No single material mandated.
- Determination will be **job-specific**.

Decision:

- Continue using both materials based on conditions.
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7. Equipment Purchases

Approved Purchases

- Portable generator (~\$600)
- Trash pump (~\$900)

Motion made to approve purchases by Commissioner Campbell seconded by Commissioner Dennison

Deferred / Future Considerations

- Jumping jack (compactor)
 - Additional equipment list
 - Trailer replacement
 - Storage improvements
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8. Trailer & Storage Discussion

- Existing trailer:
 - Poor condition
 - Mold present
 - Roof leaking
 - Considerations:
 - Replacement trailer
 - Covered storage (lean-to or structure)
 - Potential relocation to Victory plant
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9. Fence Repairs

- Replace hardware and realign gate (Schuylerville plant)
 - Repair top rail (Victory plant)
 - **Motion:** Approve repairs not to exceed **\$800** made by Chairman Drew and seconded by Commissioner Campbell
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10. Capital Planning & System Capacity Discussion

- Concerns raised about:
 - Future demand (e.g., mill project development)
 - Limited capacity at Victory system
- Discussion of:
 - Potential expansion
 - Re-activating secondary well (noting PFAS concerns)

10. Budget & Public Hearing

- Discussion on scheduling public hearing prior to regular meeting at 6:00 pm Village

11. Approval of Vouchers-

- Commissioner Dennison made the motion to approve the Vouchers in the amount of \$22,296.12 Commissioner Campbell 2nd the motion to approve.

12. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned following completion of business.
- **Motion** to adjourn made by Commissioner Campbell motion 2nd by Chairman Drew

Respectfully submitted by

Jamie Porter

Water Board Secretary