

VILLAGE OF VICTORY
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
~ July 8, 2025 ~
6:30pm

CALL MONTHLY MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Corey Helwig, Trustee Leslie Dennison, Trustee Tammy Mitchell, and Village Clerk Treasurer Gabrielle Hersey were in attendance for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes – Public Hearing –June 10, 2025
- Minutes – Special Meeting (Monthly) – June 11, 2025
- Minutes – Special Meeting- June 25, 2025

A Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes outlined above by Trustee Leslie Dennison and seconded by Mayor Corey Helwig. All in Favor-Aye.

VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS OR CORRESPONDENCE:

- Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:
- Planning Meeting: ~ TBD
- Schuylerville/Victory Water Board Monthly Meeting ~July 21, 2025 in Victory at 6:00 pm
- **Special Thank You to Greg and Christine Arsenault for donating a framed photo of the Old Victory Mill.**

Mayor Corey Helwig thanked Greg Arsenault for the framed photos and explained that we will be hanging the picture up in the hall for the Community to view.

MONTHLY REPORTS

All reports are read as presented and highlighted as follows:

A. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT

- CEO Larry Wolcott
 - No Report

B. DPW/SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- MEO Logan Steele provides a written report.
- Discussion: Sidewalks
 - 25 Herkimer Street
 - Gates Avenue (Christine Arsenault)
 - 5 Horicon
 - Village office (before ramp)

Mayor Corey Helwig requested that DPW Supervisor Logan Steele work with the Village of Schuylerville DPW to schedule the sidewalk project.

C. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Chief Ryan Campbell provides a verbal report
- Mill Fire Report- Received 7/3/2025
- Mill Fire Claim- Chief Ryan Campbell preparing the Claim from May 31st, 2025

Chief Ryan Campbell explained that he is in contact with Amsure and working on putting today a claim for the defective equipment that resulted from the Mill fire. The Village Clerk Treasurer Gabrielle Hersey explained that she would like to be CC'd in the conversations with Amsure as the Village Clerk is the records officer for the Village. Chief Ryan Campbell complied and stated that he would send over information regarding to the claim.

D. WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

- Draft minutes from monthly meeting June 16, 2025-Provided by Jamie Nevins- Water Clerk
- Additional Report received from Tim Healy-Water Board Commissioner

E. VILLAGE TREASURER'S REPORT

- Monthly report ending June 30, 2025

F. PLANNING BOARD REPORT

- Minutes June 18, 2025

G. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

- No Meeting/No report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval: To close Bank Credit Card and enter into a new Business Credit Line, due to the Authorized users on the existing account

A Motion was made by Mayor Corey Helwig and seconded by Trustee Leslie Dennison to approve the opening of a Business/Corporate Credit Line account with Arrow Bank. All in Favor- Aye.

- B. Approval to amend the Sewer Rate Law to reflect flat rate charges.

A Motion was made by Trustee Leslie Dennison and seconded by Mayor Corey Helwig to amend the Sewer Rate Law to reflect the flat rate charges. Village Clerk Treasurer Gabrielle Hersey stated that the process does take time, but hopefully the new charges will be reflected on the October billing. All in Favor-Aye.

- C. Amendment to Organizational Meeting: Amend Public Works Commissioner.

- a. Amend Public Safety Commissioner to be Corey Helwig and Public Works Commissioner to be Tammy Mitchell
- b. Amend No Appointment of Village Clerk Treasurer to be Gabrielle Hersey as Village Clerk Treasurer.

A Motion was made by Trustee Leslie Dennison and seconded by Mayor Corey Helwig to amend the Organizational meeting to reflect the changes. All in favor-Aye.

- D. Mobile Home Park: Schedule Hearing

A motion was made to table this agenda item, due to the need for our Code Enforcement Officer to inspect the properties and report the outcome. All in favor-Aye.

- E. Agreement: Village of Victory and Turning Point Parade Committee- \$300.00

A motion was made by Mayor Corey Helwig and Seconded by Trustee Leslie Dennison to approve the \$300.00 contribution for the Turning Point Parade held in August 2025. All in Favor-Aye.

F. Approval Village News Letter-Review-1x a Month. It will be presented on the Village Website and emailed to those who sign up to get it. Also available as a paper copy at the Village Clerk's Office. The Village Board of Trustees reviewed the draft newsletter and are in agreement that the village could use a regular newsletter to inform the community on events, news that takes place throughout the village. The Village Clerk Treasurer Gabrielle Hersey stated to the board that this task will be done on a monthly basis and a task that the Deputy Village Clerk Treasure will be taking on. She further stated that we will plan to have our first issue in August.

- G. Approval- To Upgrade software with Harris Computer with Tax Billing and Sewer Billing in August
- Harris Company requesting a commitment statement that we are moving forward with the upgrade.

A Motion was made to approve the Upgrade software through Harris Computer systems by Trustee Leslie Dennison and seconded by Mayor Corey Helwig. All in Favor-Aye.

- Also Received a quote for Permit Tracking from Harris to review.

Mayor Corey Helwig stated that the Board will review the Permit Tracking software and make a decision at a later date.

OPEN FLOOR (5 Minute Cap)

- Resident of Village of Victory Chris Dorr voiced his concerns to the Board of Trustees. Chris Dorr started by stating that he is concerned with the excessive speed that has been happening on Monument Drive. He requested that the Board do something about all the speeding through out the village.**
- Consolidated Hydro, LLC Statement to Village of Victory on July 8, 2025, "Good Evening, thank you for your time. My name is Devlyn Tedesco and I am here on behalf of Consolidated Hydro, LLC. We are the owner and operator of the Victory Mills Hydroelectric Facility. For table setting purposes, the penstocks for our project run underneath Mill Building 8 and Mill Building 11 is adjacent to our power house. We are the owners of the property underlying Mill Building 8, but we do not own the building itself. It is our understanding that the building is owned by a subsidiary of Riverview Realty, LLC. We are here tonight to formally begin the conversation with the Village regarding how to best move forward with the demolition of Mill Buildings 8 and 11 in a way that protects both the health and safety of the Village and our asset. Despite prior assurances from Riverview Realty's Uri Kaufmann that he planned to clean up the buildings and haul the debris away, it is now our understanding that Mr. Kaufmann intends to give Mill Building 11 to the Village and then intends to default on any obligations regarding remediating Building 8. Given the environmental liabilities that may be on the site, this is particularly concerning to us as an asset owner and should be equally concerning to the Village to the extent you intend to turn the property into a public park. It is imperative that the buildings be demolished and sites remediated in accordance with a demolition plan, including a demolition bond to make the Village whole. We are here tonight to be good neighbors and understand how we can work with the Village on this."**

AUDIT CLAIMS

- Abstract # 2 FY 25.26 ~ July 2025
 - General Fund \$ 13,519.21
 - Sewer Fund \$ 52.52

EXECUTIVE SESSION

07/08/2025

➤ **Hiring Deputy Clerk Treasurer**

A Motion was made by Trustee Leslie Dennison and seconded by Trustee Tammy Mitchell to enter Executive Session.

A Motion was made by Trustee Leslie Dennison and seconded by Mayor Corey Helwig to exit Executive session.

A determination was made to hire Tiffany Seney as the Deputy Clerk Treasurer with a starting pay of \$17.00 per hour for 20-25 hours per week to start. Holiday Pay is included in her hire package. The Deputy Clerk Treasurer will also be hired as the Zoning Board Secretary and approved to receive a Monthly Stipend of \$100.00.

UPCOMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

- **Tuesday – August 12, 2025: Monthly Meeting in Victory at 6:30 pm**

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Trustee Leslie Dennison and seconded by Mayor Corey Helwig to adjourn the meeting. All in Favor-Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Hersey

Village Clerk Treasurer.