

## Village Board of Trustees Budget Workshop

April 22, 2026

**The meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 26th of March 2026 at 5:00 PM, in the Auditorium of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.**

Members Present: Jeffrey Fowler, Mayor; Melissa Wadkinson, Deputy Mayor; and Jan Tighe, Trustee.

Absent: Devon Fetzer, Trustee.

Village Staff/Officials in Attendance: Catherine Spinney, Village Clerk/Treasurer; Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk; Michael Martin, Police Chief; and Dustin Wood, DPW Supervisor.

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1: Mayor Jeffrey Fowler called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item #2: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Minutes

Melissa Wadkinson made a motion to accept the minutes from April 13, 2026, with the addition of a couple names that were left off the list of thank you notes sent out. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

Agenda Item #4: Budget

The Board reviewed the budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 by fund.

- A. Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to approve the General Fund budget with changes that reflect the payoff of the bucket truck and backhoe to save on interest payments, and to move \$500.00 from the police equipment repair line to the police training and development line. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
- B. The motion to accept the Library Fund budget was made by Jan Tighe. Melissa Wadkinson would like to have a joint meeting with the Village Board of Trustees and the Library Board. Melissa Wadkinson then seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- C. Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to approve the water fund budget with inclusion of a 2% rate hike across the fee schedule including outside rates, changes to the budget that will reflect the payoff of the bucket truck and backhoe. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
- D. Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to approve the Sewer Fund budget with changes that reflect the payoff of the bucket truck and backhoe to save on interest payments, and

to add 6% to the current sewer rates. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

#### Agenda Item #5: Set Public Hearing – Franchise Agreement

The motion to set the next regular Village Board of Trustees meeting and the public hearing for the Charter Communications Franchise Agreement for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:00 PM was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Jan Tighe. The motion passed 3-0.

#### Agenda Item #6: Rental Dwelling Registry – SEQR Resolution

The motion to adopt Resolution No.3 of the Year 2026, making the Village of Pulaski Board of Trustees lead agency of the SEQR process, relating to the amending of a rental dwelling unit registry law, was made by Jan Tighe. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed with Jeffrey Fowler, Melissa Wadkinson and Jan Tighe voting yes. Devon Fezter was absent.

#### Agenda Item #7: Other

- A. Jeffrey Fowler received a call from New York State, and we should have more information about the approved projects in the next two to three weeks.
- B. There was a preconstruction meeting at the Haldane Center for the storm mitigation work being completed this summer. The work should begin mid-July.
- C. Jan Tighe made a motion to approve the monarch garden project, working with the garden club, with no cost to the Village. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.
- D. The motion to do more research, including reviewing the fine print of a Kubota grant that might be able to supplement the funds going towards the Dunbar Field upgrade, was made by Jan Tighe. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
- E. The Board and Chief Martin discussed hiring another patrol officer part-time to fill in and designated paid parking ideas and agreed to come back to the subjects at the next meeting.

#### Agenda Item #8: Executive Adjournment

Jan Tighe made the motion to go into executive session at 7:01 PM for possible litigation with a second from Melissa Wadkinson. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to out of executive decision was made at 7:52 PM by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Jan Tighe. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jan Tighe made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0.

The next regular meeting and public hearing will be Monday May 18, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs

Deputy Clerk

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