

## **Village Board of Trustees Budget Workshop**

**May 18, 2026**

**The meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 at 7:00 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; Jan Tighe, Trustee, and Patti Kingsley, 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: Justin Crowl and Chris Grosvent

Agenda Item #1: Mayor Jeffrey Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item #2: Public Hearing for Franchise Agreement

Jan Tighe opened the public hearing for the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications at 7:00 PM. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed in favor. Jan Tighe expressed concern over the possible conflict with the county as they implemented a highspeed internet system. The agreement is only for cable. The agreement will be up for renewal in 10 years. There was no other public comment. The motion to close the meeting was made by Melissa Wadkinson at 7:03 PM. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Public Comment

Ringgold Fire Chief Justin Crowl and President Chris Grosvent introduced themselves to the Board and other attendees and express concerns with the following:

- There is a dip in the apron of the fire dept that holds water long after rainfall and is a walking hazard when pooled, especially in cold weather when it freezes. The DPW supervisor will visit the site to look for solutions with BCA, the water project engineers.
- The fire department has been holding off on their Memorial garden for the watermain replacement project. The Village is planning to begin construction later this year and will keep the department informed.
- The fire department also asked if the Village would enforce parking restrictions near and across from the fire department. During events including the yard sale weekend and the farmers market visitors park across the street or against the fire department building and the trucks are unable to get out of the bay during emergencies, and the volunteers are

unable to get in to park. It is a safety hazard. The Village Police Department will enforce parking. Chief Crowl noted that their department has the only ladder truck in the area and has been responding for more calls both in and out of the district with that vehicle.

#### Agenda Item #4: Report from Tug Hill Circuit Rider

The Circuit Rider was not available, but the Board was provided with the North Shore & Salmon Rivers Council of Governments May 2026 Monthly Bulletin. Jan Tighe will be attending both the Tug Hill Commission meeting on May 20 and the SRCOG Spring meeting on May 27, 2026.

#### Agenda Item #5: Haldane Minutes and Comprehensive Planning/Energy Board Minutes

The Board received the minutes from both Haldane minutes and Comprehensive Planning minutes.

#### Agenda Item #6: Village Minutes

The motion to accept the minutes from April 22, 2026, was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Jan Tighe. The motion passed with Jeffrey Fowler, Jan Tighe and Melissa Wadkinson voting yes and Patti Kingsley abstaining.

#### Agenda Item #7: Staff Reports

Jan Tighe made the motion to approve the DPW, Codes and Police reports from April 2026. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

#### Agenda Item #8: General, TA, and Stormwater Vouchers

The motion to approve the General (\$64,397.94), TA (\$1,577.78), and Stormwater Mitigation (\$16,729.56) vouchers were made by Jan Tighe and seconded by Melissa Wadkinson. Jeffrey Fowler noted that the Village will be attempting to recoup the cost of the repairs from the people who were responsible for the damage to Dunbar Field. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Agenda Item #9: Treasurer's Report

Jan Tighe made the motion to approve the General funds Treasurer's report. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

#### Agenda Item #10: Old Business

- A. The motion to enact Local Law No. 5 of Year 2026 Amending the Village Code Pertaining to its Rental Dwelling Unit Registry was made by Melissa Wadkinson. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with Jan Tighe, Melissa Wadkinson, Jeffrey Fowler, and Patti Kinsley voting yes. Devon Fezter was absent. Notifications of the adopted law will be sent to residents with their taxes or receipts if paid through an escrow account.

## Agenda Item #11: New Business

- A. Jan Tighe made the motion to adopt Resolution No.4 of the Year 2026 Granting of Cable Television Franchise Held by Spectrum Northeast LLC. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- B. Melissa Wadkinson made a motion to adopt the updated zoning maps provided by the Oswego County Development, Tourism, & Planning Department. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor. Jan Tighe noted that a map with a historical district overlay would be helpful.
- C. The motion to accept Maddox Sprague's resignation from the DPW was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Patti Kinglsey. The motion passed 4-0.
- D. & E. The motion to approve the 2026-2027 Tax Warrant and water and sewer relievis was made by Melissa Wadkinson. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with Jeffrey Fowler, Melissa Wadkinson, Jan Tighe voting yes. Devon Fetzer was absent.
- F. Jan Tighe made the motion to approve a \$200 request from the Village for the Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski Joint Comprehensive Planning Board. The Town representatives on the Board will request \$200 as well from the Town Board. The money will be used as a match for a grant the Comprehensive Planning Board is applying for to help with its expenses. Melissa Wadkison seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
- G. Tree Committee
  - 1. The motion to appoint Jan Tighe and Sally Oliver for 3 years, Jill Eccleston and Mike Hoyt for 2 years to the tree committee was made by Melissa Wadkinson. Patti Kingsley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
  - 2. The Village received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation congratulations to the Village for receiving Tree City USA recognition and requested we publicize a press release provided by the Arbor Day.
- H. Melissa Wadkinson would like the Village Office to increase the limits on the amount a resident can pay their village taxes online. Catherine Spinney noted that she is looking into other options as well, but in the meantime, she will contact the processing company for the increase.
- I. Jeffrey Fowler outlined the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) projects that have been approved.
- J. The speed sign on Hinman is old and will require replacement. Chief Martin will take the one on North Street and place it on Hinman.
- K. The Board discussed various legislative projects to be tackled next.

Agenda Item #12: Other

Jan Tighe will bring in the thank you notes at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #13: Executive Session and Adjournment

Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to go into executive session at 8:18 PM for possible litigation with a second from Jan Tighe. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to out of executive decision was made at 8:56 PM by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Jan Tighe. The motion passed with all in favor.

Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed 4-0.

The next regular meeting and public hearing will be Monday June 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs

Deputy Clerk