Village Board of Trustees Meeting

September 14, 2026

The meeting of the Village Board of Trustees was held on the 14th of September 2026 at 7:00 PM, in the Boardroom of the Snow Memorial Building, 4917 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY 13142.

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

Absent: None

Village Staff/Officials in Attendance: Jennifer Gibbs, Deputy Clerk; Michael Martin, Police Chief.

Guests: Heidi Tompkins, Jen Taylor, John Mandigo, Jeff Edick, and Nathan Snavlin.

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 – Proposed Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2026 – Vehicle & Safety

Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to open the public hearing at 7:01 PM. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the changes proposed in the Village of Pulaski Vehicle and Safety Law limiting the speed limit within the Village. Jan Tighe and Patti Kingsley expressed their opinion that they would like to eliminate all the exemptions, allowing speeds over 30 miles per hour within the Village Limits. Jen Taylor would like to lower the speed limit to 25, the lowest allowed by state law except in a school zone. Jeffrey Fowler would like to investigate other solutions in addition to limiting the speed to 30 miles per hour, including more speed signs, signs requesting drivers watch their speed and possibly deploying speed bumps.

Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to end the public hearing at 7:12 PM. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Public Hearing – Proposed Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2026 – Moratorium on Data Centers/Updating Zoning to Address Data Centers

Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to open the public hearing on a proposed local law at 7:12 PM either implementing a moratorium on all data centers for a period or amending our zoning codes to not allow them.

John Mandigo voiced his opinion that it is a good idea. Heidi Tompkins said that she had a couple more examples of other Village or Towns moratoriums and will forward them to us.

The motion to close the public hearing was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Jan Tighe. The motion passed 5-0.

Agenda Item #4: Public Comment

Jeff Edict expressed his concern regarding the amount of food trucks that visit the area during fishing season. Jeffrey Fowler said that he would like to review Chapter 96 of the Village Code Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Vendors as a whole in the future.

Agenda Item #5: Report from Tug Hill Circuit Rider

Heidi Tompkins reviewed the North Shore and Salmon River Council of Governments Monthly Bulletin.

Agenda Item #6: Haldane Minutes and Comprehensive Planning/Energy Board Minutes

The Haldane minutes were not available.

The Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski Joint Comprehensive Planning and Energy Board received the $3,500.00 grant from Oswego County Comprehensive Planning Incentive Program to help with finalizing the updates to the Comprehensive Plan. $500.00 of that will go to Dawn Holynski for her many hours of service provided updating the Plan PDF and the $3,000.00 balance will be utilized for printing and other distribution requirements upon finalization of the update. Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to approve the payments above. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor. Melissa Wadkinson made a motion to hold a public hearing on the final Comprehensive Plan updates on Tuesday October 13, 2026. Devon Fetzer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7: Approval of Village Boad Minutes

The motion to approve the Village Board minutes from August 10, 2026, was made by Jan Tighe and seconded by Melissa Wadkinson. The motion passed 5-0.

Jan Tighe made the motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2026, with a second from Melissa Wadkinson. The motion passed 4-0 with Devon Fetzer abstaining.

The motion to approve the minutes from August 21, 2026, was made by Jan Tighe. Melissa seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 with Patti Kingsley and Devon Fetzer abstaining.

Agenda Item #8: Approval of Staff Reports

Jan Tighe made a motion to approve the Code Enforcement, Police, and DPW staff reports from August 2026. Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0. Jeffrey Fowler announced that staff performance reviews will begin the following week.

Agenda Item #9: General and TA Vouchers

The motion to approve the General Fund vouchers ($19,406.46) was made by Melissa Wadkinson and seconded by Devon Fetzer. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jan Tighe made the motion to approve the TA vouchers ($1,460.38). Melissa Wadkinson seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Agenda Item #10: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Agenda Item #11: Old Business

A. Patti Kingsley made the motion to hold a special Village Board meeting Thursday, September 17 at 5:00 PM to discuss the Village website's upgrade. Jan Tighe seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.
B. Jan Tighe made the motion to adopt Resolution No.15 of the Year 2026 Amending the Village Code Pertaining to §150-8 Maximum Speed Limits as follows:

LOCAL LAW 2026 - 6, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Pulaski, County of Oswego, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 150, Article III., § 150-8 "Maximum speed limits" is hereby amended as follows:

§ 150-8. Maximum speed limits.

~~A.~~ Thirty miles per hour. Thirty miles per hour is hereby established as the maximum speed limit at which vehicles may proceed on or along highways within the corporate limits of this Village. ~~except on the following highways: On Route US 11 from the northerly Village line southerly for a distance of 0.35 miles.~~

~~(1) On Route NY 13 from the westerly Village line easterly for a distance of 0.4 miles.~~

~~(1)~~ ~~(2) On Route NY 13 from the easterly Village line westerly to a point 200 feet westerly from the south on-ramp of Interstate Route 81, a distance of 0.4 miles.~~

~~(3) On Hinman Road from the northerly Village line southerly for~~

~~a distance of 0.3 miles.~~

~~(2)~~ ~~(4) On North Street from the northerly Village line southerly for a distance of 0.2 miles.~~

~~(3)~~ ~~(5) On Lake Street from the westerly Village line easterly for a distance of 0.2 miles.~~

~~(6) On Salina Street from the southerly Village line to a point 0.35 northerly therefrom.~~

~~B. Forty miles per hour. Forty miles per hour is hereby established as the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed within the corporate limits of this Village on the following highways:~~

~~(Reserved)~~

~~C. Forty-five miles per hour. Forty-five miles per hour is hereby established as the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed within the corporate limits of this Village on the following highways:~~

~~(1) On Salina Street from the southerly Village line to a point 0.35 miles northerly therefrom.~~

Section 2. This local law shall take upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

Underline – new language
~~Strikeout~~ – deleted language

Patti Kingsley seconded the motion, and it passed with Jeffrey Fowler, Melissa Wadkinson, Jan Tighe, Devon Fetser and Patti Kingsley voting yes.

The Board will browse pricing for speed signs, speed bumps and other ways to encourage drivers to obey the Village-wide speed limit of 30 miles per hour. They will also revisit the changes in nine months to assess progress.

C. The Board reviewed the Town of Richland's moratorium of on land use approvals and building permits for data centers. The Board will get some examples from Tug Hill and have a proposal next month.

D. The Board reviewed the 2026 Oswego County Hazard Mitigation Plan and made the following edits:

- On page 6 of 23 under "Economic Development Plan" add Yes – Strategic Investment Plan.
- On page 15 of 23 - delete facility name ARISE.
- On page 19 of 23 – change "Half the housing…" to "All the housing…"

- On page 22 of 23 – under "P5.F4 Stormwater Mitigation Project: Elementary School" add Lake Street under the description of the problem.

Jan Tighe made the motion to approve Resolution No.14 of the Year 2026 to authorize the acceptance and adoption of the 2026 Oswego County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Plan Update with the changes above. Patti Kingsley seconded the motion, and it passed with Jeffrey Fowler, Melissa Wadkinson, Jan Tighe, Devon Fetzer, and Patti Kingsley voting aye.

E. Jeffrey Folwer updated the Board regarding rental inspections. They will begin presently.

F. Jan Tighe made the motion to approve the additional paving costs on Forest Drive. Originally the quote included half of the street. The additional cost is $26,148.45 totaling $120,848.45. Patti Kingsley seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

Agenda Item #12: New Business

A. Jan Tighe updated the Board on the Oswego County 250th Commission. The Commission will be meeting bi-monthly.
B. 60 brochures were passed out for the Monarch program.

Agenda Item #13: Other/Thank You Notes

Thank you notes went out to the following:

- CSX for fixing the railroad crossings.
- NYS DOT for fixing the pedestrian crosswalks by Leak Street & N. Jefferson Street.
- The Farmer's Market Committee running the farmer's market this summer.
- Connext Care for hosting Community Day.
- PROP for the hanging flowers downtown.
- The owners of the house on Delano Street and N. Jefferson Street for the landscaping and retaining wall.
- Stanley Skotniski for the bench and plaque by the arches.
- Deb Haliday, Laura Tinajira, and Katie Malinowski for helping with the Monarch table at the Fall Festival.
- Allyson Stephenson for helping to clean the older stones in the cemetery.

Melissa Wadkinson made the motion to go into executive session at 8:10 PM for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. Devon Fetzer seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

The motion to go out of executive session was made by Melissa Wadkinson at 8:38 PM and seconded by Devon Fetzer. The motion passed 5-0.

Jan Tighe made the motion to waive the penalty fees for rental registrations if the forms are turned in by December 2026. Melissa Wadkinson second the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jan Tighe at 8:39 PM and seconded by Melissa Wadkinson. The motion passed with all in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Village Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM

Presented & Approved

Jennifer Gibbs
Deputy Clerk