

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON MARCH 10, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE RIDGEWAY TOWN HALL.

Present: Mayor Marguerite Sherman

Trustees Jess Marciano, Deborah Padoleski, Mark Prawel, Diana Baker

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The tourism committee bicentennial building brick was tabled as additional information is coming on the event.

Meggan Patterson Wakefield addressed the board suggesting a community garden be placed on a Village owned piece of property. She said this would be a collaborative effort and it would not only be educational, but the vegetables could also be donated to the local food pantries. She said it could be a community group of volunteers. She said Holley has been running one since 2017 and that they had received a grant. Mayor Sherman asked what areas in the Village Mrs. Wakefield had looked at. Mrs. Wakefield said she had looked along the canal where the Lions Club Apple is. She said it would be fully accessible with no security. Trustee Baker asked about the rules when it comes to chemicals. Trustee Padoleski asked where the fruits of the labor would go. Mrs. Wakefield said it would go to pantries in need and those helping. If anyone is in need, they could take it from the garden. She said they also would like to look into a rain barrel system for watering. Trustee Marciano asked that she see if Holley has rules and guidelines for their community garden to distribute to the board. She also said there would need to be an insurance policy if using Village property. Trustee Sherman thanked Mrs. Wakefield and said the idea was worth exploring and asked that she forward additional information to the board.

Mayor Sherman said both 3 Brown Avenue and 450 West Oak Orchard Street came to the Village Board requesting to be re-zoned. She said the Planning Board had met on both properties and that the Village Board needed to be named as the lead agency for the SEQRA process.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Prawel. The Village Planning Board is named as the lead agency in the SEQRA process for 3 Brown Avenue.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Prawel and seconded by Trustee Baker. The Village Planning Board is named as the lead agency in the SEQRA process for 450 West Oak Orchard Street.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Trustee Marciano said NYSEDA had provided a spreadsheet on the results of the NYSEDA audit. She said they had listed costs associated with recommendations. She said the bigger dollar amounts would be paid quicker and that the board had until May 1, 2025, to take action. She said the grant was \$10,000.00 and that there was \$6,600.00 remaining from the grant. She said some of the quotes could be lower if the Department of Public Works did some of the work. The matter was tabled for board review.

Mayor Sherman said the Intermunicipal Cooperation Fuel Agreement with the Medina Central School District had expired. The agreement was tabled until the business meeting.

Mayor Sherman said she has worked with the Clerk-Treasurer to obtain estimates on an approximate cost to the Village if the Village did not receive funding from grants for the Fire Station Addition. She said the ladder truck would be delivered between October and December 2025. Mayor Sherman said the Village would be applying for Congressional grants for the truck and addition this month but would not know until June if a grant would be awarded. Mayor Sherman said there could also be funding through the Office of Community Renewal and that the opening for this grant would be in May. If selected, the Village could be awarded up to a million dollars for the Fire Station Addition through the Office of Community Renewal. Mayor Sherman said it is in the Village's best interest to wait on beginning the project until funding is secure. Mayor Sherman said she and Chief Jackson had been requesting letters of support for the grant applications.

Ms. Dawn Borchert addressed the board, Director of the Orleans County Tourism, requesting support for the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Corridor. Mayor Sherman said the biggest concern was the signage that would be displayed. Ms. Borchert said the Village is grandfathered in and the signage would run parallel with the New York State Thruway. The resolution was tabled until the business meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Prawel and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Zachary Baldwin is appointed to the position of Motor Equipment Operator effective March 24, 2025, with a seventy-eight-week probation period at the first step per the CSEA contract with the stipulation that he receives his CDL within one year.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Baker. The ambulance mileage rates are increased from \$35.00 to \$38.00 per mile.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sherman said she had received a request from Barbara Van Epps, the President of the New York Conference of Mayors, requesting municipalities sign a letter to submit to Governor Hochul's office requesting an increase in AIM funding. After a fifteen-year drought municipalities saw an increase in State AIM Funding in 2025-2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Padoleski. Mayor Sherman is authorized to sign the New York Conference of Mayors letter requesting additional AIM funding to municipalities.

All ayes
Motion carried.

After board discussion, Mayor Sherman scheduled a budget workshop meeting for March 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Village Clerk's Office.

Mayor Sherman said they would be holding the Annual Organizational Meeting on April 7, 2025, to swear in the new board members.

Mayor Sherman said the Village Election would be held on March 18, 2025. She said Scott Bieliski was running for the position of Village Trustee. She said Trustee Marciano has offered to run as a write-in. Mayor Sherman encouraged people to come out and vote.

Mr. Parada asked for the status of the letter the Town of Shelby sent to the Village of Medina regarding water rates. Mayor Sherman said she and Trustee Marciano would be attending the next Town of Shelby meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is moved into executive session at 6:54 p.m. to discuss a contractual negotiation.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is reconvened and subsequently adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer

