

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MEDINA HELD ON JUNE 9, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE TOWN OF RIDGEWAY.

Present: Mayor Marguerite Sherman

Trustees Deborah Padoleski, Mark Prawel, Scott Bieliski, Jess Marciano

Lieutenant Steve Cooley

Attorney Matthew Brooks

Mayor Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Sherman said she spoke with the grant writer and an Assistance to Firefighter's Grant was available. Lieutenant Cooley said the purpose of the AFG is fire prevention and fire investigation. Lieutenant Cooley said the Village's 2009 Pick up Truck was aged. He said it could be used to add tools, fire detectors and possible payroll. He said there would be a five percent match, and he would like to seek \$150,000.00 in grant funding with the Village's five percent match being \$7,500.00. The board requested that Lieutenant Cooley provide a listing to the board of the items he would like to pursue through the grant.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Bieliski. Lieutenant Cooley is authorized to submit documentation to G&G Grant Writing not to exceed \$150,000.00 to pursue the Assistance to Firefighter's Grant with the Village's five percent match being \$7,500.00.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sherman said the property owner at 115 Pearl Street would like to donate the property to the Village. Mayor Sherman said the property could be used for additional parking spaces and there is also a sense of urgency as Mr. Snyder needs to have parking designated in order to move forward with his New York Forward and Restore New York Grant. The board discussed having an environmental review completed on the property. Attorney Brooks suggested having a search and survey completed which would give the Village additional information about the property. The matter was tabled.

The Local Law for Flood Damage Prevention was tabled.

The City Hall Air Conditioning was tabled. An additional quote is still needed.

The Horan Road Dump was tabled.

The Insurance Renewal Date was tabled.

Mayor Sherman said Mr. Andrew Meier was interested in putting a two-person occupancy boat in the canal basin to list on AIRBNB and VRBO. Mayor Sherman she and Superintendent Watts had looked at the logistics of supplying water and electricity to the boat. Mayor Sherman said this would put Medina on the map as it is something different. Mayor Sherman said the Village would submit the permit information to the canal corporation on Mr. Meier's behalf. Trustee Bieliski said he had looked at it and it would be a benefit to the canal basin. Mr. Hellner addressed the board expressing concerns about the boat, that the vessel was parked in front of him and he had to call the police for someone sleeping on it. He asked if there would be checks and balances. Mr. Hellner also asked if the boat had been inspected, if it was registered and if the same amount of insurance would be required, noting he had called Orleans County to see if it was inspected. Mr. Meier assured the board that any requirements would be fulfilled, and he would expect the board's approval to be contingent on that. Mr. Meier asked Mr. Hellner if he would be willing to be a resource. Mr. Hellner said he would be interested in water as well. Mr. Meier said he would work with Attorney Brooks on an agreement to present to the board. The matter was tabled.

Trustee Marciano gave an update on the pedestrian bridge project, stating that she had communicated with Barton and Loguidice. The maps did not make it to the Department of Transportation delaying the right of way acquisitions. Construction will not begin until April of 2026, and the Village had requested moving the finances into the next fiscal year. Mayor Sherman asked if going into the next fiscal year could if potentially cost the Village more. Trustee Marciano said the length of the project would need to be shortened if costs went up. Trustee Padoleski asked if an extension was approved. Mayor Sherman said a request was submitted to the Office of Community Renewal.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Prawel. Mayor Sherman is authorized to execute the New York Forward Department of State contracts regarding the installation of downtown Wayfindings Signage and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Prawel and seconded by Trustee Padoleski. Per the Village of Medina's Procurement Policy, guideline number thirteen, Keeler Construction is authorized to pave various streets within the Village, which will be paid by CHIPS funding in the 2025-2026 budget.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Bieliski and seconded by Trustee Padoleski, with regret, that the resignation of Fire Chief Jackson is accepted with an effective date of July 12, 2025.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Prawel and seconded by Trustee Bieliski. The retirement of Captain Higgins is accepted with regret, effective August 6, 2025.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The board congratulated Captain Higgins and wished him the best in his retirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and accepted by Trustee Prawel. The resignation of Firefighter Petry is accepted with an effective date of June 20, 2025.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Marciano. To accept the resignation of Firefighter Schreder effective June 22, 2025.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Bieliski. Mayor Sherman is authorized to call for the Firefighter/EMT Civil Service List.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Mayor Sherman said she was waiting for additional information on the ladder truck payment options. Trustee Bieliski asked if grants could still be pursued if it is leased. Mayor Sherman said if another department purchased the ladder truck the company said they would consider it a wash, however the Village's ladder truck was taken out of service and if there were a call in the Village, another ladder truck would need to respond. Mayor Sherman said she was looking into ISO ratings and how that would be affected if the Village did not purchase a ladder truck. Trustee Padoleski said she asked the fire department for the number of calls inside the Village versus outside the Village. She said she is concerned about the Village residents paying for the truck while it is responding to more calls outside the Village. Mayor Sherman said the Village needs this truck. She said she is close to securing a place to house the truck until grants can be pursued for the fire station addition. She said The Village can tell Orleans County what equipment the Village is supplying for mutual aid. Trustee Prawel asked about the items that needed to be repaired on the current ladder truck and said he had talked to the mechanic. He said if some of those items could be fixed, the ladder truck could be used until a decision is made. Trustee Marciano said the board should look at the cost to get the ladder truck back in service. Mayor Sherman said she had talked to the dealer and a one-hundred-foot truck was needed. Trustee Padoleski said she had read a seventy-five foot is for three stories and Shelby's truck is only a seventy-five-foot truck. Trustee Marciano said the Village was told it was needed, and we did not want to prohibit business opportunities if there is potential for growth. The matter was tabled.

Trustee Marciano said the Friends of the Medina Parks had already secured \$100,000.00 in grants and that this was going through the Rotary. The matter was tabled until the business meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Bieliski and seconded by Trustee Padoleski. Trustee Marciano is authorized to attend the NYPERLA Conference from July 8, 2025, to July 10, 2025, at a total cost of \$1,206.76.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Prawel. Mayor Sherman is authorized to sign a one-year renewal for the Hyper Reach Mass Notification System at a total cost of \$3,900.00.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The water policy discussion was tabled until the workshop meeting.

Mayor Sherman said the Office Manager at Lakewood Village had submitted a request to make payments on a water account 52-0123680-0. The bill totaled \$2,083.75 and the park would like to make four payments of \$520.93.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Marciano. Lakewood Village is allowed to make four equal payments on water account 52-0123680-0 with the understanding that the quarterly bill needs to remain current.

All ayes
Motion carried.

The sidewalk initiative program was tabled pending further information.

Ms. Linda Limina said parking was discussed during the New York Forward meetings and that they were told it would be discussed at a later date.

Mrs. Lorraine Limina asked if the board had made businesses aware that spaces may be lost to residential spaces.

Ms. Gabrielle Barone said during the New York Forward discussions, even though some businesses had resources to put in apartments on their second floor, the business owners realized it would not work due to the parking requirements. Ms. Barone said she hoped the board would be able to come up with a solution.

Mayor Sherman said two informational meetings were held in relation to the small project fund grants available through the New York Forward.

A motion was made by Trustee Bieliski and seconded by Trustee Marciano. The meeting is adjourned into executive session at 9:23 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons.

All ayes

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Padoleski.
The meeting is reconvened at 10:35 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Padoleski and seconded by Trustee Marciano.
Lieutenant Cooley is appointed as Officer in Charge of the Medina Fire Department effective July 12, 2025.

All ayes
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Marciano and seconded by Trustee Prawel, the
meeting is adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

All ayes
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jada A. Burgess
Clerk-Treasurer