

Village of South Glens Falls
46 Saratoga Avenue, South Glens Falls, NY 12803
March 5, 2025
Regular Village Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Village Board Meeting

MAYOR NICHOLAS BODKIN PRESIDING
Minutes

Attendance:

Mayor Bodkin	Clerk Treasurer Samantha Berg
Trustee Carota	DPW Superintendent TJ Chagnon
Trustee Girard	Claude Middleton
Trustee Guthell	Bruce Lant
Trustee Orlow	Tim Pease
Attorney Bill Nikas	TJ Wade
Fire Department Representatives	Bill
Cheryl	Alex Portal - Post Star
John LaPoint	CR
JM	Nick
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The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum:

- Thomas Wade, 29 Second Street, reported people parking minivan vehicles on the sidewalk throughout the night in between properties and now some have people sleeping in them. He wondered if there was any type of enforcement the Village could do. He is concerned this is turning into a neighborhood issue. There is the possibility of forming a committee with the Police Department, Town Officials, and the Community. Mayor Bodkin has sent a message to Chief Gifford to look into the concern and to email him if there is anything further.

1. Grant Projects Update

a. Carbon Filtration

- i. **Motion 030525-1 to approve Delaware Engineering proposal to create RFP for \$3,540 minus \$1,240:** Trustee Orlow motioned and Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
Discussion: The latest test on the GAC system at 100% was non detectable.

b. GIGP

- i. **Project Update:** Certified mailings have gone out. TJ is keeping a list to schedule bulk appointments for remaining addresses. Affordable Housing Grant should be reviewed for the possibility of using those funds to assist homeowners with necessary plumbing repairs for meter installation.
- ii. **Excess materials:** TJ has asked to return excess inventory listed below and has an inventory of the meters needed to complete the project. Some extras will be kept on hand for irrigation meters and new builds.

- Meterhorns - 30
- Allegro Wall Mount Radio - 6
- 3" Octave Meter - 4
- 2" Octave Meter - 4
- 1" Master Meter - 24
- 5/8" x 3/4" Master Meter - 85
- UTG Registers w/Badger Plastics - 15

c. CDBG Grant Update

- i. **Current Status:** Engineering drawings have been reviewed and approved by OCR. We can proceed to bid once the official release of funds from OCR/CDBG are received.
- ii. **RFQ for Engineering:** Bill Nikas provided the Board with his draft but he agrees that this requires engineering input.

2. **Motion 030525-2 to approve the Bills and Payroll as Audited:** Trustee Carota motioned and Trustee Orlow seconded. Trustee Carota - yes, Trustee Girard - yes, Trustee Orlow - yes, Trustee Gutheil - no, Mayor Bodkin - yes, motion passed.

- a. General - \$44,480.34
- b. Water - \$7,624.25
- c. Sewer - \$1,308.56
- d. Payroll:
 - i. 02/19/25 - \$27,878.59
 - ii. 02/26/25 - \$40,164.10

3. **Motion 030525-3 to approve Meeting Minutes 02/05/25, with Amendment and 02/19/25:** Trustee Orlow motioned and Mayor Bodkin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

4. **Motion 030525-4 to approve moving forward with a Joint Fire Protection District:** Trustee Girard motioned and Trustee Orlow seconded. Trustee Carota - yes, Trustee Girard - yes, Trustee Orlow - yes, Trustee Gutheil - yes, Mayor Bodkin - no, for reasons of clarification of how things will operate, motion passed. **Discussion:** At the August 22, 2024 meeting the Town and Village agreed to extend the fire protection district into the Village and form a Joint Fire Protection

District. This will place the Fire Department under control of the Town. The Town will raise all fire taxes, if any, from the entire portion of the Town which will fund the Fire Company. The Village will no longer maintain a Fire Department and it will no longer raise taxes for fire protection and the assets could be transferred to the Town and/or Fire Company. Counsel advised that this was already agreed to in the contract that was approved. Trustee Gutheil asked how the Town intends to pay as right now it comes from their sales tax funds. Because the Village collects it's own sales tax revenue, the Town cannot use sales tax funds to pay for anything inside the Village. Counsel advised that the Town would pay this from the general fund.

5. **Motion 030525-5 to receive and file February Monthly Report: Animal Control, PD, DPW, Bldgs & Codes:** Trustee Orlow motioned and Trustee Carota seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
6. **Motion 030525-6 for TJ Chagnon and Alan Dubois to attend AWWA Conference for \$75.00 each:** Trustee Orlow motioned and Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
7. **Motion 030525-7 to allow the Mayor to sign on to the AIM letter being sent to the Governor by NYCOM:** Trustee Orlow motioned and Trustee Girard seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Mayor Bodkin recently received an email from Jim Thatcher regarding a few grant opportunities. This could be visited at a later date.
 - b. Trustee Gutheil suggested the Board should continue to review what neighborhoods need infrastructure updates. He asked how Jackson Avenue made it's way to the CT Male proposal from last week. Mayor Bodkin asked CT Male for a quote to do infrastructure work on Baker Avenue with a few other streets included to possibly attract more bidders. Trustee Gutheil is concerned with how much debt the Village will take on and our fund balance. He feels that there should be rolling grant applications or look at mechanical pigging. He feels that we should be looking at more options. Mayor Bodkin suggested that being that DOT is going to be paving Route 9/Main Street, we should be looking at any repairs that need to be made in that corridor. He has asked CT Male to make a recommendation on that. Trustee Gutheil mentioned improving lighting/decorative lighting on Route 9. A resident asked for clarification as to the long term plan and feasibility of paying for these improvements from fund balance.
9. **New Business**
 - a. **Motion 030525-8 to renew software for AED machine:** Trustee Girard motioned and Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

10. Trustee Reports: None

11. Mayor's Report: Congratulations to the SHMD on raising \$700,528.31!

12. Motion 030525-9 to adjourn the Meeting at 8:08 pm: Trustee Carota motioned and Trustee Orlow seconded. All in favor, motion passed.