

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WAS HELD ON MARCH 11, 2024 IN
NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK**

1. Mayor Ryan opened the Regular Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 7:00 pm.

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Donald J. Ryan, Trustee Andrew N. Alesia, Trustee William Freiburger III, and Trustee Richard C. Sherman

VILLAGE OFFICIALS PRESENT: DPW Superintendent Thomas Hughes, Fire Chief Tom Bolanowski, Police Lieutenant Tom Hulser, Attorney Gustave DeTraglia, Treasurer Daniel Dreimiller, and Village Clerk Sarah Dobson

ABSENT: Trustee David W. Butler and Codes Officer Gary Schreppel

VISITORS: David Maier

2. **MINUTES:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Freiburger:

RESOLUTION 2024-16

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve the Board meeting Minutes from February 12, 2024.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

3. **AIM FUNDING:** Trustee Alesia introduced the following Resolution and it was duly seconded by Trustee Freiburger:

RESOLUTION 2024-17

Whereas, the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program plays a critical role in funding essential municipal services for cities and villages across New York State; and

Whereas, city and village officials share the same priorities as our state leaders which is to make New York safer and more affordable; and

Whereas, New York’s local governments, who are on the frontlines of controlling property tax affordability and ensuring public safety, are integral to achieving those goals; and

Whereas, the State has not increased AIM funding in 15 years and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has increased nearly 45% during that same period; and

Whereas, this neglect from the State has led to rising municipal tax burdens and harmful disinvestment in essential municipal services and staff, and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the services their residents need; and

Whereas, the challenges of rising inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid, only accentuate the need for an increase in AIM funding; and

Whereas, the Governor’s 2024-25 Executive Budget proposes to keep AIM funding flat; and

Whereas, an increase in AIM finding would reduce the local tax burden and help revitalize communities across New York;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of New Hartford urges Governor Hochul to work with the leaders of the Senate and Assembly and increase AIM funding in the 2024-2025 adopted State Budget.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Charles E. Schumer, Assemblyman Brian D. Miller, and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

4. **SPOUSAL LIABILITY:** Trustee Freiburger introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Alesia:

RESOLUTION 2024-18

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve adding Supplemental Spousal Liability Insurance coverage to the current insurance policy.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

5. **FINANCIALS:**

- A. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Dreimiller provided the March 11, 2024 report. A copy is attached.
- B. **ABSTRACT:** Trustee Freiburger introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Sherman:

RESOLUTION 2024-19

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve the Abstract from March 11, 2024.

General Fund Total Claims \$55,927.70

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Lt. Hulser provided the following report:

Traffic Stops	292
MVA	63
Traffic Tickets	187
Neighborhood Patrol	224
Village Neighborhood Patrol	66
Calls for Service	19
Village Proactive Patrol	10
Village Calls for Service	9

B. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

I. Chief Bolanowski provided the following report:

Monthly Incident Report by Area 2/1 – 2/29/24

Town	78
Village	12
<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Incidents	91

Summary Incident Report 2/1 – 2/29/24

Rescue/EMS	40
Service Call	21
False Alarm	19
Good Intent Call	6
Hazardous Condition	2
Fire	2
<u>Severe Weather</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Incidents	91

II. Trustee Alesia introduced the following Resolution and it was seconded by Trustee Sherman:

RESOLUTION 2024-20

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve the following new member of the New Hartford Fire Department:

Olena Lischuk

8133 Seneca Turnpike, Clinton NY

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

C. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Superintendent Hughes provided the following report:

- The DPW had begun cleaning the streets until recent snowfall.
- DPW has been filling potholes where needed.
- The new batteries for the radar detector were received. Upon recommendation from supplier, the DPW should wait for new charger before using batteries to rule out that having caused issue. Radar should be up and running soon.
- The DPW handled several minor sewer issues.
- Sidewalk work is scheduled to start soon.
- The NYSDOT contacted Superintendent Hughes to advise that the continuation of work scheduled for Genesee Street will start in 2 weeks.
- The new loader is broke again. The manufacturer has offered the DPW a loaner and has taken the broken loader back to diagnose the problem.

D. **CODES DEPARTMENT:** Codes Officer Schreppel provided the following report:

- Issued permit – 6 Hartford Terrace – shed
- Issued order to remedy – 17 Sanger Ave – pool fence repair
- Issued order to remedy – 3 Scott Ave – no permit for shed
- Issued order to remedy – 73 Oxford Road – parking on front lawn
- Sent letter to attorney for 70 Genesee Street – violations
- Continuation of property inspections – 73 Oxford Road
- Construction/Property Inspections – 120 Genesee Street, 3 Scott Ave, 17 Sanger Ave, 70 Genesee Street, 40 Hartford Terrace, 100 Oxford Road, 4 Mill Street, 12 Genesee Street, 2 Paris Road, 18 Pearl Street, 73 Oxford Road

E. **PLANNING BOARD:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Alesia:

RESOLUTION 2024-21

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve the sign applications submitted by All American Fitness and Winberg Physical Therapy located at 50 Genesee Street.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

- 7. **AMUSEMENT FEE:** Trustee Freiburger introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Sherman:

RESOLUTION 2024-22

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve an amusement fee of \$150 for the dates proposed by Crooked Descent Horror LLC for a haunted attraction.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

- 8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Freiburger:

RESOLUTION 2024-23

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve the entering into Executive Session at 7:52 pm.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye

Mayor Ryan Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

Trustee Alesia introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Sherman:

RESOLUTION 2024-24

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve closing the Executive Session at 8:15 pm.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiberger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

9. **LIFETIME BENEFITS:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Alesia:

RESOLUTION 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve restoring funds to Don Bathke's Lifetime card in the amount of \$3,702.36.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiberger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly **ADOPTED**.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Alesia:

RESOLUTION 2024-26

RESOLVED, that the Village Board does hereby approve the adjournment of the Regular Board meeting at 8:20 PM.

The Village Board voted upon roll call, resulting as follows:

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Freiburger	Aye
Trustee Sherman	Aye
Mayor Ryan	Aye

The Resolution was unanimously carried and duly ***ADOPTED***.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Dobson
Village Clerk