

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WAS HELD ON APRIL 9, 2024 IN NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK  
CONCURRENTLY WITH A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING  
THE 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

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 David W. Butler, Trustee William Freiberger 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, Councilman David Reynolds and Village Clerk Sarah Dobson

**ABSENT:** Codes Officer Gary Schreppel

**VISITORS:** Angele Worden, Bill Worden, Barbara Swartwout, Scott Holbrook, Michelle Holbrook, Don McHarris, Patricia McHarris, Kate Achen, and Steve Achen

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Ryan opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2024-2025 Village Budget at 7:30 pm.
3. **MINUTES:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Freiberger:

**RESOLUTION 2024-27**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does hereby approve the Board meeting Minutes from March 11, 2024.

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

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

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

4. **FINANCIALS:**

- A. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Dreimiller provided the April 9, 2024 report. A copy is attached.
- B. **ABSTRACT:** Trustee Alesia introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Butler:

**RESOLUTION 2024-28**

**RESOLVED,** that the Village Board does hereby approve the Abstract from April 9, 2024.

**General Fund Total Claims    \$97,508.93**

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

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

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

**5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

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

Officer Responses	1290
Traffic Stops	207
Proactive Patrols	180
Traffic Tickets	138
Arrests	62
Traffic Accidents	61
Calls for Service	11
Traffic Details	10
Community Policing	4

- B. **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

- I. Chief Bolanowski provided the following report:

**Monthly Incident Report by Area 3/1 – 3/31/24**

Town	102
Village	24

<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Incidents	129

**Summary Incident Report 3/1 – 3/31/24**

Rescue/EMS	60
False Alarm	28
Service Call	24
Good Intent	7
Hazardous Condition	5
Fire	4
<u>Special Incident</u>	<u>1</u>
Total Incidents	129

- II. Trustee Butler introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Freiberger:

**RESOLUTION 2024-29**

In the matter of approving a correction to the 2023 LOSAP points

**WHEREAS**, the Village is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (a “LOSAP”) on behalf of the New Hartford Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML);

**WHEREAS**, General Municipal Law §219-a(2)(c) requires the New Hartford Fire Department that indicates the volunteers who earned at least fifty (50) points during the prior year to qualify for service credit;

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department has received an appeal from Charles Obernesser regarding his points total for 2023 and his qualification for a year of service credit for calendar year 2023;

**WHEREAS**, the appeal has been investigated by the Fire Department, and the Fire Department has notified the Board of Trustees that the 2023 points for Charles Obernesser should be corrected;

**WHEREAS**, based on the additional information provided by the Fire Department, the Board of Trustees has also determined that the 2023 points for Charles Obernesser should be corrected; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves a new total of 67 points earned by Charles Obernesser during calendar year 2023, which results in

him qualifying for a year of service credit for calendar 2023; and be it further,

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to Firefly Admin Inc., the third-party administrator for the LOSAP, with instructions to ensure that the 2023 points for Charles Obernesser accurately reflects 67 in 2023.

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

Trustee Alesia	Aye
Trustee Butler	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:

- Superintendent Hughes advised that he met with the NYSDOT regarding the remainder of work being completed along Genesee Street. They will be replacing all the ADA curb ramps and 80% of the sidewalks. The sidewalks not completed by DOT will be completed by the Village DPW.
- The DPW will be replacing the pavers with stamped concrete. The pavers are old and getting harder to replace.
- The DPW will start hanging Home Town Hero banners in the upcoming weeks. Due to the construction along Genesee Street and the limited space, the banners will be placed on streets such as Sanger and Paris.
- The crews have been cleaning catch basins, street sweeping, and cold patching.
- Green waste pickup has started.
- Superintendent Hughes reassured residents in attendance he would address their concerns and would place a rock or barrier at the end of Woodland as well as cleaning out the pit on the old Madden site.

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

- Continuation of property inspections – 73 Oxford Road
- Met with NHSC management for Sky Buffet violations
- Met with NHSC management for cleanup of damaged flower stand
- Site inspection at 2 Champion Road for haunted attraction

- Construction/property inspections - 120 Genesee Street, 6 Hartford Terrace, 3 Scott Ave, 70 Genesee Street, 12 Genesee Street, 2 Paris Road, 18 Pearl Street, 4 Mill Street, 73 Oxford Road

6. **APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Ryan made the following appointments:

**One Year Appointments**

DPW Superintendent	Tom Hughes
Assistant Superintendent	Tim Hughes
Motor Equipment Operators	Greg Lewis
	Dan Hughes
	Dan Yates
	Shaun Loomis
Laborer	Emmet Sweeney
Attorney	Gustave DeTraglia, Jr.
Codes Enforcement Officer	Gary Schreppel
Planning Board Chairman	James Crumrine
Zoning Board Chairman	Jef Saunders

**Standing Appointments**

Deputy Mayor	Rick Sherman
Police Justice	William Freiberger
Trees	Andrew Alesia
Codes Department	Andrew Alesia/David Butler
Fire Department	Andrew Alesia/Rick Sherman
Public Works	David Butler/Rick Sherman
Senior Citizens	Andrew Alesia
Capital Projects	Village Board
Recreation	David Butler/Rick Sherman
Insurance	William Freiberger
Sewers/Water Board	David Butler/Andrew Alesia
Assessors	Village Board
Village/Town Liaison	William Freiberger/David Butler
Official Historian	Jeff Madden
Official Depository Bank	NBT Bank
Official Newspaper	Rome Sentinel/Town Crier

**Two Year Appointment**

Registrar of Vital Statistics	Cheryl Jassak-Huther
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7. **SUNSET WOOD MSA:** Trustee Freiberger introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was seconded by Trustee Alesia:

**RESOLUTION 2024-30**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does hereby approve the Municipal Service agreement with Sunset Wood for the fiscal year 2024.

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

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

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

- 8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution and it was duly seconded by Trustee Butler:

**RESOLUTION 2024-31**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does hereby approve closing the Public Hearing regarding the Budget. No residents were in attendance to discuss the Budget.

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

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

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

- 9. **2024-2025 BUDGET:** Trustee Sherman introduced the following Resolution for adoption and it was duly seconded by Trustee Butler:

**RESOLUTION 2024-32**

WHEREAS, estimates, schedules and requirements have been prepared and submitted and a tentative proposed budget established, and

WHEREAS, The Village of New Hartford Board of Trustees have met at the time and place specified in the notice of the public hearing on the tentative budget and heard all persons desired to be heard; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Village of New Hartford Fiscal Year June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 as set forth in the amount of \$2,480,235.00 including amounts in the various identified Budget 2024-2025 accounts and including the wages and salaries set forth therein, is hereby adopted. This budget adoption shall carry a tax rate of 63.767 of assessed valuation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this adopted budget shall include the Sewer Rate Assessment of \$75.00 per unit assessment. The sewer rate for the adjacent 34 town residents utilizing the Village sewer system is \$95.00. Revenues from this assessment shall be held in a Capital Sewer Reserve Account for current sewer system maintenance, sewer debt service and for future capital sewer improvements.

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

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

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

#### 10. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Several residents were in attendance to discuss various concerns. Cars have been driving through the end of Woodland Road into the Village parking lot despite it not being a road. Superintendent Hughes stated he would add a large boulder or fence at the end of the road to prevent cars passing through in the future. Other residents discussed concerns they have over Village Point Apartments. Building Manager Bill Worden was in attendance and took note of and addressed some of the concerns. Lt. Hulser also provided information to Mr. Worden to assist in handling some of the issues at Village Point.
- B. Village Clerk Sarah Dobson administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Trustees Richard Sherman and William Freiburger, III.
- C. Mayor Ryan advised the Board that he submitted a grant request to the Congressionally Directed Spending requests in an attempt to have the railroad crossing on Campion Road repaired. He will advise the outcome when he is notified.
- D. Councilman Reynolds advised that the Village fines that were paid to the Town of New Hartford will be repaid back to the Village on April 18, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-33**

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board does hereby approve the adjournment of the Regular Board meeting at 8:42 pm.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah L. Dobson  
Village Clerk

# ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS

## GENERAL FUND - VILLAGEWIDE

VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD

COUNTY, NEW YORK

DATE OF AUDIT: 04/08/2024

NUMBER 011

TOTAL CLAIMS: \$97,508.93

(Original to Village Treasurer - Duplicate to be retained by Village Clerk or Auditor)

Voucher #	Claimant	Account #	Amount	Check
2494	Charter Communications internet	A5141.4	123.94	1960 03/12/2024
2495	Utica National Insurance Group auto renewal	A1910.41	44,155.70	1961 03/18/2024
2496	Cheryl Mody election inspector and dinner	A1450.4	128.00	1962 03/19/2024
2497	Peter Mody election inspector and dinner	A1450.4	128.00	1963 03/19/2024
2498	Lifetime Benefit Solutions Inc payback of 2022 expenses Don Bathke	A1910.4	3,702.36	1966 03/20/2024
2499	Donald J. Ryan Budget meeting lunch	A1010.4	91.61	1967 03/25/2024
2500	MVWA water	A3410.4	262.67	1968 04/01/2024
2500	MVWA	A5141.4	154.20	1968 04/01/2024
2501	Verizon telephone bill	A1010.4	303.51	1969 04/01/2024
2502	National Grid gas and electric	A3410.4	3,209.22	1970 04/01/2024
2502	National Grid	A5141.4	96.83	1970 04/01/2024
2502	National Grid	A5141.4	3,062.06	1970 04/01/2024
2502	National Grid	A5182.4	306.43	1970 04/01/2024
2502	National Grid	A7110.4	103.60	1970 04/01/2024
2503	AT&T phone	A1010.4	7.59	1971 04/02/2024
2504	NYS Teamsters Health/Hosp Fund health benefits	A1910.4	13,609.66	1972 04/09/2024
2505	Tom Hughes 2 new tennis nets	A5410.4	433.90	1973 04/09/2024
2506	New Hartford Historical Sociey annual support	A7520.4	1,500.00	1974 04/09/2024
2507	Nimey's Auto Repair apparatus maintenance	A3410.4	130.99	1975 04/09/2024
2508	Magnum Electronics, Inc pager parts	A3410.4	15.07	1976 04/09/2024
2509	Grainger building supplies	A3410.4	114.55	1977 04/09/2024
2510	Utica Mack, Inc. apparatus parts	A3410.4	217.14	1978 04/09/2024
2511	JPJ Electronic Comm. Inc. antenna	A3410.4	25.00	1979 04/09/2024

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2512	AT&T Mobility cell phone	A3410.4	266.15	1980 04/09/2024
2513	Fire End & Croker Corp. turnout gear	A3410.4	4,003.20	1981 04/09/2024
2514	Witmer Public Safety Group Inc firefighting equipment	A3410.4	2,428.37	1982 04/09/2024
2515	Colden Enterprises, Inc extrication equipment and repairs	A3410.4	2,557.00	1983 04/09/2024
2516	Arlott Office Products keyboard tray	A1010.4	219.79	1984 04/09/2024
2517	McNeil and Company, Inc. A&H Renewal	A1910.41	1,442.00	1985 04/09/2024
2518	PJ Green Inc. Village Board letterhead	A1010.4	135.00	1986 04/09/2024
2519	Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste tipping fees	A8160.4	4,165.25	1987 04/09/2024
2520	Lowe's supplies	A5141.4	61.00	1988 04/09/2024
2521	Home Depot Credit Services supplies	A3410.4	141.82	1989 04/09/2024
2522	UDIG NY transmission fees	A3410.4	17.00	1990 04/09/2024
2523	Great Northern Water & Coffee drinking water	A5141.4	42.31	1991 04/09/2024
2524	Steel Sales, Inc. plow blade	A5141.4	120.00	1992 04/09/2024
2525	Jay K Independent Lumber Corp.	A3410.4	126.87	1993 04/09/2024
2525	Jay K Independent Lumber Corp. stroke oil	A5141.4	48.86	1993 04/09/2024
2526	Warner Sales and Service Inc. bobcat parts	A5141.4	210.96	1994 04/09/2024
2527	Volo's Auto Supply, Inc. truck parts	A5410.4	25.82	1995 04/09/2024
2528	Factory Motor Parts small engine parts	A5410.4	71.32	1996 04/09/2024
2529	Fisher Auto Parts, Inc. wiper blades	A5141.4	12.84	1997 04/09/2024
2530	Snap On Tools Inc grinder blades	A5141.4	290.00	1998 04/09/2024
2531	Buell Fuel SB diesel fuel	A5989.4	2,666.08	1999 04/09/2024
2532	Charter Communications tv and internet	A1010.4	103.11	2000 04/09/2024
2532	Charter Communications internet	A5141.4	114.99	2000 04/09/2024

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Voucher #	Claimant	Account #	Amount	Check
2533	ED & ED BUSINESS TECH, INC. ink cartridge mail machine	A1010.4	185.00	2001 04/09/2024
2534	Northland Communications phone	A3410.4	390.09	2002 04/09/2024
2535	Gates Cole Associates, Inc. crime renewal Utica National	A1910.41	918.00	2003 04/09/2024
2536	National Grid electric bill passed bills meter error	A3410.4	4,864.07	2004 04/09/2024
Total:			97,508.93	

To the Treasurer of the above VILLAGE:

The above listed claims having been presented to the Village Board of the above-named Village, and having been duly audited and allowed in the amounts as shown on the above-mentioned date, you are hereby authorized and directed to pay each of the listed claimants the amount allowed upon his claim appearing opposite his name.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand as Mayor at

the above Village this 9th day of April, 2024

Donald J Ryan  
Signature

## MONTHLY REPORT OF TREASURER

### TO THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD:

The following is a detailed statement of all moneys received AND disbursed BY me during the month of March, 2024:

DATED: April 3, 2024

  
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 TREASURER

	Balance 02/29/2024	Increases	Decreases	Balance 03/31/2024
<b>A GENERAL FUND - VILLAGEWIDE</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	11,873.67	1,048,353.15	1,043,287.04	16,939.78
CASH - SAVING	602,252.95	992,578.66	71,375.00	1,523,456.61
HRA Account	4,265.10	10,013.23	5,034.57	9,243.76
CASH FROM OBLIGATIONS	14,373.00	0.00	0.00	14,373.00
TOTAL	632,764.72	2,050,945.04	1,119,696.61	1,564,013.15
<b>HA CAPITAL PROJECT</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	287.58	0.00	0.00	287.58
CAPITAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT	117,106.00	100,314.82	100,000.00	117,420.82
TOTAL	117,393.58	100,314.82	100,000.00	117,708.40
<b>SS SEWER FUND</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MONEY MARKET	812,205.33	2,069.45	0.00	814,274.78
TOTAL	812,205.33	2,069.45	0.00	814,274.78
<b>TA TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	13,002.88	49,267.65	49,322.74	12,947.79
TOTAL	13,002.88	49,267.65	49,322.74	12,947.79
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,575,366.51	2,202,596.96	1,269,019.35	2,508,944.12