

Village of Otisville

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Jeff Lutze at 6:59 p. m. in the Tom Bess, Jr., Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Jeff Lutze, President. Council Members present: Vadice Burgett, Rick Ferguson, Jim Price, John Ray. Bob Jennings, DPW, Kathy Martini, Clerk, and Matt Grovesteen, Police Chief and William Skellenger.

ABSENT: Sherry Hemingway and Joel Glanton.

AUDIENCE: Randy Stroope, Steve Bourcier and John O'Brien-Genesee County Drain Commission Waste Water Services.

MOTION was made by John Ray and was supported by Jim Price to accept the agenda as presented.
CARRIED—MOTION

MOTION was made by Jim Price and was supported by Vadice Burgett to accept the minutes as presented for March 3, 2025.
CARRIED—MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Rick Ferguson to pay all bills and draw warrants for same.
ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by John Ray to accept the Resolution 2025-002 for the 2025 Modification of Personnel Policy.
ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by John Ray and was supported by Vadice Burgett to accept the ARPA – Beneficiary agreement with Genesee County Drain Commissioner's – Division of Water and Waste Services.
CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Rick Ferguson to accept the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators week, April 13-19, 2025. CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by John Ray to sell the Village Property on Main Street for \$35,000.00.
ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION
AYES = Vadice Burgett, John Ray and Jeff Lutze
NAYES = Rick Ferguson and Jim Price

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Jim Price to accept the Global Contract for Test Wells for \$ 34, 503.89. ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

Communication from Audience:

John O'Brien from Genesee County Drain Commissioner Water and Waste Services:

I am here to help the Village of Otisville with the WWTP project. Once the ARPA – Beneficiary agreement with Genesee County Drain Commissioners Water and Waste Services is signed. I will be working to get the Administrative Consent form updated and submitted. We have about 18 months to get this project complete, as it is due the end of 2026.

Randy Stroope:

I own 111 and 115 West Main. This is a 122-year- old building and there is a grandfather clause that permits an owner to remodel a building of nonconforming use. I hired Lopez Engineering and they gave me paperwork that states the back wall that fell in was not a bearing wall. I have been working on the buildings, have the Electric and gas hooked up. Electrical has not been checked out yet. The My attorney mentioned that the Village was taking me back to court and I want to know why. I have hired contractors to do some of the work, however, owners can do maintenance per the State Code book. It is my understanding that the inspector may have to tear a hole in the roof to inspect it.

Jeff Lutze mentioned you know that you were suppose to get with the building inspector to get a permit before any work was to be done and that did not happen.

Rick Ferguson mentioned you are not allowed to start working on a building without a permit. How did Lopez Engineering note the structure and was there a 42" footing?

Robert Jennings mentioned that he was not aware of that and he would get in touch with our Building Inspector Keith Pyles and have him meet with Robert and Randy.

Matthew Grovesteen mentioned that Randy has a review in 67th District court on March 20, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. That the Village was not taking him back to court, as this is a review of what 111 and 115 West Main was not originally in compliance.

Steve Boucier:

Will be selling Poppy's on May 15 & 16 at Denny's and on Dodge and Irish Roads. All proceeds of the Poppy sales go directly to the veterans.

Memorial Day will be at Memorial Park on May 26, 2025 in Otter Lake at 10:00 a.m. and in Otisville at 11:00 a.m. In case of rain, we will change the location to the Township Hall. Parking will be between the hall and the old fire department. DDA will fund the refreshments. Asking for \$400.00 and will turn in the receipts. The speaker is from Lapeer County and has 36 years of military service. Flags and equipment have been ordered by the DPW. Requesting the Police and Fire department to be present, who have always done a great job in the past.

Jeff Lutze mentioned to Steve that he always does a great job at the Memorial Day Services.

Communication from Village Officials:

Robert Jennings:

David Lewis passed away.

Working on lift stations on Hamill Road, pumped the lift station down, then shut it down to cut a six-foot pipe out and install flow meter for the WWTP project. Cameras will be a part of this project. Will be piping fields, also looking at possible installing two more test wells. Continuing to do sampling, switched from Global to Genesee County for testing. 5 years out for updating the ponds at the WWTP. Rowe Engineering will be doing more test on the lift stations and flow meters. We have had high metals. Letters were sent out for the businesses to do back flow testing to see if we can determine if some contaminants are inflowing into our system.

We replaced the volume pumps with grinder pumps to help with the commercial sewage. This breaks down the solid waste into a slurry to reduce the risk of clogs.

Matthew Grovesteen:

William Skellenger is back from vacation.

Had a Police budget committee meeting today March 17, 2025, came in under budget by approximately \$200.00.

Kathy Martini:

N/A

Committee Reports:

John Ray:

Finance, Water and Sewer, Streets, and Public Works Budget Meetings were held on March 10, 2025 and the Police Budget Meeting was held on March 17, 2025. All Budget meetings went well and were approved. Dan Campbell now has all approved budgets.

Unfinished Business:

Community Standards – Ongoing

Wall of Fame – Ongoing

WWTP – Ongoing

New Business:

Proclamation National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – Motion was made and carried to accept the Proclamation National Public Safety Telecommunications week for April 13-19, 2025.

Village Property – Motion was made and carried to sell the Village Property on Main Street for \$35,000.00.

Global Contract Test Wells – Motion was made and carried to accept the Global Contract for Test Wells for \$ 34, 503.89.

Communications from Council Members:

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by John Ray to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.



Kathy Martini, Clerk

Next Meeting Date: April 7, 2025