

# Village of Otisville

Regular Meeting

June 16, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Council Member Sherry Hemingway at 7:00 p. m. in the Tom Bess, Jr., Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Council Members present: Vadice Burgett, Rick Ferguson, Jim Price and Sherry Hemingway. Bob Jennings, DPW, Kathy Martini, Clerk, and Matt Grovesteen, Police Chief.

ABSENT: Jeff Lutze, John Ray and Joel Glanton

AUDIENCE: Chrisie Loree, Ken Banyas & Theresa Banyas

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Jim Price to accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Rick Ferguson and was supported by Jim Price to accept the minutes as presented for June 2, 2025.

CARRIED – MOTION

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Jim Price to pay all bills and draw warrants for same.

ROLL CALL – CARRIED – MOTION

Communication from Audience:

Chrisie Loree:

Checking to see what the outcome of the chickens are. Matthew Grovesteen did an investigation and she is over on the number of chickens she should have. Gave her until June 16, 2025 to find new homes for the extra chickens. They did state that they are putting the waste from the chicken coops into garbage bags and the trash company is picking them up. Matt will go back on June 17, 2025 to make sure she has the allotted number of chickens and ducks, which are 10 chickens and 2 ducks. If she has not complied, then Matt will revoke her permit to have chickens.

Chrisie stated she appreciates Matt's follow up on this issue.

Ken & Theresa Banyas:

400 W. Main has been remodeling and burning building materials, which has been causing smoke and has an awful smell. They are also using gasoline to start the fires and it caused a big boom which caused my windows to rattle. They are also using the side of the road for parking.

Matthew Grovesteen stated that they can use the side of the road for parking except for during 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. for snow removal.

Robert Jennings will look in the brush pile and blight.

Communication from Village Officials:

Robert Jennings:

Blight letters were sent out. 225 Jefferson and 350 S. State were the only two that contacted me regarding their letters. They are cleaning up blight in their yards. 139 S. State will receive a blight letter for the sign by the road. 145 E. Main is also cleaning up blight in the yard. Will be mowing the

lawn at Center Park. Nathan Fuller is painting the cross walks on M-15 & Main. Rick Ferguson asked to have the circle around his house painted, so people driving will see the line to keep on the road. I have been spraying round up. The sewer plant grass was burnt and its looking good.

Matthew Grovesteen:

Zarnowski who stole from Conlees has been arrested and pleaded guilty to one account and will serve 2 days in jail. He has criminal records in other states and is looking at deportation. Need to get with our Attorney to get restitution for our court cost. I will check on the chicken blight tomorrow. There was a car chase that went through Otisville and several other counties.

Kathy Martini:

Need to get with Steve Mann the Bond attorney for the resolution for the equipment needed for the sewer plant project.

Committee Reports: N/A

Unfinished Business:

Community Standards – Blight Letters were sent out.

Wall of Fame – Ongoing

WWTP – Ongoing

Tractor, Boom Mower, Hiniker Mower for WWTP – Resolution needed.

New Business: N/A

Communications from Council Members:

Rick Ferguson: The house on Grove and Center's grass is getting tall. Robert Jennings said he mowed the side lot.

Vadice Burgett stated to have a lawn company mow the lawns to free up the DPW staff to do other projects. Robert Jennings stated he has contacted Wayne Nelson and he has agreed to mow.

Checked into the 15-foot boom and it looks like we would have to buy a larger tractor to be able to operate the 15-foot boom. It would be more practical to contract with the County to mow around the ponds with their boom at the sewer plant as we will only need to mow a couple of times a year. This way we could buy a smaller tractor for our needs at the sewer plant and this would cut down on the cost we will spend on equipment. I will be getting with Dan Campbell and Robert Jennings to discuss the equipment concerns.

MOTION was made by Vadice Burgett and was supported by Rick Ferguson to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

*Kathy Martini*

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Kathy Martini, Clerk

Next Meeting Date: July 7, 2025