

Board of Trustees of the Village of St. Johnsville

Regular Meeting July 8, 2025 5:30 PM

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Present: Mayor White, Trustees: Melissa Baker, Steve Elwood, Gary Warn, Auditor John Lull, Village Attorney Norman Mastromoro, Village Clerk Derinda Greif, Fran Hulburt Shaut Campground/Harbor staff, WWTP Head Frank Erno, Police Chief Manley

Public: Nino Polidori, Janice Zoller, Rob Christolon, Robert Smith, Margaret DiGiacomo, Jeremy Polidori, Barbara Stagliano, Art Dockerty, Eddie Wahl, Denise Reska, Walter Reska, Dennis Clark

Meeting was called to order by Mayor White at 5:30 pm. The pledge was given.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Police Chief Chad Manley in recognition of Seargeant Reska to present him with the Life Saving Award.

Next, a presentation by Ed Watts who spoke about NY Brix, a NY State joint grant for multi-purpose community centers.

Public Comment: Nino Polidori brought up the issue of the Water Chestnuts at the Marina. Mayor White replied that a professional is being consulted to care for the issue. Dennis Clark inquired about the status of the bond anticipation note to take down the Central Hotel. Margaret DiGiacomo expressed concern about the increase in water bills. She also expressed that she doesn't agree with the fact that the Grandstand is gated up. Mayor White replied that it was gated as a response to concern over vandalism that was being done. Melissa Baker read a letter written to the Board by Jayna Cool about vacation pay.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Fire Department: No report. No one present.

DPW: Report received.

WWTP: Report received.

Police: A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve the SPO contract with the OESJ School. All ayes, motion carried. A motion was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn to approve the SPO MOA between the OESJ Elementary School, the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and the St. Johnsville Police Dept. All ayes, motion carried.

Codes: No report.

Marina: Report received.

Dog Control: No report.

Treasurer: No one present. Report received.

Legal: Article 19-A blighted properties owned by banks. Notifications being sent.

Old Business:

- Fire contract being adjusted. Changes to be emailed.
- Water and sewer billing changes- tabled until August
- Policy manual- Department Head workshop to be set up so Dept. Heads can add to the manual.

Consent Agenda: A motion to **create a consent agenda** consisting of the 6/16/2025 Public Hearing minutes, the 6/17/2025 Regular Meeting minutes, and the 6/23/2025 Public Hearing minutes was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried. A motion to **adopt said Agenda** was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Warn. All ayes, motion carried.

Audit of Claims: A motion to **accept** the claims as presented to the Board as approved to the Board by the deputy Clerk, in the amount of \$107,507.77 was made by Trustee Elwood and seconded by Trustee Baker. All ayes, motion carried. The claims are broken down as follows:

- General Fund \$ 76,643.22
- Cemetery Fund \$ 6,000.00
- Marina Fund \$ 5,414.30
- Water Fund \$ 2,384.90
- Sewer Fund \$ 17,065.35

New Business:

- Brix Grant
- Harris Program tech support proposal

Public Comment: Kim Snell asked if both water and sewer bills will be increasing. Rob Christolon suggested that the ice-skating rink be used for roller-skating during the summer season. Margaret DiGiacomo inquired about water metering. Nino Polidori inquired about the grant for the Community House porch repairs. Jeremy Polidori expressed concern over public safety in the village.

Other:

Amendment: In the minutes dated 05/01/2025, it was stated that Trustee Eisele was in attendance. This is to correct that statement, as Trustee Eisele was not in attendance for the entire meeting, but came towards the end.

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into executive session was made by Trustee Baker and seconded by Trustee Elwood at 6:48 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

The board came out of executive session at 7:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm was made by Mayor White and seconded by Trustee Elwood. All ayes, meeting adjourned.

Next meeting- August 19th at 5:30 pm