

VILLAGE OF WOLCOTT
VILLAGE HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 10, 2026

7:00 PM

Members Present: Mayor Chris Henner, Trustees: Dave Lewis, Dan Smith, and Andrew Marshall.

Members Absent: Trustee Misty Harper

Others Present: Fran Acker, Eva Banas-Duncan, Jack Roberts, Melissa Kersten and Joe Plante

Mayor Henner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Melissa Kersten-Program Coordinator-Active People, Healthy Wayne

Ms Kersten spoke about the timeline for this year's project being extended until May 15, 2026. The program ends May 31, 2026 and to date has not been approved to continue. It was a 5 year program. \$6,500.00 has been allocated for this year's project. Melissa had a conversation with the Department of Health and was able to get 2 projects approved. A crosswalk at Wolcott Falls Park or at Leavenworth Middle School. Projects cannot include sidewalks. Mayor Henner said contractors will be contacted to see if this deadline can be met. Ms Kersten proposed a date for another walk audit and celebration of last year's project to be held April 8th, 5:30pm at the Wolcott Public Library.

Joe Plante

Mr. Plante came in to further comment on his observations on Jefferson Street. The Village Board cut him off after 5 minutes and several warnings of cursing.

W/S Account #16020

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve a payment plan for water/sewer account \$16020 of \$65.00 a quarter to pay off past due amount plus any current amounts. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

ADWQR

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the 2025 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

WCWSA Annual Increase

Trustee Smith made the motion for the annual COLA rate increase to WCWSA per contract. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Banas-Duncan will send a letter to WCWSA notifying of the annual increase. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Codes

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the February 2026 Codes Department Report. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Village Clerk-Treasurer

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept the January 2026 Treasurer's report and financials. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to schedule the 26-27 Budget Public Hearing on April 14th, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the February 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the February 25, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to accept and approve the March 2, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Abstract #010

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Abstract #010 in the amount of \$125,254.60 with vouchers numbered 432-477. Total claims from the General Fund are \$56,923.93. Total claims from the Water Fund are \$14,762.29. Total claims from the Sewer Fund are \$53,568.38. Trustee Marshall seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Resolutions

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve Resolution 2026-4. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion:

Resolution 2026-4

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INCREASED AID TO MUNICIPALITIES AND STRENGTHENING NEW YORK'S STATE-LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York's strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany, advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Wolcott applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York's cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Wolcott urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Wolcott calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York's local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Wolcott.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Henner, Trustees: Lewis, Smith and Marshall

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Harper

Office of the Village Clerk

Village of Wolcott

County of Wayne

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original duly adopted by the above mentioned Board at a meeting held on the 10th day of March, 2026 and that the same is a true copy of said original and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of the said Board, this 10th day of March, 2026.

Village Clerk

Facilities Use Request

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of the Fire Hall on March 21st from 11:00am-5:00pm for a benefit for Trinity. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of Northrup Park on May 16th, 2026 for the 4 Town Bicentennial Parade and Candlelight Service. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to approve use of Northrup Park on March 28, 2026 from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm for the LNB annual Easter Egg Hunt. Trustee Smith 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Mayor Henner

Mayor Henner has been in contact with The LaBerge Group regarding the Water Plant Grant. Several letters of support were received in an effort for further grant funding.

The Mayor stated he has received several phone calls regarding residents' concerns over their utility bills. The Mayor has reached out to both the Governor's Office and Senator Helming's to voice the concerns. Also made the point this hurts small businesses because consumers don't have the extra money to patronize the businesses when their extra money is going to pay utilities.

Trustee Harper - absent

Trustee Marshall

Nothing at this time

Trustee Smith

Trustee Smith mentioned how old utility poles being replaced with new ones aren't being removed and there is no ETA on their removal. Verizon and Spectrum are still using the old poles. The municipality will have to stay on top of the situation for removal.

Trustee Smith met with the Wolcott Rotary because they want to sponsor a large Adirondack chair to be placed at Wolcott Falls Park as a dedication to Sharon Coleman. The NRW School shop program will build the chair after the village confirms any codes or insurance liability concerns. Trustee Smith made the motion to move forward with the project. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Lewis

Trustee Lewis stated more Hometown Heroes banners have been received.

Time for the Public

Jack Roberts commented his understanding is the utility delivery charges billed are to offset mandates for the NYS Green Initiative. He asked if the upcoming meeting with RG&E is opened to the public. Clerk-Treasurer Acker will notify him if so.

Executive Session

Trustee Smith made the motion to move the meeting into executive session at 7:43 pm for a personnel and contractual matter. Trustee Marshall 2nd the motion. Clerk-Treasurer Acker was asked to stay. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Marshall made the motion to move from executive session back to regular meeting at 8:45pm. Trustee Smith 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Trustee Smith made the motion to advertise for a Seasonal Part-Time Laborer for the Highway Department to help address mowing for property maintenance and fire hydrant painting. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

Adjournment

Trustee Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Trustee Lewis 2nd the motion. All present voted in favor.

The next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on March 24, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Village of Wolcott Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Acker

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Clerk-Treasurer