Village of Constableville

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 5, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Constableville, a Municipality, was held on January 5, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the Village Library on Main St., Constableville, NY.

Trustees Present: Stephen Ward, Cody McDonald

Others present: Christine Healt, Tug Hill Counsel
Robert Boliver, BCA
Alan Klossner, Village Resident
Robert Bauer, Outside Water User

Absent: Clerk Mary Failing

Call to Order: Mayor Sonia Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. A quorum of trustees was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Oath of Office were signed by Trustee Cody McDonald and Mayor Sonia Wendt

Approval of Minutes: Trustee McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2025 monthly meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ward, motion carried.

Financial Review: The Board reviewed the Financial Reports for December 2025. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Trustee McDonald, motion carried.

Bob Boliver, BCA updated the board on the Water and Sewer Projects.

SEWER:

- The Sewer Project shut down on 12/15/25 due to the cold, they probably won't be back until spring.

WATER:

- County is working with Ian Gilbert on easements that are needed for Phase I, the County portion of the project. Will go out to bid around March 1st.
- CDBG - we were denied. We are requesting a review to find out why.
- WQIP – has not been announced, hopefully by the end of the month
- BCA's proposal for engineering services for Main Street Complete Streets Improvements after the water infrastructure is completed was handed out to the trustees for their review and was tabled until the February meeting.

Water Plant Operator's Report:

Water Plant Operator Mary Wilton reported on the following:

- The main door to the water plant needs weather stripping on the bottom. She will ask Chris to do it. If he can't, Trustee McDonald will help.
- The generator is working well.

- Usage has been a constant 85,000 – 90,000 per day for about a month. After the leak at the store was fixed, she was shutting things down but now it is all back up again.

- She heard a hissing sound at her rental house and found that the outside water hose had not been shut off, she shut it off in the cellar, but it didn't make a difference with the numbers.
- She needs to order chlorine, with the usage up she is going through a lot of chlorine
- Chlorine pump - she had trouble with it, but she fixed it herself. She called Tom Smith but he was sick. The back up pump needed to be adjusted to the usage levels.

Robert Bauer stated that he has very little water pressure in the morning for 6 – 7 hours out of the day, at his place (3267 Allen Road) He had good pressure a few years ago, but when Flansburg's brought the cows back down to the N. Main St. farm it has been bad again. Usually from 4:30 – 8:30 every morning, and again in the evening for a few hours. He said it is not good for appliances, the washing machine doesn't operate correctly, the toilet doesn't flush right, and they can't shower during those times. He said that Flansburg's farm has a cooler plate, that cools the milk. Has water running constantly. Unsure where the water goes, he doesn't believe it is recycled. They installed a two (2) inch line from Ottman's to the Flansburg Barn. His is only a 1" galvanized pipe. Someone mentioned that they should put a holding tank in.

Mayor Wendt told Bob that we would look into it. His number is 315-397-2543

Sewer Plant Operator's Report: Mark was absent due to the weather.

Mayor Wendt asked Mary Wilton if she would be interested in learning the Sewer Plant Operator position. She said yes, she would be interested. Mayor Wendt said she would like her to at least be a back up to SPO.

Other Business:

Lewis County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution was adopted by motion of Trustee McDonald, seconded by Trustee Ward, all in favor, Resolution 1-2026 was adopted.

Mayor Wendt told the board that she has a goal to start a small local market, maybe a Farmer's Market, Trustee McDonald said the pavilion would be a great place for it. It was discussed that Lyons Falls does Tuesdays, Boonville on Thursdays and Lowville on Saturdays. Christine suggested having a kid's day with face painting, crafts, maybe an ice cream day, consider accepting food stamps. Perhaps we could survey farmers to see if they would be interested in attending another place. Trustee Ward suggested contacting Matt Sweirnik, Mayor Wendt said she heard he is starting a food truck business.

Mayor Wendt gave the trustees copies of letters of interest received from two (2) village residents interested in being on the Board for their review. The matter was tabled until the February meeting.

Christine reviewed the Cooperative Tug Hill announcements.

Vouchers were audited by the board and signed by Mayor Wendt and Trustees Ward & McDonald.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm, on motion by Trustee McDonald and seconded by Trustee Ward and carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Failing

Mary Failing, Village Clerk

Minutes drafted by listening to recording and Mayor Wendt's notes.