Village of Constableville

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 1, 2026

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

Trustees Present: Stephen Ward, Cody McDonald, Mark Sullivan

Others present: Christine Healt, Tug Hill Counsel
Mary Wilton, Water Plant Operator
Bob Boliver, BCA

Call to Order: Mayor Sonia Wendt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum of trustees was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Approval of Minutes: Trustee McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of the monthly May 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sullivan, all in favor, motion carried

Financial Review: The Board reviewed the Financial Reports for May 2026. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Trustee Sullivan, all in favor, motion carried.

Trustee Sullivan signed his oath of office.

Water Plant Operator's Report:

Water Plant Operator Mary Wilton reported on the following:

- Water usage is averaging 47,000/day. No problems, water levels have been very consistent, so she won't take the part from one flow meter to put on the other.
- She is going to order chlorine; there are about 40 empties at the plant to go back.
- She asked if there was any change with the leak at Constable Hall, Trustee Sullivan said he spoke with Scott Goodhines and he knows now where the leak is and he will get it done. Mayor Wendt said she reached out to Lauraine at Constable Hall, to let her know there was a leak again

Bob Boliver, BCA reported on the following:

- Mayor Wendt signed agreements with Highlander Construction, Powis Excavating (County's Contractor) and BCA. He wants to set up a joint pre-construction meeting with all involved.
- There is a meeting set for June 3rd at 11:30 am with Claude Curly, DOH, Claude Cormier, Hydrogeologist and Gregor Smith & Bob Boliver from BCA, Mayor Wendt and Clerk Failing regarding ground water wells.

Trustee Sullivan asked Bob if he sees this happening and how much money do we pump into the dam and spring boxes if we have to do this. Bob said he really doesn't know, and that we will know more after the meeting. Trustee McDonald stated that it is all unknown when doing drilling.

- Clerk Failing asked about the test boring PVC pipes throughout the village that Chris has cones on. Bob said he would check on it.
- The Darlings still have not signed the easement. BCA is moving them to Phase II.

Trustee Sullivan said the Spring Box bleeder box (air vent) needs the shut off fixed. Sonia will call Scott Goodhines.

Sewer Plant Operator's Report:

Sewer Plant Operator Derek Stewart was not present, Trustee Sullivan reported the following:

- Derek said everything is running fine.
- The sewer flows are down. Check valve is leaking. Mark – infiltration is bad. With using a different pump that only pumps 80 gallons per minute, instead of 100 gallons per minute, it is hard to figure out the hour meters.

Bob Boliver, BCA reported the following:

- Thursday was the first day of start up, they couldn't complete it because they needed to get all the rails in the pump station to get the pumps out easily. They had to order parts.
- They turned on the UV system; electronically everything runs as it should.
- He thinks the DEC inspection went well. They do want the fence to be put back up and a gate installed at the other end. The fencing was included in the bid, but the gate wasn't, it will cost approximately $10,000.00 for gate and installation. Trustee McDonald stated that the contractor took the fence that was taken down. Bob said it is hard to reuse chain-link fencing.
- He had a pay application for the electrical contractor for April-May; Mayor Wendt signed it.

Trustee Sullivan asked why they went with a diesel generator instead of replacing it with a propane one like was there. Bob said we would have had to put multiple propane tanks in. Trustee McDonald said that this one will have to be in a heated building, Bob said we will use diesel. It will run for half an hour every other week.

Clerk Failing reported that she asked the Town (Doug Salmon) to fill the Generator for the Village and we will pay them when we receive the invoice.

Trustee Sullivan stated that he isn't sure the pay scale is fair as there will be more sampling required and he will have to take the samples to Lowville once a week instead of once a month. He said we may want to adjust it, maybe pay mileage in lieu of free sewer since he doesn't live in the village to take advantage of that benefit. Clerk Failing said that Derek submitted nine (9) hours of extra time and as discussed, we will see how it goes once Derek gets settled into the position.

Trustee Ward asked when they were expected to finish the job, he would like t a tour when finished. Bob said he is still looking at extra items he'd like to see done. Like fixing the paving and overcoating out to the road. He would be glad to give the board a tour when it is completed.

Trustee Ward asked about the orange flags by his property. Bob said that orange usually means underground telephone. They are marking out something for the project, maybe something to do with the wetland mitigations.

Other Business:

Mayor Wendt reported that the Yeti Club took down all of the playground side that we asked them to. She received a text that the group feels unappreciated. The Board are all appreciative of the hockey/skating program.

Clerk Failing reported that when Dave Ward checked on the power at the pavilion, he said that the shed should have a dedicated line to the Yeti shed. Mayor Wendt will contact Dave Ward to do the wiring and send the invoice to the Village. It will be the Yetis responsibility to get it from the box to the shed. She will also talk to Caitlin about it.

Trustee McDonald reported that they left a lot of nails on the ground, Chris had to clean them up so he could mow and so that no one got hurt stepping on them.

Trustee Sullivan said that in case anyone asks why some of the Banners are on the front of the pavilion, it's because of the water project on West Main Street. Clerk Failing commented that she emailed all of the families that had purchased the banners on West Main and explained why they would not be in their usual spot. Mary W. will also have it in her column. It was suggested that the pavilion needs to be sprayed down again by the Fire Dept, if they are willing, because of the bugs around the light on it.

Mayor Wendt asked about the PA system, she said it is being stored at the library, but she doesn't know how to use it, she will contact Sam.

Clerk Failing reported that Cassie from Lewis County Planning Board had some conditions before adopting our Zoning Law Amendments, Megan has updated the Law where needed, but we are waiting for our attorney to review one section of it for his recommendations.

Mayor Wendt reported that there is an issue with Lewis County Codes Dept. being the Village's Enforcement Officer for the Zoning Law, when Sam was working for the County and was also the Village Mayor, her and Ward Dailey, former director of the Codes Dept., were working on an Intermunicipal Agreement in regards to our Zoning Law, but apparently this IMA was never completed. The Village's IMA with them only covers our property maintenance law. She sent Jon (Codes) an email asking to meet to discuss, but he has not responded. According to Megan (Planning) the IMA has to be approved by the County Attorney, and the County is in the process of hiring a new one.

As part of the Future Stories Funding Grant, Mayor Wendt would like to have a get together (social) at the pavilion in July. She said maybe Stewarts would donate some ice cream for ice cream sundaes, and we could have face painting, and other things for the kids.

Clerk Failing reported that as part of the renewal process for our contract with Spectrum Northeast, LLC, we need to hold a public hearing. Trustee Sullivan made a motion to adopt a resolution setting the date for a Public Hearing for the Spectrum Franchise Agreement with the village for July 6, 2026, the motion was seconded by Trustee Ward, all were in favor, and adopted.

Clerk Failing reported that she is on the Board for the Rural Cemetery and at the meeting last month they talked about getting some crushed stone for the road at the cemetery. She told them that she would ask the Village Board if it was OK to order the stone under the County (State) contract because it would be cheaper. The board was all fine with this. The Town will truck the stone for the cemetery at no charge and Bob Greene, another cemetery board member, will spread it where it is needed.

Clerk Failing reported that she emailed the village attorney regarding the wood on Smith Road. He responded that it should be offered to the public before a board member takes it. She will put a Notice in the Post Office, at the Bell Tower and on Constableville Community Corner page on Face Book. NOTE: There were no bids received.

The property maintenance issues in the village were discussed. It was decided that Clerk Failing will send out a 2nd notice to those that have not complied with the first letter sent, in addition to language, referencing the possible fine they could be facing if they do not comply.

PIVOT contacted Clerk Failing asking if they could put up No Smoking/Vape signs at the pavilion, everyone was in favor of the idea. She reported that Caitlin had mentioned the idea to her over the winter also.

Clerk Failing said that she will be calling the SIMS Company to pick up the metal dump trailer and asked if she should get another one. Trustee McDonald said he thought that one a year is good. NOTE: We received a check for $122.14, this is after the $175.00 for the trucking fee was deducted.

Fritz's Band will play at the bandstand on June 25th, from 5:30 – 7:00, we will offer Hot Dogs, Chips and a drink for a $5.00 donation.

Mayor Wendt said that she would like to have the 4th of July reading of the Declaration of Independence. Her son thinks the Village should do a reenactment. She will reach out to Constable Hall to see if they are doing anything and to see if they would like to be a part of it. She will contact Sam to see if her daughters are interested in doing part of the reading, her son would also like to do part of it.

Clerk Failing reported that she ordered new bunting for the bandstand.

Christine reviewed the Cooperative Tug Hill announcements.

Vouchers were audited by the board and signed by Mayor Wendt.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, on motion by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee McDonald, all in favor and carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Failing, Village Clerk