Village of Constableville

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 4, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Constableville, a Municipality, was held on May 4, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the Village Library on Main St., Constableville, NY.

Trustees Present: Stephen Ward, Cody McDonald, Brittany Salmon

Others present: Christine Healt, Tug Hill Counsel
Mark Sullivan, Sewer Plant Operator
Mary Wilton, Water Plant Operator
Derek Stewart, Incoming Sewer Plant Operator
Bob Boliver, BCA
Robert Bauer, Outside Water User
Caitlin Luther, Andy Gleason, Scott Matthews, Tug Hill Yeti Hockey & Skating

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 April 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Salmon, all in favor, motion carried. Trustee Ward made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on April 27, 2026, the motion was seconded by Trustee Salmon, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Water Plant Operator's Report:

Water Plant Operator Mary Wilton reported on the following:

- Everything is stable at the water plant, water usage is up nearly 50,000/day. She said she suspected and Mark Sullivan confirmed that there is a leak near the cones on Constable Hall's property, he said it is probably in the 2" – "T". Mayor Wendt said that she will contact Scott Goodhines.
- Chris told her that Flansburg's might be adding water to their manure pit. Bob Bauer said yes, he is, it is running over.
- She asked if Tom Smith charges the village for taking the samples to Lowville when she drops them off to him in Turin. Clerk Failing told her that she had not received anything from him.
- She has given Chris Panik a test kit and told her if it ever doesn't turn pink to let her know.
- She drained sand filter bed #3, and put #1 online, one of the flow meters will work but the sensor doesn't work except when she taps on it. The electrical component needs to be replaced. Bob Boliver said it could be covered in project; he needs to know exactly what is needed. Another option would be to take parts off the one that isn't being used. Derek Stewart is going to look at it and see what can be done.

Bob Bauer addressed the board regarding his continued issue with no water pressure from 4:30 am until 7 am and then again from 4:30 pm until 7 pm, which is the times that Flansburg's are milking. He said that they have a cooler plate and that uses a lot of water, he suggested that Flansburg's should put in a holding tank and fill it during the

night. Mayor Wendt told him that we will look into it. Bob Boliver commented that Phase II of the project would give him a bigger line.

Bob Boliver, BCA reported on the following:

- He sent Highlander Construction's bond & Insurance documents to the Village Attorney, Ian Gilbert, for his review and approval. He requested that the Board do a motion to authorize Mayor Wendt to sign the contract once we get his approval.

Trustee Salmon made a motion to authorize Mayor Wendt to sign the contract with Highlander, upon approval of the village attorney, the motion was seconded by Trustee McDonald, all in favor, motion carried.

- Construction will tentatively start at the beginning of or the middle of June, and the water portion of the project will take about a month, he believes they will start at the bottom and go up.
- Complete Streets portion will begin after the water line replacement portion is completed. The County has opened their bids; the County has sent out their Easements.
- The Village still has four (4) critical easements to get back, including Spoor, Darling, Zehr & Dunn. Clerk Failing will send out a 2nd notice to them. Mary Wilton commented that she hasn't signed hers and she won't until she knows what is going to happen with her trees, if they take them down, are they are going to replace them. She said National Grid also told her that= the engineers wanted to move her pole 5' closer to her house, but he said that will not happen.Bob Boliver explained to her that the one she has is for the Water Improvement not the Complete Streets Project.
- The Department of Health sent a letter to Village and copied BCA, in that it is recommended that the village look into other water supplies. They said the village should drill test wells at two locations; he did not want to disclose the locations at this time.
- He said we should not worry about it at this time. He will set up a meeting with the Hydrologist, who did the report and sent it to Claude Curly, the Department of Health, the Village and BCA to go over it.

Mark Sullivan said there are two wells in the village already, he believes one is on the school property, and he believes the other one is on a farm. Ground Water wells would not go through slow filters. Derek commented that ground wells are actually a lot easier.

Mark Sullivan asked Bob if we still need to use a camera to see what is plugging the reservoir drain? Bob replied that he may have someone that would dive it. There was discussion about putting a Zebra filter.

Sewer Plant Operator's Report:

Sewer Plant Operator Mark Sullivan reported the following:

- Mark Sullivan presented the board with a letter of resignation as Sewer Plant Operator.
- He and Derek installed the new pump last week, there is still some work to do, things to go over with Derek.

Trustee McDonald made a motion to hire Derek Stewart for the Sewer Plant Operator position. The motion was seconded by Trustee Salmon, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Failing reported that she has contacted Frontier for phone & internet service at the sewer plant. They will call her back when they have checked it. NOTE: They are unable to offer service to that building, she then contacted Spectrum and they can offer Wi-Fi & 100 mags Internet for $105.00 per month. Plus, a $100.00 installation fee.

Bob Boliver, BCA reported the following:

- The new building is 80% complete, work is continuing.
- They tore out the old generator and transfer switch and delivered it to the Belltower (it is highly recommended that the transfer switch be thrown away, mice have been living in it and it is corroded)
- Out at the existing meter pole, there is one main breaker, the box is deteriorated, he would recommend replacing it, we can use the field allowance. We will need a new backer board to bring it up to code
- The new potential startup date will be sometime the end of May.
- He has a payment application for $68,421.96 for JL Excavating LLC, Mayor Wendt signed the application.
- He asked Mark & Derek if they wanted the light pole back up, they replied yes, he said we may need a new pole and asked how high they wanted the light. Derek said it should be high enough to get a dump truck under. There was discussion about moving it closer to the sand bed side.
- Trustee McDonald asked if there was a plan to get it cleaned up, Bob said it will be taken care of (restored).
- He is working on a price to overlay the driveway; money left in the field allowance should cover it.
- The fence never had a gate, Derek said we may not need to put it back up. Bob said he will check with Daniel Hayes to be sure.

Other Business:

Mayor Wendt appointed Mark Sullivan to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Trustees.

The Yeti Hockey & Skating Club addressed the board with an update:

They have completed their 4th season, Caitlin said it was their best year yet.

They have three "asks"

1. They would like to add a retractable curtain to the playground side of the pavilion. Clerk Failing asked if the boards could still be taken down. They replied yes. Scott reported that the boards are down (5 panels)
2. They have upgraded the Club's Hockey & Figure Skates and cleaned out the closet and replaced the skates that were in there with better skates. She said they should be sharpened every year; the cost is $5.00/pair. $250.00 to sharpen all of them, let them know if the village would like them to do them.
3. They would like to build a lien to structure on the playground side towards the back. The cost of materials would be, they would like the village to pay for the materials since we own the property. The cost would be $2,100.00 for the materials. One of their members will construct it.
    a. Mayor Wendt asked if they were asking the Village to pay for it. She said they do have some funding, but the village owns the building. Depending on what the Village decides, they could probably adjust.
    b. Clerk Failing said it would be good to submit an application for the Sawyer grant, but application time has passed for this year.

Scott said there is plastic and garbage at the pavilion, Clerk Failing said she would call Rauscher's to pick it up.

They are having an end of the year Skating Party on May 16th and asked Sonia to put on scroll.

They thanked the Board for allowing them to use the pavilion. The Board thanked them for doing it, is great for our community.

Clerk Failing reported that Chris told her he needed new tires on the front of the big tractor. She contacted Lyons Falls Tire, and they quoted her $272.00 for Good Year Tires and $234.00 for OTR (Off the Road) tires and $14.50 each for tubes. It was decided to purchase the better ones.

Clerk Failing reported that she contacted Lewis County Codes Dept. to see if Mr. Klossner needed a permit to put up the chain link fence, they said no unless it is over 8' high. She was directed to fill out complaint forms online for the two (2) collapsed buildings in the village and the property on Main Street with junk vehicles in the back yard.

Trustee Sullivan said that on Smith Road a tree company has cut more trees and just left them, they have been there for about two months. He wondered if he could just take them or if there is a law that we have to offer them to the public. He said he would hate for it to go to waste, and it is kind of eye sore. Clerk Failing will check with our attorney.

Mayor Wendt reported that there is a dead deer carcass covered with a tarp on a property in the village. She called the DEC and they said they can't really do anything about it. She called the Sheriff's Dept., and they said if they drag it out towards the road and call the county they may pick it up. She told them that, but he said he wasn't going to do it. He already paid a fine for having it. Clerk Failing will draft a letter to Valerie Morczek and send it to Mayor Wendt for approval. She will send the letter with a copy of Property Maintenance Law &/or Garbage Law. She will be given 5 days to dispose of it properly or the village will take further steps to enforce the law.

Mayor Wendt signed the contract with Fritz's Polka Band; they will be at the bandstand on June 18th from 5:30 to 7:00. We will offer the Hot Dog, chips and a drink for $5.00 like last year and possibly get a food truck the next time. Matt Sweirnik is not sure if he will have his food truck ready this year.

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 Salmon and seconded by Trustee Ward, all in favor and carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Failing

Mary Failing, Village Clerk