Village of Constableville

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 8, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Constableville, a Municipality, was held on September 8 2025, at 6:00 pm, at the Village Library on Main St., Constableville, NY.

Trustees Present: Mark Sullivan, Stephen Ward, Cody McDonald, Sonia Wendt

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

Call to Order: Mayor Samantha Brown 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 Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2025 monthly meeting, the motion was seconded by Trustee McDonald, all in favor, motion carried.

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

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

SEWER:

- There is a Pre-Construction meeting set for September 19th at 9:00 am at the bell tower to kick off the project. He expects the contractors will want to get started soon.
- As part of the project, they will be putting up a small building to house the Disinfection Equipment. He presented to the board a contract with Atlantic Testing Laboratories for $4,000.00, it is covered under the project costs. Trustee Wendt made a motion to authorize Mayor Brown to sign the contract with ATL, Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor Brown signed, Bob will send a fully executed copy to Clerk Failing once it is signed by ATL.

WATER:

- He asked the board their thoughts on standardization for the hydrants that will be replaced – the Board agreed to go with standard. He said they have to be made in the USA and that he recommends we go with red.
- The engineers are trying to research how wide the road is supposed to be at the intersection of Main & West Main.
- He said the village might be able to use NBRC ($2.7 m) on Main St. for curbs, sidewalks & rebuilding the street, if it is still a priority, but we may have to sacrifice another section. He said Gregor still needs convincing about Main St. needing to be redone. County Roads are priority so the County can start Complete Streets project.
- Mayor Brown asked about contractors for the Water Project, Bob said we'll get a lot that bid on it. Trustee McDonald commented that North Country Contractors did a good job in Turin. Bob said they would be his first choice.

Mary Wilton said that her husband told her that a man came to the door and asked about sidewalks. He told him that he thought his wife would want sidewalks to be replaced on all of their property and that she spoke with Roger

Croniser and he wants his sidewalks replaced also. Clerk Failing said at the last meeting they had with the county they said they could only put sidewalks on one side coming down the school hill. Bob said it is still a work in progress.

Bob reported that he will not be at the November meeting.

Water Plant Operator's Report:

Water Plant Operator Mary Wilton reported on the following:

- The average usage for the month of August was mid 60,000 gallons/day, it has been there since May when the leaks at Constable Hall were fixed.
- The handheld turbidity meter wasn't readable, she called the company, they said it is defective (unrepairable) and they will send a new one at no charge.
- The yearly nitrate/disinfection byproducts water test was done in early September
- Next year the Radiology test is due, it is done every ten years.

The fire hydrant on High Street was discussed, Shue Brothers are a little more expensive, but it needs to be done and S & L Goodhines did not replace it before the end of August after texting Mayor Brown that they would. Trustee McDonald made a motion to have the hydrant replaced by Shue Brothers, it was seconded by Trustee Sullivan, all in favor, motion carried. Trustee McDonald texted Shue Brothers at the meeting.

Trustee Sullivan commented that he felt that Mary Wilton's comments regarding the water usage being the highest it has ever been in her weekly column in the Boonville Herald may be causing panic in the village. It was suggested that she should have followed that comment by asking the community to help us out by reporting any wet spots on their property because it may be a leak in the water system. She said that she did say that in this week's paper.

Mayor Brown reported that the reservoir is down. It is not running over the dam at this point and is "not bubbling up". The spring boxes are also lower.

Trustee McDonald asked how deep the reservoir is, Bob & Mark both think it is about 15-20 feet deep.

Trustee Sullivan reported that he spoke with Doug Salmon about stone for the reservoir road.

Steve Ward said it is always wet on his property and the school property at the bottom of the hill, but it may be worth checking it for leak. Mary W. will test it for chlorine.

Mary Wilton asked if every household is going to have a water meter. Mayor Brown replied that we don't really know at this point, it depends on if they tell us it is mandatory. Clerk Failing commented that it was her understanding from one of the meetings that meters would be placed at the Village lines to track usage and leaks for outside users.

Trustee Sullivan reported seeing Cortney with a truck with a 4000-gallon tank filling it with water at Sullivan's farm on Saturday. Mary Wilton said she had seen him filling it at the fire dept. in the spring. She asked him what he was doing and he replied he has permission. Further discussion was held about others seeing the 275 gallon tanks coming and going in the village. Clerk Failing reminded the board that when we spoke to our attorney about this matter, he said it can be considered theft of services.

Sewer Plant Operator's Report:

- SPO Sullivan explained how the system comes into the pump station, then goes over to a manhole, manhole splits it up and it then goes into two (2) 8000-gallon acetylene tanks and then to the dosing tank. The dosing tank is not working. Bob said sometimes it won't back up the way it should and suggested trying to shut the

two gates down, make it fill up and see if that works. Mark also commented that everything is steel and is corroded.

- The Village keeps getting an email from Converse that the fecal coliform is greater than it should be, its because we do not have the disinfection yet.

Clerk Failing asked SPO Sullivan if he had contacted Steven Grimm from Rural Water about the infiltration in to the sewer system. He said he didn't contact him, he is holding off. He said he has to ask Bob about more flow going through than its designed for.

Other Business:

Clerk Failing reported that she spoke with the new owner of the property at 3108 Main Street, Tyler & Kylie Darling. She would like a "no parking" sign put up by her house, people are pulling in in front of her house to go to the post office and it is their private property. There is no parking on that side of the street, however it is all blacktop and nowhere to put another sign closer to her house.

Mayor Brown reported on the following:

- She met with Scott Matthews at the pavilion, and he showed her that the joint compound needs to be repaired. They would also like to upgrade the chip board that is old and rotting, replacing it with plywood. They would do the work but would like the village to pay for the supplies needed. The supplies will cost around $500.00. Trustee McDonald said the plywood should be painted (sealed) on both sides before putting it up. He also said he would be willing to take the old chip board to the dump if they pile it on skids. Discussion was held regarding where they will store the plywood when they take down the playground side each year. Trustee Ward asked what is stored in the shed, Mayor Brown said propane heaters and church pews for the skaters to sit on to put on their skates.

    - Trustee Wendt made a motion to pay for the supplies needed to repair the compound joints and plywood, not to exceed $500.00, the motion was seconded by Trustee Ward, all in favor, motion carried.

- She reached out to Jen Marcchion regarding holding Opioid Abuse Prevention Events at the firehall at no charge to families. She submitted an application (it was due last Friday) for $10,000. for 10 -12 Village Events, we will know by the end of the month if we are awarded.
- The Public Transportation pick-up spot is going to be moved to the Pavilion.
- She received a message from Heather Lord requesting that their water bill be reduced to a single-family unit when the move to the house on N. Main St. Clerk Failing reported that it is already being charged at that rate. Jeff Lovendustki contacted her several years ago about it.
- There were complaints received regarding the hammock on N. Main St., which has been taken down, Tree limbs blocking stop sign on N. Main St. which have been cut back by homeowner,
- She asked if anyone knows how it works with lighted decorations on poles, how do they plug in....she would like to apply for a grant to get Christmas decorations, no one was sure.

Trustee Wendt said that she would like to start a weekly walking club at the Library. She asked who she would talk to, to get event signs put up. Mayor Brown suggested maybe the library could also supply vests.

Trustee Sullivan said that he had mentioned to the previous librarian about getting the bottom boards on the Library Building replaced, possibly replacing them with metal. Trustee Wendt asked who was responsible for repairs/ improvements. Clerk Failing will look at the Lease Agreement between the Village and the Library.

Clerk Failing reported that she sent Tommy Hoskins a message about the tree that needs to be taken down by the pavilion. He replied that he is interested in giving us an estimate, she asked him to send a copy of certificate of insurance along with the estimate. Trustee McDonald said Rob Matthews in Turin is also a tree guy but he is unsure

if he has insurance since he doesn't do it full time. Eager Beaver was also mentioned as a possible tree company to take it down.

Clerk Failing gave Mayor Brown a contract to be signed for DEC for the EV Charging Station that we received a $21,500.00 grant to install by the pavilion. The contract says that the Village will not discriminate against women or minorities when hiring to have it installed. Trustee Wendt asked who was responsible for repairs to the charging station, Mayor Brown replied that there is a warranty for an x amount of time. Trustee McDonald stated that there should be something in a contract that the village is not liable to uninstall it.

Clerk Failing asked permission to purchase Village Wide Garage Sale Banners, she reported that she has been using homemade signs for about 10 years and changing the date on them. They would say Village Wide Garage Sales – 1st Saturday in May. Trustee Wendt made a motion to purchase the banners, Trustee Sullivan seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Faling said she would like to see the boards on the bottom of the belltower next to the Green's apartment building, get painted. The paint is chipping and doesn't look good. She will ask Chris if he has time to paint them.

Mayor Brown reported that she may not be at the November meeting, it was discussed that maybe we could move it to Tuesday the 4th or the Monday the10th (Trustee Wendt cannot do the 10th) We will decide at the October meeting.

Clerk Failing asked the board about adding interest to the water & sewer bills if not paid within 30 days, as it is in our Local Law regulating the water system. She will bring copies of the Local Law for the board to review. She also suggested we redo the water rate schedule at some point to be fair to all water users.

Discussion was held regarding the new electric pole on the corner of Main & West Main St. National Grid moved some wires but there are still a lot of wires on the old pole. Is the old pole going to be left there? Clerk Failing will contact National Grid.

Discussion was held about a possible band at the bandstand in September, Sonia will check with Andy (possibly Paul Wendt & Bill Williamson would join him) Clerk Failing said we have some supplies left to cook Hot Dogs.

Trustee Wendt said there is an SLC Arts Grant available, and it could possibly cover a new mural at the playground. The artist would have to work with the community. Mayor Brown said that someone at the wedding was interested in painting it but she couldn't recall the name. Trustee Wendt asked about the status of the "Constableville" mural that is to be put up on the Parquet barn. Mayor Brown said she would check with Naturally Lewis.

Christine reviewed the Cooperative Tug Hill announcements.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm, on motion by Trustee Wendt and seconded by Trustee Sullivan and carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Failing

Mary Failing, Village Clerk