

EMERGENCY MEETING

JULY 16, 2026

The Board of Trustees held an Emergency Meeting on July 16, 2026 at the Village Municipal Building, 167 North Main Street, Liberty, New York. Mayor Joan Stoddard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Joan Stoddard, Deputy Mayor/Trustee Robert Mir, Trustee Ernest Feasel, Trustee Eveleese Lake and Trustee Jayneen Mills. Also Present: Gary Silver, Attorney for the Village and Judy Zurawski, Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Liberty Supervisor Frank DeMayo, Councilpersons Dean Ferrand, Vincent McPhilips, Shari Kavelski.

ABSENT: Councilperson Bruce Davidson

ALSO Dave Burke, Director of Public Works, and Eric Ball, representative from

PRESENT: Congressman Josh Riley's Office.

DISCUSSION OF PARKSVILLE WATER AND SOLUTIONS FOR LOSS OF WATER

David Burke Conversation

David Burke (Village Director of Public Works) began the conversation by explaining a 12-inch main runs from Lily Pond along to Lily Pond Road.

During high consumption periods, ten houses on this line suffer loss of water due to the fact that they are tapped into a transmission line rather than a distribution line. These homes, mostly built in the 1920's, were originally summer homes and in 1928 an eight-inch line was installed in this area. Later on, it was switched to a 12-inch line.

Once the water gets to Anderson Road it hits a constant pressure of 20 PSI.

A temporary resolution has been put into place in that the Village is feeding 100% of its water from the Elm Street well.

David explained if there is a water main break or fire and that had to open the valve from Parksville, there would be no water.

He said at this point, there is no delivery of water to the Village and a portable water tank is on site (Thanks to the County). He said they are trying to keep the water storage tanks at Revonah reservoir full.

Comments from Village/Town Boards

Supervisor DeMayo mentioned the 2-month temporary fix of using the Elm Street well.

The Boards agreed the real challenge is the next two months.

David said a very last option may be to back pump from the Village to the Filter Plant.

Councilperson McPhillips suggested a community well that could provide water to individual homes.

Councilperson Ferrand discussed the types of homes involved, such as do they have basements. He thought if they had basements, pressure pumps might be able to be installed in the homes.

The Boards discussed possible funding, which is the biggest obstacle to resolving the issue.

Dan Fagnani, Delaware Engineering – Possible Solutions

Dan Fagnani offered the following solutions:

Temporary/Short Term Options:

- Reduce or temporarily shut off flow to the Village (Village operates off of Revonah Hill WST). This should help increase upstream pressure
- Increase withdrawal from the Elm Street Well (with NYSDOH conditional approval). This should reduce the amount of water moving through the transmission main which lowers flow velocities and helps increase upstream pressure.
- Use a temporary pumping system to reverse flow and pump water from the Village toward Lily Pond. This would increase upstream pressure.
- Any other possible solutions from Town/Village officials

Permanent /Long Term Options:

- Increase the permitted capacity of the Elm Street Well (with permanent increase in permitted capacity) so the Village can withdraw more water on a permanent basis. This should reduce the amount of water moving through the transmission main, which lowers flow velocities and help increase upstream pressure.
- Install a booster pump (and possible storage) and dedicated distribution main to directly serve affected areas.
- Install private/public well(s) in areas of affected residents
- Any other possible solutions from Village/Town officials

Eric Ball – Congressman Josh Riley's Office

Eric explained he was merely at the meeting to listen, observe and take in all the information before offering any solutions.

Follow-Up Meeting set

A Joint Board Meeting was set up as a follow-up for Thursday, August 20th, at 5:45 p.m. to continue discussions on the matter.

ADJOURN: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Supervisor DeMayo, seconded by Councilperson Ferrand to adjourn the meeting.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY H. ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER