JOINT MEETING

VILLAGE OF LIBERTY AND TOWN OF LIBERTY

AUGUST 20, 2026

The Board of Trustees held a Joint Meeting on August 20, 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, 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 and Bruce Davidson.

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor/Trustee Robert Mir and Trustee Ernest Feasel

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Burke, Director of Public Works, Police Chief Steven D'Agata, Alyson Cogswell, Lee Cogswell, Sabrina Artel, Nick Prague, Victoria Ferguson, Sophia Ferguson, Robert Beasley, John Lennon, Walter Murdock, Margaret Bochman and Keith Herbert.

DISCUSSION OF PARKSVILLE WATER AND SOLUTIONS FOR LOSS OF WATER

Mayor Stoddard said the purpose of the meeting is to discuss any new ideas that the Boards can come up with to ensure the residents will not lose water near the top of Lily Pond Road.

Conversation with David Burke and Board members

David Burke (Village Director of Public Works) began the conversation by stating they have looked into the possibility of private wells but very few properties have enough square footage to drill.

He explained another solution is to consider bottom tapping the water main running into a pit with a pressure pump. He estimated this solution would cost approximately $45,000 to $50,000 a house.

David also informed everyone that the testing at the Elm Street well came back clean. Tests will be run for three months to satisfy the Health Department.

Trustee Stoddard asked if the Town explored any new ideas. She stated the Village cannot expend funds to fix a town problem.

The Town did not agree.

Comments from the Public

Mayor Stoddard opened the discussion to comments from the Public.

Margaret Bachman (327 Lily Pond Road) asked if grant money was secured for this issue.

Mayor Stoddard said she did not believe it was for this project but rather for the broken pipe at Lily Pond.

Nick Prague (342 Lily Pond Road) discussed the recommendations of the Engineers.

William "Rube" Smith suggested that Howard Osterhout be contacted, the contractor on the project, and see what they have as a solution.

William "Rube" Smith said there is massive construction going on in the Parksville area which will most likely cause issues in the future.

Walter Murdock (326 Lily Pond Road) said he purchased his house three years ago with the understanding there would be no issues getting water to his property.

The Parksville residents said they were understanding that funding was available for this project.

Mayor Stoddard said she would discuss the issue with Assemblywoman Paula Kay's office to see if there is funding available.

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

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY H. ZURAWSKI, CLERK/TREASURER