

REGULAR MEETING

October 1, 2026

The Board of Trustees held the Regular Meeting on October 1, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Village of Liberty, 167 North Main Street, Liberty, NY. 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.

ALSO PRESENT: Police Chief Steven D'Agata, and David Burke; Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the following minutes:

❖ **WORKSESSION MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**



Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the following minutes:

❖ **JOINT MEETING – AUGUST 20, 2026**

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Stoddard said the Village has received and sent the following correspondence during this time frame.

INCOMING

- ❖ Office of Water DC – Safe Drinking Water Act

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to public comment.

Police Chief D'Agata discussed a request from a homeowner at 12 Yaun Avenue who recently contacted him regarding the lack of street lighting near the intersection of Yaun Avenue and Pinehurst Drive. Officer Vogler followed up on the concern and contacted NYSEG. NYSEG conformed that pole 1417/3, located near that intersection, is not currently equipped with streetlight.

Chief D'Agata said both he and his staff have viewed the location and agree that it is particularly dark and in the interest of safety the installation of a streetlight would be beneficial.

TABLED CONSIDER DISCUSSIONS ON PARKING METERS
BUSINESS:

Parking Meters

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to watch an on-line presentation about parking meters.

CONSIDER SERVICE TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES

Mayor Stoddard said she still has not heard back from the firms that she contacted, via e-mail, that offer tax collection. She asked Trustee Mir if he would follow up with phone calls to them.

Mayor Stoddard also suggested using a collection agency.

Attorney Silver said the problem with an agency is they would not have the authority to follow the foreclosure procedures that need to be done.

DISCUSSION OF DPW ROOF/RELOCATION

Mayor Stoddard said that she and David Burke met with the Town Officials last week and they are very receptive to allowing the Village to move their equipment to the facility where their equipment is housed. She said while that work out all the logistics of the move, the Village will repair the roof at the D.P.W. barn which will cost approximately \$2,500.

NEW CONSIDER SEWER CREDIT – 42 UPPER FERNDAL LLC #4-10400
BUSINESS:

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the sewer credit for 42 Upper Ferndale LLC – Account #4-10400 in the amount of \$1213.80 (84,000 gallons).

This was due to a broken boiler pipe behind a wall and leaked into a crawl space.

CONSIDER VOTE ON LOCAL LAW #5-2026 – OVERNIGHT PARKING

Lead Agency Declared

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried to declare the Village as lead agency and authorize Mayor Stoddard to sign the SEQR form in the matter of Local Law #5-2026.

Negative Declaration

Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to issue a Negative declaration in this matter.

Vote on Local Law #5-2026

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving Local Law #5-2026 which repeals subsection Section B – G of Section 80-64 of the Village of Liberty Village Code and replacing them with new subsections B – F of Section 80 – 64, which will redefine overnight parking during winter months and snow removal.

The Local Law was put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

MAYOR JOAN STODDARD	-	YES	
TRUSTEE ROBERT MIR	-	YES	
TRUSTEE EVELESSE LAKE	-	YES	ADOPTED
TRUSTEE ERNEST FEASEL	-	YES	
TRUSTEE JAYNEEN MILLS	-	YES	

CONSIDER RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PARKING LOTS FOR SNOW REMOVAL (LOCAL LAW #5-2026)

RESOL.# 42-2026: Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving Resolution #42- 2026.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Liberty has adopted Local Law #5-2026 which references overnight parking during winter months and snow storms;

WHEREAS, the designation of parking lots shall be set forth as follows:

Even-numbered days, the parking lots located as follows:

- Located on the north side of School Street on portions of Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel Number 108.-6-26 and immediately adjacent to it on Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel number 108.-6-24;
- Located at the intersection of Lake Street and South Main Street on Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel Number 112.-4-20;
- Located at the corner of Darbee Lane and Grant Street – Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel Number 109.-1-1;
- Located on Darbee Lane on Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel Number 112.-5-10.2

Odd-numbered days, the parking lots located as follows:

- Located on Darbee Lane on Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel No. 108-12-8 and immediately adjacent to it on Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel Number 108.-12-11.1;
- Located at the intersections of Maple Street and Church Street on Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel Number 112.-6-4;
- Located on South Main Street on Village of Liberty Tax Map Parcel Number 112.-4-17

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution designated the parking lots for even-numbered days and odd-numbered days and will require signs to be posted at each lot.

CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #6-2026 – ORCHARD STREET PARKING

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to hold a Public Hearing Thursday November 5, 2026 at 6:55 p.m. to take and hear comments on Proposed Local Law #6-2026 which will amend Part 1 of Article VII of Chapter 80 of the Village Code of the Village of Liberty to add a new §80-38-A to regulate parking on Orchard Street.

CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 1 – PRECAST CONCRETE VALVE VAULT CHANGES

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving Change Order Number 1 to Contract No. VL-G-2026 – North Main Street WSI Project. This change order includes cost changes for a new precast concrete valve vault section and will result in a net increase in the contract for a total of \$3,420.00.

This amount will be paid through the project contingency.

CONSIDER CHANGE TO STREET LIGHTS WITH NYSEG

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving a street light on Pole #1417/3 near the intersection of Yaun Avenue and Pinehurst Drive.

The Board also asked Chief D'Agata to check on the one requested for Pinehurst drive, which also has their approval.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Public.

There were no comments from the Public.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Mayor Stoddard opened the meeting to comments from the Board.

Trustee Feasel - No Comment

Trustee Lake - No Comment

Trustee Mir - No Comment

Mayor Stoddard said the Village had a cyber scare this week and she will be researching the issues to help everyone better understand what to watch for.

BILLS FOR **Post Audit Vouchers**

PAYMENT: Motion by Trustee Feasel, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving the payment of Post Audit Voucher #333 to Voucher #337 in the amount of \$347,696.23

CDBG Bill for payment

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving the following CDBG Bill for payment:

Delaware Engineering - \$2,312.50
CDBG Project Number 642PW106-25

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations.

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to come out of Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:31 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY H. ZURAWSKI, CLERK-TREASURER