WORKSESSION MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2026

The Board of Trustees held the Worksession Meeting on October 15, 2026 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, Police Officer Anthony Ventura, Daniel Fagnani, **(**Delaware Engineering) and Alyssa Thalmann

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

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

PUBLIC HEARING - October 1, 2026

CORRES-PONDENCE: Mayor Stoddard said the Village has received the following correspondence during this time frame:

- Letter from NYCOM Re: Insurance Challenges 9.29.26
- Letter from Sullivan County Treasurer Re: 108.-6-39

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Zurawski's written report is summarized below:

- List of Current Taxes and collections thru 09/30/26 of which there is $666,116.19 outstanding. The current taxes are 87% collected.
- List of Delinquent Taxes, which as of 09/30/26 is $588,988.77 not collected.
- Starting and Ending Central Check Numbers for September 2026
- Starting September 2026 Central Check #1611
- Financial comparison of General, Water, Sewer and Sanitation

TABLED BUSINESS: **DELAWARE ENGINEERING UPDATE**

Delaware Engineering's Report is annexed under Exhibit A.

PARKING METERS – NEXT STEPS

Police Chief D'Agata said he filled out all the paperwork and just need to let the company know how many kiosks the Board would want a price quote on. They suggested we start with twelve.

DISCUSSION ON DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION

There was nothing new to report on this matter.

Attorney Silver suggested they contact other municipalities to see if they had any options or possibly would work together with the Village.

DISCUSSION ON D.P.W. ROOF/RELOCATION

Mayor Stoddard said they are waiting on some repair proposals.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDER HALLOWEEN PARADE – 10.24.26

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried approving the Halloween Parade for Saturday, October 24, 2026 sponsored by the Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation.

The Parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will be from Church Street to Main Street, ending at 119 North Main Street.

DISCUSS WATER ISSUES AND DETERMINE OUTCOME

The Board discussed the following water issues involving two different customers:

Michael Gomez, 16 Orchard Street – Account #3-2210

Problem: The meter is in the basement, under the floor with the water and dryer on top of it, making it impossible for the water department to obtain an accurate reading since 2024. Since then, the new hand held is much more powerful and they were able to get a reading, making his current bill $14,1159.35. Michael has denied them access to the house to check any of the equipment.

Resolution: On Monday, October 19th, David Burke along with the Police Department will go to the residence to turn the water off.

Harry Mangual, 120 Chestnut Street – Account #1-11400

Problem: House was vacant for four years, except for November and December 2025 it was occupied by one person doing renovations. After he had been in the house the bill generated showed 202,700 gallons of water used. The Water Department said they believe there was a leak. The meter was deemed to be accurate based on the current

read. The owner is insistent that there was no leak. The outstanding bill is $5,596.83.

Resolution: The Board is in agreement with the read and if it is not paid should be turned off.

CONSIDER LETTER OF SUPPORT VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE – LIVINGSTON MANOR

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried to write a letter of support expressing the Villages support for the application of the Volunteer Corps of Livingston Manor, Inc. to expand and clarify its New York Department of Health (NYS DOH) authoring operating territory.

CONSIDER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to cancel the Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd.

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Lake and unanimously carried to hold the Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2026.

DISCUSSION OF VILLAGE PARKING LOT ON MILL STREET

Mayor Stoddard said she had a request from Alax Realty requesting permission to use/lease the parking lot at 190 Mill Street.

Attorney Silver suggested she respond and ask if it is for his tenants at 190 Mill Street and if so to let him know that no proper channels were followed to convert this building to an apartment building.

CONSIDER RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG/SOMMER – WHITE LAKE FOODS

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Mir and unanimously carried approving the retainer agreement with Young/Sommer for legal work in connection with White Lake Foods Planning Board application and authorized Mayor Stoddard to execute the agreement.

CONSIDER RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH YOUNG/SOMMER OLD ROUTE 17 CORRIDOR

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried approving the retainer agreement with Young/Sommer for legal work in connection with the Old Route 17 Corridor (which the retainer agreement refers to as “plan to increase the capacity of its Elm Street municipal well and to provide water and sewer service to proposed business park”) and authorize Mayor Stoddard to execute the agreement.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH HORIZONS LIBERTY

Each Board member waived any conflict of interest for Village Attorney Gary Silver to prepare the Amendment to Agreement with Horizons Liberty. This was done due to the fact that Village Attorney Gary Silver's private law firm represents Sam Eisenberg, a principal in Horizons Liberty.

Motion by Trustee Mir, seconded by Trustee Feasel and unanimously carried approving the Amendment to the Agreement with Horizon's Liberty and authorized Mayor Stoddard to execute the agreement.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT: Vouchers for Payment

Motion by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee Mills and unanimously carried approving the payment of Voucher #338 to Voucher #405 in the amount of $175,096.11.

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

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDY H. ZURAWSKI, CLERK-TREASURER