

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Tony Nevone, Code Enforcement

Public: Donald Spaccio and Jessica Westlake

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – General Fund, for the amount of \$69,580.75. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$15,125.19. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$5,001.28. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 11 – Trust and Agency Fund, for the amount of \$1,698.72. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan opened the Request for Qualification (RFQ) proposals submitted for the Owego Street Stormwater Improvement Project, OSC Contract # D040679, PIN# 6755.62. The Village received three submissions and they are as follows: Hunt Engineers, Delta Engineers, and LaBella Associates. The submissions will be reviewed by an appointed panel of three members.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan appointing Superintendent Dean Hillyard, Trustee Jeffrey Confer, and Trustee Phil Joe Smith to the Owego Street RFQ review committee. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the reimbursement of a tire replacement due to damage from Village owned equipment in the amount of \$162.34. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of an EVConnect repair invoice for the vehicle charger, contingent upon a discussion of the matter with the company. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the contract for Amric Associates LTD. to provide bailiff services at the Village Court. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – General Fund, for the amount of \$25,131.43. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$6,010.47. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 12 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$130,713.38. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to accept the scoring committee recommendation of Hunt Engineers as the engineering firm for the Owego Street Stormwater Project, OSC Contract # D040679, PIN# 6755.62. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving Addendum #1 to the Montour Falls Government Operations Climate Action Plan, the Village of Montour Falls commits to a 50% reduction in GHG emissions within 10 years (2031), base year 2018. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jessica Westlake, Jody Saunders

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – General Fund, for the amount of \$64,766.59. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$5,113.19. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$2,631.19. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 13 – Trust and Agency Fund, for the amount of \$2,070.40. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Montour Falls Library Director, Jessica Westlake, updates the board on the status of the Construction Aid project with Halco/NYSED Construction Aid Grant taking place at the library. The first phase of this project was the insulation of the attic and basement which has been completed and has produced noticeable temperature improvements. She is coordinating phase two of the project which will include more energy saving upgrades.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the New York State Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Grant Program; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to \$24,000 in financial assistance; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to improve and/or promote connectivity between recreation areas and communities or between waterways and land trails; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to make recreational and tourism assets more accessible for all ages and abilities and expand audiences served; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for new sidewalks and new signage; and WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low- and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$29,878 which is about 44 percent of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$53,291) and approximately 44 percent of the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$71,117); and WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local dollar-for-dollar match requirement (up to \$24,000) if the grant is awarded; and WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the New York State Canal Corporation and the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the SFY 2023-2024 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant Program issued by the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES).
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to \$1,000,000 in financial assistance with no match requirement; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for a new roof for the Village Firehouse; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$75,157); and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) SFY 2023-2024 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) Grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Regional.
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is the primary applicant and desires to apply for up to \$75,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the residents and businesses of the Village and surrounding communities; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for Operations and Safety, which includes Training, Equipment, PPE, and Wellness and Fitness in collaboration with neighboring firefighting organizations; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$75,157); and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls intends to provide the local match requirement of 5% (up to \$3,750) of total project cost, if the grant is awarded; and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Vehicle Acquisition
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is the primary applicant and desires to apply for up to \$75,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the residents and businesses of the Village; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for Vehicle Acquisition; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$75,157); and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls intends to provide the local match requirement of 5% of grant amount awarded (up to \$3,750); and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety.
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to \$75,000 in financial assistance; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the residents and businesses of the Village; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and
WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for Operations and Safety, which includes Equipment, PPE, Modification to Facilities, Wellness and Fitness, and Training; and
WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$75,157); and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls intends to provide the local match requirement of 5% of grant amount awarded (up to \$3,750); and
WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith accepting the 2023 Delinquent Tax List as presented and authorize the publication. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone setting the Tax Certificate Sale date as Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith resolved, the upcoming General Village Election will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024 and resolved, the polling place will be located at the Village Hall, 408 West Main Street and will be open between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. AYES: Trustees Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. at the Montour Falls Village Hall, 408 W. Main St., Montour Falls, New York, to hear public comments on the transfer of funds from the general account toward the purchase of the Montour Marina. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith:

Resolution - Community Distributed Generation (Community Solar) for the Village of Montour Falls New York State Electric and Gas Electric Accounts,

WHEREAS, the NY DPS (Dept. of Public Service) and New York State Electric and Gas have implemented the Community Distributed Generation (CDG) Net-crediting billing mechanism; and
WHEREAS, this allows the Village of Montour Falls the opportunity to receive a discount directly on the New York State Electric and Gas invoice without the need for providing payment information or receiving a second invoice; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has established a relationship with Ampion, PBC. to administer the Clean Energy Communities Community Solar 'Community Campaign'; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls wishes to set an example for residents;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls authorizes the adoption of Community Distributed Generation for all eligible Village accounts with Ampion, PBC.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer:

Resolution - Village of Montour Falls Supporting Ampion Renewable Energy Program
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls has been presented with an opportunity to partner with Ampion, PBC. dba Ampion Renewable Energy; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls can benefit by completing High Impact Actions associated with the NYSERDA Clean Energy Communities program; and
WHEREAS, Ampion has a program that is aligned with the Village's goals to promote sustainability and renewable energy for its community and residents; and
WHEREAS, Ampion is offering the Village and residents the opportunity to save money on electricity costs; and
WHEREAS, this program is offered to residents directly from Ampion; and
WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls wishes to support this program; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montour Falls supports its community's participation in the Ampion Renewable Energy Program.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to schedule budget workshops starting on February 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. and additional dates: March 7, March 21, April 4, and April 18, 2024 as needed, with the regular board meeting immediately following. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the Village Treasurer to pursue a quote from Inero & Company CPAs for financial services. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Public: Jess Westlake, Jody Saunders, Karen Sinsabaugh, and Antoinette & Dustin Corbett

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – General Fund, for the amount of \$39,663.41. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$437.38. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 14 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$43,098.36. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan informed the board that Justice Steven Decker has been appointed by the Sixth Judicial District to serve as Village Justice for Montour Falls and Justice Leon Tuttle will be vacating as of February 29th, 2024.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer appointing two election inspectors for the election on March 19th, 2024: Thomas McGarry and Eleanor Lattin. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to waive the open container law for West Main Street only for the First Fridays on Main events held March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd during the hours of 5:00 – 8:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to open the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. to hear public comments on the temporary transfer of funds from the general account for the purchase of the Montour Marina and Campground. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Village proposes to utilize \$81,000 of the General fund account as a down payment for the purchase of the Marina from NYS Canal Corp. The Village will replace the funds with money from the bond after it is obtained.

Dustin Corbett asks what the percentage of the village funds the \$81,000 is and what the time frame is for bond counsel.

Mayor Ryan and Treasurer Thompson offer the answers and keep the public hearing open while addressing other Village business.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to approve the 2024-2025 Larson Design Group retainer agreement as presented. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve a 2% increase of Marina Dock and Campground rates for the 2024-2025 season. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the use of ARPA funds for the following green initiatives: to purchase an electric Polaris side-by-side and an electric zero-turn lawn mower. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan notes that the purchase of these items and submitting a solar use plan will put the Village in the position to receive \$175,000 from NYSERDA.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the clerk's office staff to manage scheduling for the Fire Dept Community Room as requested by the fire department.

AYES: Trustees Chicone, Nolan, and Confer. ABSTAIN: Trustee Smith. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the Treasurer to move \$81,000 into the budget. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan accepting the resignation of Justice Court Clerk, Dawn G. Rose, her last day will be February 29, 2024. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to enter into executive session at 7:49 pm for discussion of onboarding a new employee. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to exit executive session at 8:17 pm.

AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to hire Catrina Decker as Justice Court Clerk at rate of pay of \$18/hr. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk; Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jess Westlake, Jody Saunders, Katie Serrine, and George Mahler

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – General Fund, for the amount of \$110,381.53. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$9,832.64. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$2,311.82. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 15 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of \$1,960.28. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone the publication of an advertisement for summer employment. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls seeks to promote the responsible disposal of all waste products created as a result of activities and events within the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and;

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community and is currently completing actions to become a Silver Certified Climate Smart Community;

The Village Board of Trustees adopts the following Government Contract Policies to go into effect May 1, 2024 for all new and renewing government contracts.

1. Waste Separation and Recycling Requirements:

- a. Events held on Public Property- All event hosts/coordinators will be required to provide adequate trash, recycle, and compost receptacles, as applicable to the event, and ensure that all waste will be disposed of appropriately. Event staff must be trained on correct waste management, handling, and disposal.
- b. Janitorial Services- All janitorial services that contract with the Village must separate and recycle waste appropriately, and must be trained on correct waste management, handling and disposal.
- c. Construction and Demolition- Where applicable, the Project Manager will seek to recycle and/or reuse as much construction, demolition, or other project waste as is feasible given project budgets, staff time, and estimated project completion time.

The Project Manager will explore strategies to reduce construction and demolition waste where possible, as well as possible strategies for waste material recycling and reuse; such strategies may involve partnership with an outside organization for the removal, recycling, and/or reuse of waste materials.

2. Energy efficiency and fuel efficiency standards:

- a. Appliances and equipment used by contractors- All appliances and equipment will be expected to be energy-efficient, with Energy Star Certification, if applicable. All equipment must be in good running condition with no leaks (fuel, hydraulics, cooling systems, etc.)
- b. Transit vehicles- All transit vehicles will be expected to be energy and fuel efficient, and must be in good running condition with no leaks (fuel/exhaust, hydraulics, braking systems, cooling

systems, etc.) New and replacement vehicles must meet all State and Federal fuel efficiency standards. All routes should be the most fuel efficient available.

c. Waste hauling vehicles- All waste hauling vehicles will be expected to be energy and fuel efficient, and must be in good running condition with no leaks (fuel/exhaust, hydraulics, braking systems, cooling systems, etc.) New and replacement vehicles must meet all State and Federal fuel efficiency standards. All routes should be the most fuel efficient available.

3. Anti-idling policies for contractor vehicles:

a. This policy shall apply to all motor vehicles defined in Article 1 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York. No person who owns, operates or leases a motor vehicle, and contracts with the Village of Montour Falls, shall allow or permit the engine of such motor vehicle to idle for more than five consecutive minutes when the motor vehicle is not in motion, except as otherwise permitted by Exceptions Section below.

Exceptions:

(1) The motor vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions over which the operator thereof has no control.

(2) Regulations adopted by federal, state or local agencies having jurisdiction require the maintenance of a specific temperature for passenger comfort. The idling time specified may be increased, but only to the extent necessary to comply with such regulations.

(3) The engine is being used to provide power for an auxiliary purpose such as loading, discharging, mixing or processing cargo; controlling cargo temperature; construction; or farming, or operation of the engine is required for the purpose of maintenance.

(4) Fire, police and public utility trucks or other vehicles are actually performing emergency services.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to re-hire the following employee: John Brame Jr., Grady Cummings, Amanda Reasor, Jeffrey Salisbury, and James Simmons. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to obtain proposals for curbside garbage pickup, marina garbage pickup and recycling. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to approve the rate for NYS Canal Corporation dredging crew campers for the 2024-2025 season. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Vincent Chicone, Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk; Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jody Saunders, Kate Sirrine, and Joe Gibson

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – General Fund, for the amount of \$16,298.48. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$458.96. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Chicone offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 16 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$44,078.22. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer the publication of an advertisement for a permanent full time municipal worker at a rate of \$18.00 per hour. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Chicone accepting the membership officers of the Montour Falls Fire Department as follows:

Fire Chief: Brian Swartwood
1st Assistant Chief: Andrew Yessman
2nd Assistant Chief: Jake Burns
Captain: Joel Husted
Lieutenant: John Horyczun
2nd Lieutenant: Keith Pierce

AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The Mayor and Board reviewed the 2024 Annual Progress Report of the Montour Falls Government Operations Climate Action Plan completed by Amanda Demaria and reviewed by the Sustainability Committee.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the appointment of Jeffrey Confer as the Deputy Mayor. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the appointment of Bryan Monacelli to the Planning Board. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the appointment of Sophie Marmor to the Zoning Board of Appeals. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. AYES: Trustees Chicone, Smith, Confer, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; and Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Public: Sam Hale, Sydney Fee, Colby Smith, Amanda Colunio, Lisa Bennett, Antoinette a& Dustin Corbett, Russell Gardner, and George Mahler

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – General Fund, for the amount of \$41,869.32. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$7,374.43. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$3,347.66. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 17 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of \$1,991.04. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer agreeing to hold a special meeting on April 25, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. for public hearings starting at 7:05 p.m. to hear comments on the tax cap override, the proposed water and sewer rates, and the proposed 2024-2025 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the temporary closure of West Main Street on May 3rd, 2024 from 4-9 p.m. for the First Friday event between Lee and Owego Streets. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Philip Smith, Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; Tony Nevone, Code Enforcement Officer; Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow; and Amanda Demaria, Grant Administrator

Public: Sam Hale, Brian Eslinger, Jessica Westlake, Montour Tea Company, Kate Fee and Sydney Fee

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 18 – General Fund, for the amount of \$32,890.15. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 18 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$333.13. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 18 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$275.34. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the Mayor to sign the marina purchase contract and any additional documents needed from NYS Canal Corporation. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Hunt Engineers Contract for engineering services for the Owego Street Stormwater Improvement Grant Project not to exceed \$125,106.00. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the additional costs incurred for the marina survey in the amount of \$7,650.00. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. to hear public comments on the proposed changes to Chapter 160, Attachment 2, Schedule of District Regulations regarding the Mixed-Use District (MU1). AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the hiring of the following seasonal laborers: Donald Hughey, Michael Merrill, Richard Hartwell, Bruce Thatcher, and Francis Harrison. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the purchase of a 2024 Big Tex dump trailer for the amount of \$11,250.00 and remove marina dumpsters. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. AYES: Trustees Smith, Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Confer, Trustees Philip Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Public: James Howell, John & Lorna King

Deputy Mayor Confer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law #1-2024 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to open a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comments on Local Law #1-2024. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

This proposed budget would require an override of the 2% tax cap that was imposed by New York State.

The tax rate will increase by \$0.2836 per \$1,000 of property assessment. This budget will require us to use \$0 from our fund balance.

Mr. Howell inquired about the cause of the increase in revenues. The board discussed changes in the marina and purchasing the land.

PUBLIC HEARING

Local Law #2-2024 Amending the Code of the Village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 Water Rates and Sewer Charges

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to enter into a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed changes to the Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

The water rates will remain the same with no increase under the proposed budget. The administration fee will decrease by \$0.04. This budget will increase the water fund balance by \$34,158.

The proposed budget would increase the sewer rates by \$1.25 for residential and \$1.75 for commercial per 1000 gallons. The administration fee will decrease by \$0.04 and the debt charge will decrease by \$0.21. This budget will require the Village to use \$13,514 from the sewer fund balance.

The Board and John King discussed the Village’s flow of wastewater to the new regional plant. The Village should focus on finding the infiltration in our wastewater system.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #1-2024 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to close the Public Hearing for Local Law #2-2024 for Water Rates and Sewer Charges. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

2024-2025 Village Budget

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to enter into a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed 2024-2025 Village Budget. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Deputy Mayor Confer discussed the budget overview sheets for the General, Water, and Sewer Funds.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to close the Public Hearing for the Village Budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. AYES: Trustees Smith, Saunders, Nolan, and Confer. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving Local Law #1-2024 A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as follows:

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Montour Falls to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law§ 3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls, County of Schuyler, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote by roll call, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving Local Law #2, amending the Code of the Village of Montour Falls Chapter 156-21 Water Rates and Sewer Charges, as follows:

Local law amends residential water rates to \$0.745 per hundred gallons (\$7.45/thousand); residential water base charge to \$3.20 per billing; residential water rates outside the Village to \$1.490 per hundred gallons (\$14.90/thousand); residential water base charge outside the Village to \$6.40 per billing; residential sewer rates to \$1.175 per hundred gallons (\$11.75/thousand); residential sewer base charge to \$3.56 per billing; and residential sewer unit charge to \$280.75 per 41,464 gallons of usage per year.

Local law amends commercial water rates to \$1.000 per hundred gallons (\$10.00/thousand); commercial water base charge to \$1.60 per billing; commercial water rates outside the Village to \$2.000 per hundred gallons (\$20.00/thousand); commercial water base charge outside the Village to \$3.20 per billing; commercial sewer rates to \$1.550 per hundred gallons (\$15.50/thousand); commercial sewer base charge to \$1.78 per billing; and commercial sewer unit charge to \$280.75 per 41,464 gallons of usage per year.

The forementioned resolution was put to vote by roll call, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to approve the 2024-2025 Village Budget, summarized as follows:

	General	Water	Sewer
Appropriations	1,820,753	339,194	736,840
Estimated Revenues	1,130,485	373,352	723,326
Appropriated Fund Balance	0	34,158	13,514
Tax Levy	690,268		
Taxable Assessment	70,760,980		
Tax Rate	9.75		

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote by roll call, which resulted as follows: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Nolan, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Village Treasurer; Emily Byers, Village Clerk; and Aaron Arnold, Climate Justice Fellow

Public: Jessica Westlake, Montour Tea Company, and Kate Sirrine

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – General Fund, for the amount of \$164,974.90. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$11,182.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$45,071.90. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 19 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of \$2,435.80. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the following meeting dates for the Board of Trustees:

June 6, 2024
June 20, 2024
July 18, 2024
August 15, 2024
September 19, 2024
October 3, 2024
October 17, 2024
November 7, 2024
November 21, 2024
December 5, 2024
December 19, 2024
January 2, 2025
January 16, 2025
February 6, 2025
February 20, 2025
March 6, 2025
March 20, 2025
April 3, 2025
April 17, 2025
May 1, 2025
May 15, 2025

AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the 2024 tax re-levy list as presented. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the \$200.00 deposit on campsite #114 deposit. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the Farmer's Market use of the carnival grounds on Thursdays, June 13 through October 10th from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to open a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. to hear public comments on the proposed changes to Chapter 160, Attachment 2, Schedule of District Regulations regarding the Mixed-Use District (MU1). AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan described the changes to the district regulations.

Jessica Westlake asked details about the side yard and rear yard setbacks.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to exit the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the changes proposed to the Mixed-Use District. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the use of the dump trailer for garbage from the First Friday event May 3rd, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Village to bring in an arborist to evaluate the trees on West South Street prior to the paving/curbing/sidewalk project. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, and Jody Saunders

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Antoinette Corbett, Amanda Colunio, and Montour Tea Company

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 20 – General Fund, for the amount of \$30,378.29. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 20 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$612.92. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 20 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$50,997.06. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the closure of West Main Street, between Lee and Owego Streets; and authorizing an override of the open container law from 5-8 pm during the First Friday event, June 7th, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the closure of West Main Street, between Lee and Owego Streets; and authorizing an override of the open container law from 5-8 pm during the proposed Anniversary Block Party event, July 19, 2024. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Legislator Howell provides the board with his Legislative Report.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) initiative, a new competitive matching Grant program to expand access to safe swimming facilities in Underserved Communities across the State. Grant Program, overseen by NYS OPRHP and administered by DASNY; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to \$10,000,000 in financial assistance; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to protect the Village residents and visitors to the area from extreme heat related accidents and fatalities; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat, including heat emergencies, to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for the construction of a Municipal Swimming Pool at the Montour Marina; and WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low-and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size; and WHEREAS, the median household income (2021) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$29,878 which about half of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$56,437) and approximately two-fifths the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$75,157); and WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 20% (up to 2,000,000) if the grant is awarded; and WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the NYS Canalway Grant Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the NYS Emergency Services Loan Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor James Ryan and Village Treasurer Laurie Thompson to apply for a loan through the submission of an application to the NYS Emergency Services Loan Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor James Ryan and Village Treasurer Laurie Thompson to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to \$350,000 in loan financing; and

WHEREAS, the loan application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the NYS Emergency Services Loan Program application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Superintendent to sign an intermunicipal agreement with Schuylers County regarding commercial driver's license (CDL) training reimbursement. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the \$200.00 deposit on campsite #120 to Cody Owlett. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the \$200.00 deposit on campsite #121 to Michele Owlett. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the refund of the \$200.00 deposit on campsite #129 to Patricia Waterman. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the Mayor to sign a five-year streaming and wi-fi agreement with Spectrum for the campground. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the Mayor to pursue a municipal bond in the amount of \$2M for the purchase of the Village Marina and Campground from the NYS Canal Corp, and marina update projects; and contact bond counsel for guidance. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer supporting the pursuit of an EV truck and solar power for the Village pump stations as part of a plan to use grant funds. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the appointment of Mark Hall to the Village Planning Board. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to cover costs of a memorial bench in honor of Donald A. Smalley, in the amount of \$1,253.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to reinstate the fire whistle to be used for non-EMS calls. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, and Saunders. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Dean Hillyard, Superintendent; Jake Burns, Fire Department; Mandy Qualls, Sch. Co. Public Health; and Emily Byers, Clerk

Public: Katie Sirrine, James Pierce and Montour Falls Tea Company

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – General Fund, for the amount of \$58,868.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$3,816.23. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$3,267.20. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 21 – Trust & Agency Fund, for the amount of \$1,814.11. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 1 – General Fund, for the amount of \$55,712.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of bills on Abstract no. 1 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$70.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mandy Qualls from the Schuyler County Public Health Department spoke to the Board about the services. She hopes to work with community leaders and members to spread awareness of what the department has to offer.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the following Request for Proposals (RFP):

Bid Number: RFP #2024-001

Bid Title: Free Standing Level 3 Electric Vehicle Charging Station Purchase, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, and Management

Description: Village of Montour Falls, NY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2024-001 Free Standing Level 3 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Purchase, Installation, Operation, Maintenance, and Management The Village of Montour Falls is seeking sealed proposals from interested vendors (Offeror) for the purchase, installation, operation (3 years), maintenance (3 Years), and management (3 Years) of a free-standing level 3 EV charging station to serve two (2) dedicated parking spaces in the parking lot located at the corner of Owego Street and Main Street in accordance with Request for Proposal (RFP) #2024-001. Proposals must include a detailed breakdown of costs, project timeline, subcontractors to be utilized if applicable, equipment details, and proof of insurance (Commercial General Liability Insurance with a limit of not less than \$2,000,000 each occurrence, and \$5,000,000 General aggregate).

There is a Minority and Women Owned Businesses goal of 30% for this contract. Please include if and how the vendor will achieve this goal in the proposal.

Sealed proposals will be accepted in the Montour Falls Village Hall, located at 408 W. Main Street Montour Falls, NY 14865, on or before **10:00 a.m., on Friday, June 14, 2024**, at which time the proposals will be opened.

The aforementioned RFP was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders approving the Harris Beach contractual agreement for Bond Counsel services. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTOUR FALLS, SCHUYLER COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "VILLAGE"), AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE MARINA AND CAMPGROUNDS; STATING THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST THEREOF IS \$2,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$2,000,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE TO FINANCE A PORTION OF SAID APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board of Trustees") of the Village of Montour Falls, Schuyler County, New York (the "Village" or the "Issuer") is considering undertaking the acquisition of land and the construction of improvements to the Village's marina and campgrounds (the "Project"), all at a total estimated maximum cost of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the Project constitutes an "unlisted action" under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder (6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(1)) (collectively, "SEQRA") and that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project and to authorize the issuance of the Village's serial bonds and bond anticipation notes to be issued to finance the aforementioned specific object or purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls, Schuyler County, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of such body), as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village is hereby authorized to undertake the Project, and to issue up to \$2,000,000 principal amount of serial bonds (including, without limitation, statutory installment bonds) pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the estimated cost of said specific object or purpose, or bond anticipation notes in anticipation of such bonds.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of the aforementioned specific object or purpose is \$2,000,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to \$2,000,000 in serial bonds of the Village authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds to finance said appropriation, and (ii) the levy and collection of taxes on all of the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of its bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall be due and payable.

SECTION 3.

(a) It is hereby determined that the object or purpose referenced in Section 1 hereof is described in subdivision 21. of paragraph (a) of Section 11.00 of the Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said object or purpose is 30 years.

(b) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

SECTION 4. The temporary use of available funds of the Village, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the capital purposes described in this resolution. The Village shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized herein with the proceeds of the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the Village subject to applicable statutory limits, if any. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of serial bonds and bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Sections 21.00, 50.00, 54.90, 56.00 through 60.00, 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized, including without limitation the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service and all matters related thereto, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village (the "Village Treasurer"). Further, pursuant to paragraph b. of Section 11.00 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for any of the objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to paragraph c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes

authorized by other resolutions of the Board, then the power of the Board to determine the “weighted average period of probable usefulness” (within the meaning of paragraph a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, as the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

SECTION 7. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as “qualified tax-exempt bonds” in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 8. The Village Treasurer is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchasers of the bonds or notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 9. The intent of this resolution is to give the Village Treasurer sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements and instruments, or to do any similar acts necessary to affect the issuance of the aforesaid serial bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 10. In accordance with Section 36.00 of the Law, this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum in the manner prescribed by Article Nine of the Village Law of the State of New York (the “Village Law”). The Village Clerk is authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the date of adoption of this resolution by the Board of Trustees, to post and publish a notice with respect to this resolution satisfying the requirements of Section 9-900 of the Village Law, which shall set forth the date of adoption of this resolution, shall contain an abstract hereof, and shall specify that this resolution was adopted subject to a permissive referendum. Such notice shall be published in the official newspaper of the Village for such purposes.

SECTION 11. In accordance with the Village Law, this resolution will take effect thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, unless prior to the close of such thirty-day period there is filed with the Village Clerk a petition, subscribed and acknowledged by at least twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of the Village, as shown on the Village’s register of electors for the last general Village election, protesting against this resolution and requesting that it be submitted for approval or disapproval by the qualified electors of the Village. If such a qualifying petition is filed, a proposition for approval of this resolution shall be submitted at a regular election held not less than ten (10) and not more than sixty (60) days after the filing of such petition.

SECTION 12. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money; or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or
- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

SECTION 13. As soon as reasonably possible after the date that this resolution takes effect, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in full in the official newspaper of the Village for such purposes, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows: Trustee Saunders: AYE, Trustee Nolan: AYE, Trustee Confer: AYE, Trustee Smith: AYE, and Mayor Ryan: AYE.

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted by a vote of 5 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Trustee Smith offered the following resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders to hire Waylon Hammond to the position of full-time municipal worker. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the reimbursement of unused personal and vacation time to Dean Hillyard. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk

Present: Mayor James Ryan, Trustees Jeffrey Confer, Phil Smith, Jody Saunders and James Nolan

Also Present: Laurie Thompson, Treasurer; Emily Byers, Clerk; and interns Emma Malnoske and Helena Donnelly

Public: Katie Sirrine, Shelly Hostetler, and Montour Falls Tea Company

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 22 – General Fund, for the amount of \$17,399.93. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 22 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$45.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Saunders offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of May bills on Abstract no. 22 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$42,948.42. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 2 – General Fund, for the amount of \$19,033.90. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 2 – Water Fund, for the amount of \$1,587.50. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the payment of June bills on Abstract no. 2 – Sewer Fund, for the amount of \$1,987.25. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the following resolution:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village’s application to the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation’s Environmental Protection Fund for Parks, Preservation and Heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a project located in Montour Falls, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Board; and WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to create a comprehensive Glorious T Municipal Building Site Review, Design and Restoration Specifications Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding of up to \$200,000 for the Glorious T Municipal Building Site Review, Design and Restoration Specifications Plan; and

WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low-and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and

WHEREAS, the median household income (2023) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$33,977 which is about fifty-five percent of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$61,316) and approximately forty-three percent of the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$79,557); and

WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 25% (\$50,000), if the grant is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the OPRHP’s Environmental Protection Fund: Parks, Preservation, and Heritage Grants Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the following resolution:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the NYS Canalway Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to \$150,000 in financial assistance through the CFA Application; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls endeavors to preserve and protect the Erie Canal and other waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding for construction of a playground at the Montour Marina; and

WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low- and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and

WHEREAS, the median household income (2023) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$33,977 which is about fifty-five percent of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$61,316) and approximately forty-three percent of the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$79,557); and

WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 50% (up to \$75,000) if the grant is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the NYS Canalway Grant Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Confer offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan authorizing the following resolution:

Resolution by the Village of Montour Falls approving and endorsing the Village's application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 2024 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls desires to apply for up to \$50,000 in financial assistance through the CFA Application; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls believes that climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments, neighborhoods, and economies; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Montour Falls is a Bronze Certified Climate Smart Community; and

WHEREAS, the application proposes funding to update the current Comprehensive Plan to include Sustainability Elements; and

WHEREAS, the project will benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A low- and moderate-income person is defined as being a member of a household whose income is less than 80% of the area median income for the household size. A principal benefit to low- and moderate-income persons requires at least 51% of the project beneficiaries to qualify as low- and moderate-income; and

WHEREAS, the median household income (2023) in the Village of Montour Falls is \$33,977 which is about fifty-five percent of the median household income in Schuyler County (\$61,316) and approximately forty-three percent of the median household income in the entire state of New York (\$79,557); and

WHEREAS, the village intends to provide the local match requirement of 20% (up to \$10,000) if the grant is awarded; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montour Falls approves and endorses the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 2024 Climate Smart Communities Grant Program grant application for financial assistance prepared for and to be submitted by the village.

The aforementioned resolution was put to vote and resulted in the following: AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Nolan offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Smith approving the marina payment refund for dock #17S in the amount of \$1290.00. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Confer approving the use of the carnival grounds on August 3rd for a Craft Fair fundraiser. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan approving the recommendation from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to change the revolving loan fund to a mini grant fund. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Mayor Ryan introduces NYSERDA funded interns Emma Malnoske and Helena Donnelly to the board. They each provide details on the projects that they are currently working on.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Saunders authorizing the treasurer to reimburse Diane Bottjer for hours worked at a Village event. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Trustee Smith offered a resolution, seconded by Trustee Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. AYES: Trustees Confer, Smith, Saunders, and Nolan. NOES: None. Resolution carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Byers, Village Clerk