

June 4th, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harter will call the meeting to order with the Pledge to the Flag at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mayor Dan Harter, Deputy Mayor Tom Fuller,
Trustee Craig Olejniczak, Trustee Alyssa Werner, Trustee Matt Roach

Board Members Absent: none

Also, Present: Clerk Colleen Wierzbicki, Treasurer Marvin Geller,
Attorney Elizabeth Cassidy, Sergeant Dave Ramsey

Approximate Number in Audience: 2

Mayor Harter Before we get started I would like to take a moment of silence for the Munn family who were tragically killed in a fire over the last few days on Pulaski Highway.

Mayor Harter now we move on we have a current Public Hearing open on the legalization of chickens in the Village. Does anyone have any input or comments we want to close out here. We have not received any correspondence or real movement on it correct?

Deputy Mayor seeing that we haven't had a lot of interest on it at this time I would move to close.

II. PUBLIC HEARING Continuation Legalizing Chickens in the Village

**Motion to close public hearing by Deputy Mayor Fuller
second by Trustee Olejniczak**

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

b. PUBLIC HEARING CDBG 2026

**Motion to open public hearing by Trustee Werner
second by Deputy Mayor Fuller**

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Clerk Wierzbicki will read the affidavit of publication

No correspondence was received.

Mayor Harter any comments from the audience? No okay I will talk about it a little bit. It's also applicable to disabilities. Our role with this application, we did get awarded this last year for handicapped accessible doors in various municipal buildings here. We are going to work on that in the coming months. Our new target goal is to add on the sidewalks on Maple Ave that have already been started and connect two existing parcel pieces. Make one continuous walking sidewalk. With that, hopefully we get awarded the grants again and we can continue the project. Council do we have to close the Public Hearing tonight to go forward with the grant? Or leave open, what's the timeline?

Attorney Cassidy if there are no comments, there is no need to keep it open. You can certainly close it, it was advertised.

MH what's the Board's pleasure?

Trustee Werner I think we should close it and move forward with the grant

MH Is that a motion

TW yes

Motion to close public hearing by Trustee Werner second by Trustee Fuller

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

III. MINUTES

Motion made by *Deputy Tom Fuller* seconded by *Trustee Matt Roach* to approve the minutes of the May 7th, 2025 General meeting.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Motion made by *Trustee Matt Roach* seconded by *Trustee Alyssa Werner* to approve the minutes of the May 21st, 2025 End of Year Meeting.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by *Deputy Mayor Fuller* seconded by *Trustee Roach* to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Payment of Vouchers

Motion made by *Trustee Werner* seconded by Deputy Mayor Fuller to approve payment of the vouchers as audited.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3. Transfers

Transfers for Fiscal Year 5/31/25 - June 4

General Fund Expenditures

Account Description From To

A-1110-012 Justice Clerk Salaries	400.00	
A-1110-010 Justice Salaries		400.00
A-1325-010 Treasurer Salaries	500.00	
A-1325-600 Treasurer Audit Expenditures		500.00
A-1410-401 Clerk Printing and Supplies	1,250.00	
A-1410-405 Clerk Computer and Equipment Services		1,000.00
A-1410-406 Clerk Advertising		250.00

A-1420-402 Legal Contract Services	3,000.00	
A-1440-000 Engineer Contract Services		3,000.00
A-1620-010 Building Maintenance Salaries	300.00	
A-1620-048 Senior Center Utilities		300.00
A-1620-405 Office Building Maintenance	500.00	
A-1640-403 Garage Heat and Electric	500.00	
A-1640-401 Garage maintenance	225.00	
A-1640-403 Garage Heat and Electric	225.00	
A-1930-000 General Fund Contingency	4,000.00	
A-1910-000 Unallocated Insurance Expenditures		4,000.00
A-1930-000 General Fund Contingency	7,700.00	
A-3120-010 Police Salaries		7,700.00
A-3120-401 Police Fuel - Gas	700.00	
A-3120-402 Police Telephone and Internet		700.00
A-1930-000 General Fund Contingency	6,000.00	
A-3120-403 Police Car Expenditures	6,000.00	
A-3120-402 Police Station Maintenance	200.00	
A-3120-407 Police Heat and Electric	200.00	
A-3120-412 Police Station Contract Cleaning	1,000.00	
A-3120-411 Police Computer Equipment and Services		1,000.00
A-1930-000 General Fund Contingency	4,700.00	
A-3630-012 Building Secretary Salaries	2,000.00	
A-3630-401 Building Inspector Contract Services		2,700.00
A-5110-402 Highway Materials and Supplies	2,100.00	
A-5110-001 Highway Salaries	2,100.00	
A-5110-401 Highway Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00	

A-5110-011 Highway Oil and Chip Salaries	2,000.00
A-5110-409 Highway Department Training	100.00
A-5110-407 Highway Medical Expenditures	100.00
A-5142-010 Snow Removal Salaries	3,000.00
A-8160-010 Sanitation Salaries	3,000.00
A-7110-402 Parks Maintenance	4,000.00
A-7110-010 Park Salaries - DPW	4,000.00
A-7110-300 Parks Equipment and Supplies	50.00
A-7110-407 Parks - Hempstead Pond Aerator	50.00
A-7110-504 Mapes and Sewars Property Maintenance	100.00
A-7110-503 Mapes and Sewars Property Utilities	100.00
A-9050-000 Unemployment Insurance Expenditures	700.00
A-9030-050 Employer FICA and Medicare Expenditures	700.00
A-1930-000 General Fund Contingency	15,000.00
A-9060-000 Medical Insurance Expenditures	15,000.00

Water Fund Expenditures

Account Description	From To
F-8310-144 Office Equipment and Supplies	500.00
F-8310-011 Treasurer Salaries	500.00
F-8310-145 Office Renovations and Repairs	1,000.00
F-8310-012 Clerk Salaries	1,000.00
F-8330-040 Capital Plant Equipment	12,000.00
F-8330-409 Sludge Removal Fees	12,000.00
F-8330-045 Plant Equipment and Supplies	3,000.00
F-8330-043 Plant Heat and Electric	3,000.00

F-8330-412 Plant Maintenance and Repairs	500.00
F-8330-411 Plant Vehicle Fuel - Gas	500.00
F-8340-041 Distribution Maintenance and Repairs	23,000.00
F-8340-010 Water Laborer Salaries	6,400.00
F-8340-043 Distribution Supplies	16,600.00
F-8340-451 Distribution Mapping	600.00
F-9030-000 Employer FICA and Medicare Expenditures	600.00

Sewer Fund Expenditures

Account Description	From To
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G-8110-004 Sewer Permits	500.00
G-8110-001 Treasurer Salaries	500.00
G-8110-045 Office Renovations and Repairs	1,000.00
G-8110-012 Clerk Salaries	1,000.00
G-8130-047 Sewer Plant Professional Fees	600.00
G-8130-044 Sewer Plant Telephone and Internet	600.00

Motion to approve transfers as presented by Trustee Roach seconded by Trustee Fuller

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS

- 1. June 19th All offices will be closed for Juneteenth.**
- 2. A letter of thanks was received by the OC Board of Elections for use of the Senior Center.**
- 3. Village of Florida Planning Board submitted a resolution for approved amended site plan Brach Realty.**
- 4. Optimum sent a pricing change notification.**
- 5. DPW Supervisor Brunswick provide the May monthly report.**
- 6. The Rug Store provided an estimate for replacement carpet for the Treasurer's office and back room.**

7. Ketcham Fence provided a quote for a replacement fence on Maple Ave.
8. Verizon Real Estate sent a notification regarding online portal for cell tower
9. CMR sent a notice of claim for Cohen Circle.
10. Engineer Hoffman sent an approval for payment number one to GMC Construction for the Maple Ave sidewalk in the amount of \$159,080.82.
11. Florida Little League requested use of Sturr Park for adult softball tournament.
12. Sue O'Brien of Farries Avenue sent a letter regarding increased traffic on Farries Avenue.
13. H2O provided Annual Water Quality Report Certification Form.
14. NYS Department of Taxation provided 2025 Final Special Franchise Full Value.

Mayor Harter requested that a few items be added. First and foremost I would like to thank all of the first responders and EMS that responded to that fire that was mentioned earlier where we lost the lives of the Munn family. Florida Fire Department and mutual aid that came from all around and gave a valiant effort. I just want to thank them and the police for doing all they could to save lives that night. Sadly, we lost lives but our first responders should be pointed out and thanked for their services. The fire also displaces the Rivera family. They were in another level of the house. Currently, there is a Go Fund Me on Facebook to help them relocate and start over. There is also a truck fundraiser being hosted by the Florida Fire Department on site with the Town of Goshen Police Department, Goshen EMS and Florida Union Free School District. It's going to be this Thursday 6/12 3-6 pm. Like the saying always goes, it takes a Village. Please come out and support this family so they can get back on their feet.

May Harter gave a brief discussion on upcoming NYSDOT project

VI. REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

1. Thomas Fuller – Police, Justice, Emergency Management, Senior Affairs
2. Craig Olejniczak – DPW, Recreation & Parks, Animal Control, Buildings/Grounds
3. Alyssa Werner – Sewer/Water, Chamber of Commerce, Glenmere Water Shed
4. Matthew Roach – Building & Planning, Historical

Each Trustee gave a monthly update on their respective department.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

This opportunity is provided for members of the audience to comment on **any item listed** on the agenda. Please address the Board and limit your comments to five minutes.

Sue O'Brien of 48 Farries Ave expressed her concerns with the speeding and lack of internet suppliers.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Personnel

Summer Recreation Employees

Motion made by Trustee Fuller seconded by Trustee Roach to appoint the following as counselors for the Summer Recreation Program:

Domenick LaBelle	\$13.25
Melissa Cutrona	\$13
Julia Durkin	\$13
Kendall Guerra	\$12.50
Elianna Ford	\$12.50
Raquel Hamling	\$12.50
Kailey Stolorski	\$12.75
Kaitlin Stolorski	\$15.00
Eden Ford	\$12.50
Cricket Carey	\$12.25
Kiley Grogan	\$12.50
Sophia LaBelle	\$12.25
Bobby Yeoman	\$12.25
Robert Hicks	\$12.25

New Counselors: \$12

Tahniah-Marie Rucker
Jenna Puglisi
Lillian Call
Brooke Althiser

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. CDBG FY 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF ITS APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE FY-2026 ORANGE COUNTY URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

“The Village of Florida is hereby submitting its Application for consideration under the FY-2026 Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Program and the chief elected official or executive officer is hereby authorized to submit this Application for sidewalks as described in the proposal. Input from citizens and groups has been received and considered and an application has been prepared which addresses their community concerns. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY-2026 program year and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the Application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. If awarded CDBG funds, the Municipality shall implement the activities in a manner to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.”

Signature of Authorized Representative Date

Printed Name

Date

Motion by Trustee Alyssa Werner second by Trustee Olejniczak

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

2. Fair Housing

A RESOLUTION FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING AS REQUIRED UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM.

The Village of Florida supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. It is the policy of the Village of Florida to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, Veterans status, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Village of Florida further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Village of Florida do hereby approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources, the Village of Florida will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Human Rights Law and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Florida shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become

aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New York State Human Rights Law, and any local laws or ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Motion by Trustee Roach second by Trustee Fuller

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

3. Employee Handbook revision to Non-Union Personnel benefits effective 6/1/25

Health Insurance Contributions

The term “Health Insurance” under this manual shall be deemed to include health insurance, dental insurance and vision insurance.

****Proposed for 6/1/25*

d. Hired after June 1, 2025 the employee will pay 20% of the total monthly premium for Health Insurance.(medical, dental and optical)

Employees hired after 6/1/25 who do not elect health insurance will not receive medical reimbursement.

Elected Officials

****An elected official elected after 6/1/25 will pay 50% of the monthly premium for Health Insurance(medical, dental, optical), no spouse coverage.*

Retiree Health Insurance

*****Hired after June 1, 2025*

*****Full-time employees hired after June 1,2025 shall be entitled to Medical Insurance Benefits upon retirement with (1) 25 years of continuous service, (2) 65 years of age (3) Covered by Village Health Insurance at time of retirement at no cost to retiree. If spouse is covered at the time of retirement, coverage will remain with a 50% premium payment by retiree.*

Medicare B will not be reimbursed.

Dental and optical will not be covered.

****Officials elected after June 1, 2025 will not be reimbursed for Medicare B*

Motion to approve revisions to Employee Handbook effective 6/1/25 by Trustee Fuller second by Trustee Roach

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

4. Florida Family Fun Fest

Amend open container law for the Fun Fest, Sunday, August 10, 2025.

Motion made by *Trustee Werner* seconded by *Trustee Fuller* to accept to amend the Open Container Law for North and South Main Street between the hours of 1:00PM and 8:00 PM.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Motion made by *Trustee Fuller* seconded by *Trustee Werner* to approve the closure for North and South Main Street between the hours of 12:00PM and 9:00 PM.

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

5. GMC CONSTRUCTION Maple Avenue sidewalk

Motion to approve payment requisition(1) from GMC Construction in the amount of \$159,080.82 for construction of the Maple Avenue Sidewalk project per Engineer Hoffman's approval.

Motion by Trustee Olejniczak second by Deputy Mayor Fuller

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

6. RAFA quote

Motion to approve quote in the amount of \$4125.00 for Phoenix Easy Cell from RAFA systems for Water Treatment Plant pump station.

Attorney Cassidy stated that we need to rescind previous Starlink quote approved.

Motion to rescind Starlink quote by Trustee Werner second by Deputy Mayor Fuller

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

Motion to approve quote of Phoenix Easy Cell in the amount of \$4125.00 by Trustee Werner second by Deputy Mayor Fuller

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

7. Florida Little League Sturr Park request

Motion to approve use of Sturr Park and fee waiver request for the Florida Little League Adult Softball Tournament .Fridays June 30-July 31 5:30-9:00 PM.

Motion by *Trustee Werner* second by *Trustee Fuller*

VOTE: YES 4 NO 0 1 abstain Mayor Harter

8. Showalter Equipment

Motion to approve vacuum truck rental agreement from Showalter Equipment in the amount of \$500.00 per day not to exceed \$2500.00

Motion by *Trustee Olejniczak* second by *Trustee Werner*

VOTE: YES 5 NO 0

9. Quote DPW Truck Sander

Motion to approve quote in the amount of \$9863.30 for SnowEx Sander and work lamps on Source well contract.

Motion made by *Trustee Olejniczak* seconded by *Deputy Mayor Fuller*

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

10. Solicitation Authorized Used Form

Mayor Harter wishes to review before approval. Motion to table by *Trustee Olejniczak* second by *Trustee Werner*

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

X. Meeting Schedule

June 18th, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session/Special Meeting
July 2nd, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session/7:30PM General Meeting
July 16th, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session
August 6 th , 2025	9:30 AM Work Session/7:30PM General Meeting
August 20th, 2025	9:30 AM Work Session

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary McNally 91 Randal ST , otherwise known as the Rocky Road Chester? Now, if this is subject to change. When you say 2027, repaving everything in the village, I like to assume that means no repaving for another two years? Yeah.

Mayor Harter We had the meeting with DOT Engineers who were responsible. There has been, if you call the Middletown DOT office directly opposed to the 1-800 pothole, they've been far more receptive. I can't justify their actions. I am disappointed every time I go down that road.

Mary McNally And how do you scream?

Trustee Olejniczak the problem that you're streaming to a wall. Like, there's no one that's really, really listening, and look at, look great. the way to your state sets up their steps on how they do projects. I would say it's inefficient at best, and we see that all the time. it's my understanding that there'll be some level grade of paving that'll be put down in between all these projects. So it should not be too messy, they'll patch it, but they're not going to do

anything other. It actually should be pretty decent, but when they come down and do a final solid layer of pavement, that's what's going to take a couple of years. That'll be the end of the project

Mayor Harter. Well, the logic in the argument with the discussion was, why are we going to pay now while we're doing all this work? And then we got to repave it again? So their idea and their goal is when everything goal and done and up, then they call it a day.

Mary McNally but the repaving should be done five years ago.

Mayor Harter I would say 15.

Mary McNally Thank you. Ever since the manholes were put in the wrong, And I talk about getting your mail., and you talk about taking your life in your hands. When I first moved up here, I used to walk., suicidal to walk to the traffic places. Forget it, you can't do that.. It's very frustrating. I know people who have to the small cars, the small, you know, small tires, and they blow out all the time, and it's very disheartening that New York just sticks their hands up in the air and says, you know, Too bad.

Mayor Harter It's completely unacceptable

Mary McNally unknown comment

Trustee Werner states that the Monroe DOT office is more receptive and helpful with pothole issues. They won't let us patch them as well

Attorney Cassidy We're not alone. Village of Warwick isn't the exact same boat. And they came through a number of years ago, if you look at the project map, they came through a number of years ago, and they paved this stuff between the villages because they didn't have to deal with the infrastructure because it was just straight up paying, and there were no sidewalks and drains and everything like that. So they paved the easy part. I work with the village of Warwick as well, and they have they're in the exact same boat, and they are screaming just as loudly as we are.

Trustee Olejniczak I mean, we have to continue to just somehow look all the way down after the light, at that finish line, and just keep believing that when it's finally done, it's going to look gorgeous and beautiful.

(unknown comments)

Mayor Harter the biggest saving grace is now that it has been bid and awarded there is a clock being set right now. They have to complete They have to have it done within, they say two years, so they're giving themselves the next year leeway, because if they don't, then they have complications how the bid was awarded. So it has to be done just like bids. It has to be done on a certain amount of time of the awarded bid. So when they do that, I mean, they could do addendums, but, I mean, to do something that catastrophic of a change, I mean, you're talking millions upon, millions of dollars on the state level, which I don't think New York is cash strapped is even going to entertain. So what they said it's going to be, I think it was don't quote me on that, but somewhere in the mid 30 million, low \$30 million dollars for this entire project, I mean, they're already above what they expected. a little bit that they already above, I don't think they want to go any higher. So I will every two weeks we're supposed to be getting updates from the foreman and the engineer from DOT on what they're planning on doing next. And right now, that's the latest plan. They're a little vague on some details because there's still items they're hashing out. They're not sure how to tackle it yet. So it's a little unsettling, but we will, you know, every month, I will, as these meetings try to update the

public publicly on Facebook or any other means, we will just try to be because the traffic's going to be pain and I've been trying to get the message out for the last two, three years. It's coming, it's coming, it's coming. Well, it's here now. And it's a sacrifice. It's going to be. It's not going to be pleasant some days.

Trustee Olejniczak I'll add in my communications with a couple of individuals that are also in to know, one thing that's positive is we're given a lot, we're told to have a lot of faith in the company that's running this project. They are legit, they are large, and they want to make the job done. And so I've seen some of their work and some of the other cities and towns in the area. One thing that I will believe, and I've seen it, I've witnessed it, they do move, and it looks pretty good, when it's done. It's like it's like no one was ever there. So I'm keeping the faith that in the end, they're going to want to get in and out of here and do the work as fast as possible. It's not going to be a typical New York State project where 10 years down the line, like they told us two years and it's now 10 years. That should not be remotely close to the case. It might even be something that day, if they can, they will finish ahead of schedule.

Audience comment what about Jayne St bridge?

Trustee Olejniczak That's completely separate, nearly separately separate.

Mayor Harter That's be an interesting dynamic next year because they are anticipating next year. I hope they stick on track. It's been down long enough. So, you know, that's going to be their responsibility to just, like the trustees said, if you're going to do it, it better be done fast, efficiently, because Maple Ave is going to be one of our main brains to get your village now.

Deputy Mayor Fuller This thing, the last time this road was paid was 25 years ago.

Mayor Harter Thank you. Any other items?

Sue O'Brien Farries Ave I just want to ask, to a contract huge project. Do they have some type of incentive to get it done earlier?

Trustee Werner they get paid.

Attorney Cassidy They have a very large subjective

Sue Obrien I mean I'm sorry, I won't say the name. The TZee Bridge as an example. They got the job done. Four years ahead of time, and they thought God knows \$1 of dollars. extra to getting it done, does this company.

Mayor Harter Not to my knowledge sentence. I'm not. The council's point, there is an incentive to get done on time because then they void their bid award.

Attorney Cassidy And they have significant late penalties.

MH Yeah. So they they're under the gun.

There was a brief discussion regarding cell towers and internet service

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM by Trustee Olejniczak second by Trustee Werner

VOTE YES 5 NO 0

**Respectfully,
Colleen Wierzbicki
Village Clerk**