

**Village of Afton
Board of Trustees Meeting
Jack D. Bolster Community Center, Afton, NY
January 12, 2026**

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 12, 2026, in the Susquehanna Room, 105 Main Street, Afton, NY.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm, by Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey, who welcomed everyone with a Happy New Year.

Present: Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey, Trustee T. Lawrence, Trustee L. Matthews, Trustee Shaffer, Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier and DPW Supervisor DeBetta.

Absent: Officer in Charge Frank Ventura.

Visitors: Dale Dewy, John & Judy Hinman, Rhonda Barriger, Ina Marvin, Julie Sutton, Susan Weibel, Jason Wicks, Jim Parkinson, Dianne Miller, April Leggett, Gerianne Hurney, Joe Hughes, Betty Briggs

- A motion made by Trustee L. Matthews authorizing Clerk/Treasurer to pay the following audited vouchers. Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor motion passed.

General Fund Vouchers # 155 - 178, Totaling \$21,020.88.

Water Fund Vouchers # 75 – 84, Totaling \$3,930.08.

Christmas Parade Fund Vouchers # 15, Totaling \$230.00.

- Motion to accept previous minutes with no additions or corrections made by Trustee Shaffer. Seconded by Trustee L. Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.

Monthly Report:

- DPW/ Water: Verbal report given by DPW Supervisor DeBetta.
- Police Department: No report.
- Code Enforcement: No report as there is a vacancy.
- Planning Board: Planning Board Chair, April Leggett informed the Village Board of Trustees that no meeting held, due to training.
- Finance/Insurance: Clerk/Treasurer Palmatier informed the Village Board of Trustees that we have received the new insurance policy for the solar car charging station.
- Parade Committee: No report.
- 4 Towns Forward: No meeting held.
- Historian Report: No report.

- Dog Control Officer: - No report.

Old Business:

- Progress on the 2 Yellow Houses. – Remains the same.
- Camera Discussion – Trustee T. Lawrence stated that he received a quote for three cameras, with two mounted on the outside of the building, with motion light detection and one within the vestibule. The total cost for the install is \$3, 900.00.
- A motion made by Trustee Shaffer to purchase a set of 3 cameras at a cost of no more than \$4,000.00, to include installation, with funds to be used for the General Fund Savings Account # 3042 for the purchase. Seconded by Trustee L. Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- Charging Station – All required paperwork was, submitted by the village bank, project is complete.
- Microphones. - Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey stated that an order was, placed for microphones; we should have then for the next meeting.

New Business:

- A motion made by Trustee L. Matthews to hold Public Hearing on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:05 pm for renewal of the Cable Television Franchise. Seconded by Trustee T. Lawrence. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to appoint Christopher Wright as a Planning Board Member. Seconded by Trustee L. Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- A motion made by Trustee L. Matthews to change the meetings for the Planning Board to the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Trustee Shaffer. All in favor, motion passed.

Recognition of Visitors:

- Visitor John Hinman, a Member of the Afton Chamber stated that the Towns have changed their date for the 4 Towns community wide yard sales; the date will be April 24, 2026. The owners of the 5&10 would like to thank the community for the continued support of the store, as their sales are double here, than any other store. They have just signed a three year lease with the Gaydorus to remain in operation. This year is the 250 year of America; the chamber would like to place American Flags along the poles where the Christmas Candles are placed. A letter of informational goals and ideas was, distributed, outlining the Main Street Beautification and Patriotic Enhancement of the Village of Afton. Mr. Hinman thanked Trustee T. Lawrence for meeting with them to go over the boundaries in the municipal parking lot. As they are looking to help the business owners who own the land connected to the municipal parking lot, obtain funding to have the parking lot paved. The 4 towns have begun to sell tickets for the UTV and ATV poker run, hosted by Guildford, on April 26, 2026. Tickets are on sale for the July 4, 2026 Music Festival, with Jackson Dean as the headliner.
- Visitor Betty Briggs stated that the Library has a concern about the lighting on the building when exited at night, as one cannot see on the side of the building, raising a safety concern. The lighting needs to be updated and adjusted to face the parking area.

- Visitor Jason Wicks presented the Village Board of Trustees with a letter of request outlining any actions taken by one Village Board Member.
- Visitor Susan Weibel asked about the install time line for the water meters. DPW Supervisor DeBetta stated that we are hoping for the end of summer. As all meters, must be installed before, we can initiate the system. Once the system is running, we will then need to get a base number, for the amount, of gallons that, will be, used on an average day within the village in order to determine the dollar amount of the set number of gallons.
- Motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to enter into an executive session at 7:25 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Seconded by Trustee L. Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to exit executive session at 7:28 pm. Seconded by Trustee L. Matthews. All in favor, motion passed.
- Motion made by Trustee Shaffer to appoint Charlie Holdrege as the Village Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Trustee L. Matthews. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Deputy Mayor, Trustee Humphrey reminded everyone that the village would be having a General Election on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from Noon until 9:00 pm. At this time, we have not had anyone pickup petitions, for the opened positions. You must live here in the village and be at least 18 years of age; you are required to gather signatures of village residents, who are registered voters to have your name placed on the ballot for the upcoming election.
- Motion made by Trustee T. Lawrence to adjourn our regular meeting at 7:30 pm. Seconded by Trustee Shaffer. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Palmatier,
Clerk / Treasurer