

Village of Sackets Harbor Board of Trustees
August 12, 2025
Regular Meeting
112 N. Broad St.
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

Present: Mayor Alex Morgia, Trustee Gregg Townsend, Trustee Sarah Miletta and Trustee Dean DeVito. Absent: Deputy Mayor Kelly Sova. Also present: Treasurer Belinda Van der Merwe.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the July 15, 2025 meeting were approved in a motion made by Trustee Townsend and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 6:32 pm with no comments offered.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jared Farrington was confirmed as the DPW Crew Chief at \$26.00 per hour.

In a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Townsend, Dennis Delaney was taken off all village bank accounts as a signer. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays.

The bills listed on Abstract #3 with vouchers V6000125 through V6000189 were paid in a motion made by Trustee Miletta and seconded by Mayor Morgia. Vote: 3 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, and Miletta), 0 nays, 1 abstained (DeVito).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

John Gleason, Police OIC, reported that the meeting for the upcoming Sackets Harbor Marathon went well.

Dave Altieri, Heritage Area Director, reported that there will be a small Helocast at the Battlefield on September 19th. He has been working on some clarifications to the zoning map that are required for the Pro-Housing designation.

Kathy Keating, Visitors Center Director, said that the number of visitors is down this year which seems to be consistent with the numbers at the Battlefield also.

The work on the Visitors Center porch is still 2-3 weeks out.

Janet Quinn, Planning Board Chair, reported that the Planning Board will meet next Wednesday. The Lawler's requested more time to resolve the door issue at the Barracks laundromat.

Brandon Sparacino and Corey Reid, BCA Engineers, reported that the Market Square Park project, phase 1 and 2, are complete, as well as the Brown Shores Rd Project. Lawman has been working in Madison Barracks on the trench drain. Brandon Sparacino has been making spot

checks. They have been working on the Wiia application and plans for the last of the water/sewer upgrades. The Wiaa application is due September 12th. We will need a new bond resolution due to the expected increase in cost.

Peggy Kelly, Village Clerk, reported that the long-delayed water billing is planned for the first week of September. It will be a double bill covering both the June and September billing. It will be for the two quarters of March, April, May and June, July, August. The double water billing will be for up to 12,000 gallons for \$250.00 with any additional water at the regular rate of \$3.00 per thousand gallons. The sewer will be billed at a flat rate of \$200.00 per unit. This billing will have a 60-day due date. Billing will go back to the regular rate for the bill issued in December.

Community Organizations

Scott Kennett, Chamber of Commerce, spoke about their upcoming events. Scott Gray will be speaking on economic development at their regular meeting.

BOARD REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Sova sent word that the new text alert system has been started.

Trustee Miletta reported that the housing authority is replacing some of the sidewalks. The DPW may assist with some of it. The USDA grant application was not successful.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from Mike and Betsey Cuccinello to close General Smith Drive between the houses at 307 and 311 for a wedding. It would be from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Friday September 19th and again on Saturday September 20th from 3 pm to 4 pm. This was approved in a motion made by Trustee Miletta and seconded by Trustee DeVito. Vote: 3 ayes (Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays. Mayor Morgia recused himself. The DPW will drop off and pick up saw horses for them to close the road.

OLD BUSINESS

The personnel policy was updated to include a health insurance stipend for retirees after a long-term employment. They also included a payment for the DPW superintendent for having a current water license. This was updated in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

The Octoberfest event application was approved in a motion made by Trustee Miletta and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays. The open container law was lifted for the Octoberfest event in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays.

The Halloweenville event application was approved in a motion made by Trustee Miletta and seconded by Trustee Townsend. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays. The open container law was lifted for the Halloweenville event in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Miletta. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:14 pm with no comments offered.

The meeting was adjourned in a motion made by Mayor Morgia and seconded by Trustee Miletta at 7:14 pm. Vote: 4 ayes (Morgia, Townsend, Miletta and DeVito), 0 nays.

Minutes submitted by

Peggy Kelly
Village Clerk