

**Village Board
Meeting Minutes of
March 19, 2026**

Present: Mayor Lee, Trustees Fowler, Speer, Zabelny, Farrell
Manager Shari Pearce
Deputy Treasurer Danielle Kruger
DPW Superintendent Jeff Pearce
Asst Superintendent Chad McManus
Code Enforcement Officer Ron Bragg
Deputy Clerk Amy Harter

Absent: None

Guests Debbie Hebing, Don Green, Christine Brower, Jamie Attoma

This meeting will be held in the Board Room and will be available on Zoom.

Budget Presentation

Review the proposed budget for 2026-2027 presented by the management team.

Shari Pearce made opening remarks to include the budget was created with a tax rate of \$1.67 and the appropriation of \$365,000. To stay within the 2% tax cap, the maximum tax levy will be \$688,545.00. The projected cash on hand as of May 31st will be \$1,946,974.00.

NYS Retirement costs are expected to be 12% higher than in 2025-2026.

Wages: An increase of 3.5% for non-stepped employees and for stepped employees an increase of 1.5% is proposed. The staff has been reduced with three retirements. The full-time building inspector position has been replaced with part-time. The billing position has decreased to part time and will be eliminated in May. The treasurer's position was filled with a full-time employee. There will also be only one full-time mechanic.

Health Insurance is expected to increase by 20%. Retirees over age 65 are now paying 18.25% of their premium and retirees under age 65 are paying 15%.

DPW projects: Sidewalks and gutters will be replaced on Gorton Avenue and Brook Street and will be milled and paved. Rolling Meadow tract will be micro paved.

Equipment purchases include: a dump truck, a pickup truck, a chipper, small power equipment and radios. The equipment schedule listed the sale of the 2011 Caterpillar loader. After some discussion, it was agreed to keep the loader and make the necessary repairs. An item for future discussion is a refuse fee to build a fund for future equipment purchases.

The DPW pole barn will be completed this year.

Community Center: The building is nearly 100 years old, it is in need of several costly repairs including roof repairs, a water heater, brick pointing and air conditioning in the Ingham Room. There was a discussion about the future ownership of the building. Parma is in the process of planning a new campus at the town hall which will house the Recreation Department and library. The board will need to decide the direction.

Resolution to hire a full-time DPW employee, Eric Burton at a wage of \$20.50 per hour. Motion made by Trustee Fowler, seconded by Trustee Zabelny. Carried 5-0.

Resolution to hire Jacob Cretelle as a seasonal employee for mowing at \$19.00 per hour. Motion made by Trustee Farrell, seconded by Trustee Speer. Carried 5-0.

Resolution to declare the water meters and miscellaneous water tools as surplus and sell for fair market value. Motion made by Trustee Fowler, seconded by Mayor Lee. Carried 5-0.

Resolution to hold a special Village Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Village Board Room to confirm appointments and to administer oaths of office. Motion made by Trustee Fowler, seconded by Trustee Zabelny. Carried 5-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Speer, seconded by Trustee Fowler. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Harter
Deputy Clerk