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A. CALL TO ORDER-MAYOR

I call this meeting to order on Monday July 20, 2026, at 6 PM

Roll Call of the Trustees: Present Trustees Brauchler, Wandel, Mulholland and Lazarony

Swearing in of new trustee; Timothy Mulholland

Erlyssa LeBeau-Please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I do solemnly swear.

Timothy Mulholland-I do solemnly swear.

LeBeau-That I will support the constitution of the United States.

Mulholland-That I will support the constitution of the United States.

LeBeau-And the constitution of the State of New York

Mulholland-And the constitution of the State of New York

LeBeau-And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of trustee

Mulholland-And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of trustee

LeBeau-According to the best of my ability

Mulholland-According to the best of my ability

Mulholland signs the Oath of Office book

Mayor Ferguson-I think there's a seat there available for you.

Mayor-I would like to bring up Supervisor Dan Pacos to the microphone to join me. Welcome. And we would like to welcome Andy Dykes to the microphone to join us. Good evening! Before we start, Dan and I have been talking and I have been here forty years. Dan's been here since birth and Andy is just an amazing individual that we see no matter where we go; everywhere we go. He's got a smile on his face. Yeah, you know him too, right? Whether it's through the 50/50, helping with the farm festival. Whether it's helping embrace Fredonia, whether you are at the school, the football games. Andy is a major part of the community and we are very proud of him. So I'll let Dan start with his proclamation. I will give you ours. Well, we have a proclamation for you.

Daniel Pacos-Andy from the Town of Pomfret, it says: "Whereas Mr. Andy Dykes has served the Town of Pomfret in the Village of Fredonia, New York and the residents with dedication, integrity and commitment in various roles involving the successful operation of various community based events in Barker Commons, including the events hosted by Festivals Fredonia, the Fredonia Farm Festival, the Fredonia Farmer's Market, and various auto shows and other events too numerous to list, and

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Whereas during his many years of service to our community, he worked at the Fredonia Central School district as a dedicated and valued contributor to educational setting of our community's children for decade, and

Whereas Mr. Dykes was also an enthusiastic, loyal, and dedicated member of the community's own Chadwick Bay Buccaneers Drum and Bugle Corps during its near ten years existence, exemplifying the true meaning of community spirit, and

Whereas the Town of Pomfret recognizes the importance of dedicated public servants like Andy Dykes whose voluntary contributions help shape the future of our town and ensure its continued safety, growth and well-being;

Now therefore, I Daniel William Pacos, supervisor of the Town of Pomfret on behalf of the Town of Pomfret do hereby extend sincere gratitude to Mr. Andy Dykes for his outstanding service and commitment to public service proclaimed this 20th day of July 2026;

Now therefore, Be it resolved that the Town of Pomfret congratulates Mr. Dykes on the receipt of his recognition for his many years of service to our community and declares July 20, 2026 as Andy Dykes day in the Town of Pomfret, New York."

Congratulations

Andy Dykes-Thank you.

Mayor-Don't go too far. This is from the Village of Fredonia.

Proclamation honoring Andy Dykes.

"Whereas the strength and vitality of the Village of Fredonia are built upon the dedication, selflessness and enduring spirit of its community members, and

Whereas Andy Dykes has established himself as an invaluable cornerstone of our community giving generously of his time, energy and talents to elevate the quality of life for all of the residents of the Village of Fredonia, and

Whereas Andy's tireless efforts and hands on devotion have been foundational to the success of numerous traditions and organizations including Festivals Fredonia, the weekly Fredonia Farmer's Market, Embrace Fredonia, the annual Farm Festival and the local Italian Festival as well and many more,

Whereas through his unwavering commitment and enthusiastic volunteerism, Andy truly represents the very best of humanity, bringing people together shining brightly as a proud resident of our village, always with a smile, and

Whereas the Village of Fredonia wishes to recognize Andy's profound impact and extends its deepest gratitude for years of exceptional service and heartfelt dedication to making our community better, a more vibrant place to live;

Now therefore be it resolved, I Michael Ferguson, mayor of the Village of Fredonia, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 21st, 2026 as Andy Dyke's Day in Fredonia."

So you have two days now, today and tomorrow.

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“And the Village of Fredonia compounds all citizens to join in celebrating Andy’s outstanding contributions and thanking him for his remarkable service to our community.”

Congratulations, Andy! Would you like to say anything?

Dykes-Thank you very much Mike Ferguson and Dan Pacos. Thank you very much!

Mayor-Thank you, my friend.

Pictures taken with members of the board and auditee.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Lazarony, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS members of this Board have read the Official Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of July 6, 2026, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the minutes as entered into the Official Minutes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

D. CORRESPONDENCE-

Correspondence from Patrick Sexton

Correspondence from Andrew Ludwig

Correspondence from Sam Drayo

E. MAYOR’S REPORT-

Ok, lets clear that one up right away. We spoke for over four months about this when Trustee Espersen and Trustee Twichell were here. We had public portions, which we don’t have right now, where people had the opportunity to speak about it. We offered multiple fees. First of all, there is no ticket from a kiosk. The kiosk that we looked at would cost over \$8,500 apiece. We would need eight of them and we’re not going to put that on the village. Plus, you would have to walk to them. There is not, there was a mistake. It was in the paper; it was a typo or misinformation that you would pay \$25 for a permit to park in the lot. There are ten spots that have been chosen in the back lot of the east and ten spots in the back part of the west. Students, long-term individuals, either from the college or from the hospital that travel back and forth and want to leave their car in one place. Students that may not have the ability, but there are some communities or some buildings that do have parking lots, but won’t let their students park there, So a total of twenty spots out of the free parking spaces that would have been used at \$25 a month rate, not an annual rate. If you watch the four months’ worth of meetings that we had and

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many of the people talked today were at those meetings, you would have realized that we offered an \$80 one time, once a year sticker that would go on your rear passenger window on the driver's side; just like it does if you're at the college or a hospital or something like that. You can pay a one time fee and you could park anywhere you would like for up to two hours. This village used to bring in over \$122,000 in quarters many years ago. The machines that you're talking about, our current meters are outdated. They have been frozen. They have been sunburned. There's no place to get the parts for them anymore. They don't even make that type of meter anymore. So, one way or another, we would have to go to a different meter system. This is the most inexpensive way for taxpayers to get control of revenue. We went from I believe, Erlyssa correct me if I am wrong, about \$121, 000 a year down to less than \$24,000 per year in quarters.

LeBeau-For the parking generating, what we generated was about, in the actual cash of the meters was about \$21,000. But for tickets and such.

Mayor-So considerably less than what we did before. So we lost over \$100,000 in revenue. It's unacceptable. People have turned around and said "well, you know they do this in Westfield." There are very few second and third story apartments in Westfield. We have many professionals and college people that park that have apartments above every one of these buildings. And we have businesses that we want to keep open, that we want to keep busy. When I was in Jamestown years ago and Center City Group decided that they were going to remove the meters, about six months after they removed the meters, the business clientele demanded that they be put back. The reason why, occasionally the business owner would park in front, say, "I'll be right out" and then eight hours later, the car was still out front. A cashier might pull in behind somebody. Somebody else may park behind somebody. We had a car towed this winter from a student who went home for Christmas, left the car out on Main Street, even though there's free parking behind the building. So, if anybody's hurting building, the village, it's people that refuse to use the few that work. You shouldn't have to try and find out which one works. This is not a casino, so you don't have to try your luck. We should be able to identify which ones work. But, I have also had people say "Hey, we have breakfast about 8:00, could you not start the meters until 8:30?" It was a source of revenue for this community for a long time and the community has lost thousands upon thousands of dollars by not having them. You've already had meters in front of businesses. You're not going to have to walk a block away where there might be four meters, there would be three signs. There has been an amazing number of people who have said that they don't have cell phones in the last three months. That's ok, you don't need cell phones. We will get you a permit and you can park anywhere you want while you have the permit in your back window.

Trustee Lazarony- Can you clear up something for me? So, the back east and west parking lots are still going to be meter free? Except for the ones..

Mayor-They are meter free. They are absolutely free.

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Lazarony-So they will still be able to park in the back of the buildings?

Mayor-Just as you can now.

Lazarony-In the municipal lots without having to pay, just like we do now.

Mayor-Just like you do now.

Lazarony-It's just for the front of the businesses?

Mayor-Right.

Lazarony-On the main streets that we already have metered parking?

Mayor-Yes.

Lazarony-I just have gotten a lot of phone calls. So, I wanted to clear that up.

Mayor-So, it's nothing new from that standpoint. You don't get a ticket; you don't get something to put on your dashboard. That's never been in discussion, ever. You use your cell phone, you can go right to your phone, you can use it one time, you can download an app that will just like you do in many cases; a lot of people. It's not the most convenient way. I don't necessarily like it because, I mean the system like putting things on my phone, but that is possible. But the fact that we're giving you an opportunity to get a sticker for your car to bypass all of that. Again, it disheartens me that we missed four; correct me if I am wrong, sometimes five months' worth of discussion about the direction we were going to go. We had presentations here where the person who just wrote the letter was in the room with the presentation and saw how it went; how it was put together. The board passed the ability for me to sign the contract with them. And again, the verbal mistake was on all of us on that presentation. That's why we cancelled tonight's public hearing and moved it so we can get a corrected version of it. So, I apologize for the inconvenience to the community on that.

Trustee Wandel-Mayor, I would just like to bring up a point that our treasurer, Erlyssa, just read a correspondence from Mr. Sam Drayo and one thing mentioned, if I'm hearing and understanding correctly; was that there would be an obligation to go to a business right here on East Main and park in the rear main parking lot, but have to pay a permit fee.

Mayor-That's what we just said, that was a mistake and that's why we cancelled tonight's public hearing.

Wandel-So, I mean this just brings the requirement and necessity, I think. Thank you for the clarification.

Mayor-Correct.

Lazarony-So, do handicap parking spots that are in the front of the main streets, do they have a meter too, also? Are they metered?

Mayor-Yes. It's a separate meter. Those will remain; we will not lose any handicap spots downtown. We realize that we have an older population. We also realize that we have a growing younger population. This is being used in other communities. I will be free to share. I don't have the complete list in front of me. I believe Olean and others that have used this successfully. It is cost effective for us, savings thousands upon thousands of dollars and yet hopefully we will

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regenerate the \$100,000 that we've been losing for this budget. It has always been a part, not always, for many, many years. Metered parking has been a part of this community and that's all this is. There are meters, like we said, that we have gone through our meters. We have replaced parts on the meters. They don't have the ability to fix them anymore. So, we want to make sure that is uh, that's the reason we are going in the direction we are. You don't want to have to walk half a block to go to a kiosk or anything like that. This is right outside of your car. It won't be any further to walk than it would be if there was a meter there.

All right, we move on. Mayor's report.

First, I would like to thank Rich Ketchum and his son Michael Ketchum and Denny Roach. A while back when it was probably twenty degrees outside; which wasn't too long ago; though it's hard to remember. I saw three gentlemen working on the gazebo and I thought that it was the DPW and it wasn't the DPW. It was Rich Ketchum, Michael Ketchum, and Denny Roach who purchased the materials. They scraped it down and they primed it. They painted it. They replaced wood. And I want to thank you for doing that. It looks great. And now we know who those mysterious men were that were out there fixing the gazebo. The gazebo is a part of our history and is part of our community. It's used for entertainment purposes as well and it's been used for some very solemn purposes as well. People have gotten married there. People have had their wedding pictures taken there. So, it is a very important position in our community and we thank Mr. Ketchum for doing that. This afternoon, I had the opportunity, I was invited by Governor Kathy Hochul's office to today's round table to discuss hyper speed data centers. They are popping up. You know, this came up back when we had the windmill issue and now we have the solar power issues and now data centers and hyper speed data centers are becoming a part of the issue. She wanted to know exactly what concerns people may have. She just signed a one year moratorium to slow things down. If you remember back when the windmill issue first began to generate energy, New York State put four of those windmills on our toll booth stops. In fact, if you get on and off the Fredonia toll booth, you'll see the 100-foot gigantic pin wheel sitting there. Within about four months, they broke and the company in France went out of business and no one has ever been able to fix them. So, my discussion today is to know who you are working with. I have a double-edged sword with regards to how I feel about AI technology. I think it's the future and foreign countries are outpacing us, but I don't think you want to get in bed with people who aren't prepared to run this. You know, we have a lot of people that chipped in and bought themselves a windmill company years ago and suddenly you're looking at windmills that haven't worked for many, many years or they fell apart. I'm proud to say that the windmills you see in Arkwright, I have yet to see those go down, I have yet to see much with regards to trouble and that's because the technology has changed. Correct. That is also a concern when you have hyper speed data centers. Computer technology, AI technology changes by the minute, changes every day. The governor's concern is what would happen if all of the sudden those that, you know somebody is going to eat the other at one point. Right now, there's about six or seven top

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name CPG, CPT chat others that are out there. Somebody's going to rise to the top much like Google, much like the other computer organizations and the others are going to fall off. So, just concerns about the fact that as we move from reservoir to water in Lake Erie that we are doing the best to keep that water as pure and as clean as we can and that we are getting safe drinking water. Also, happy to announce that the Jamestown Mattress Building on Main Street has been purchased by local investors and in doing so, they're going to be closing up the roof on that building and fixing it up and repurposing part of that building. So, Jamestown Mattress will not have to leave that location. I am not at liberty to say who they are, but they're very reliable businessmen in this community. So, we look forward to good things happening there, from what they told me. On the 11th, I had a meeting with Mayor Kate here in Fredonia. We were at a nice little restaurant downtown to discuss continued talks on local consolidation, state projects affecting our area, and who is going to attend which meetings there. So, I thank her for her time on that. And then again on the 9th the water expo and the expo was in the Town of Pomfret. We want to thank Dan Pacos for allowing us to use that building. I want to thank LaBella, the County Health Department, and I also want to thank Sheriff James Quattrone, who policed the event personally for his time and his commitment. So, and finally, I welcome our newest member to the board of trustees, Mr. Tim Mulholland. He's going to do a great job for us. And he's been spoken of very highly by many people and if you work for rich products, you got to be a pretty decent guy. They usually try to hire the best. So, welcome. And with that, that's the end of my mayor's report for tonight.

F. TRUSTEE/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Brauchler-

I would like to thank everybody who's involved in the water forum the other night, it was an excellent program. I enjoyed meeting with many people and talking to them, getting their points of view. And that's all I really have for today.

Cruz-Keefe-Absent

Lazarony-

So, I have just been continuing to work with police and fire. We are going to talk about the resolution for the enterprise contract and lease management to lease their vehicles. I've spoken to many, many residents in the last 24 hours over the parking and there's lots of concerns and I just want to make sure we answer their concerns.

Mayor-Anything else?

Lazarony-Nope.

Wandel-

Tonight's about a page and a half, so not too bad.

1. Tuesday, July 7 Public Information Session (PIS) planning meeting

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1. *I met with Labella Engineering and CC DOH reps to discuss planning efforts for the proposed July 9 PIS.*
2. *Details discussed and agreed. Looking forward to this event.*
2. ***Wednesday, July 8 DPW Streets meeting***
 1. *Attendees included Trustee Wandel, DPW Admin Jen Marx, Interim DPW Supervisor Jennes Merrill.*
 2. *Our two-plus-hour meeting at the department headquarters included:*
 1. *Concerns and negative resident feedback regarding the status of pavilion rentals at RJP. Complaints included the very unclean state of the pavilion and tables when they were rented.*
 2. *Jenn M. stated that a cleaner was previously tasked with this duty but is no longer.*
 3. *Jenn M. suggested a person from the Rec program fulfill this duty in a min wage position. Otherwise, it would require a DPW streets laborer to perform this duty and likely incurring overtime.*
 4. *Staff issues: The department is down one laborer. Also, there is a vacancy for department foremen since Doug Bunge recently retired.*
 5. *The need for someone holding a Class D water license is a concern. Apparently, three DPW staffers are applying for this license at \$725/applicant.*
 6. *The streets department building needs a new roof. This is partly due to recent storm damage and insurance processing is needed to finalize commencement.*
 7. *This board discussed and approved the fire alarm contract for Doyle Security at the last meeting.*
 8. *Three E size drawings for the village water mains, sanitary sewers and storm sewers are in the possession of Labella engineering for CAD updates. Trustee Wandel will pursue them for hard and soft copies for the streets department.*
 9. *Trustee Wandel to complete the transfer of GIS mapping drawings of village water mains to the street department.*
 10. *Department need for a replacement pickup truck. A quote was received for a new 2027 fleet pickup truck for the purchase price of \$47K. It was suggested that CHIPS funds be used for this purchase.*
 11. *Also, using CHIPS funds for the paving of the village East parking lot is to be reconsidered. Contact with the NYS DOT Rep for advice and confirmation needs to be done,*

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12. *The existing DPW loader is 14 years old. Replacement is needed. A CAT quote was received for a model 930. Waiting for the Kubata quote.*
13. *Flashing signs at village crosswalks are being reviewed.*
14. *Village sewer lift station issues are under review. Trustee Wandel is investigating details for power backup equipment and will advise the department supervisor.*
3. ***Thursday July 9: Public Information Session held to inform all village residents and businesses about our new water source interconnect project.***
 1. *This session was held at the new Town of Pomfret town hall at 8110 Chestnut Road. Public was invited to attend and speak with representatives from the village, Labella engineering, the NCWD and the CC DOH.*
 2. *All information displayed by these representatives is now available for your review on the village website.*
 3. *I initiated this effort last May to help residents understand the water interconnect project. It explains what we are doing and why.*
 4. *In summary, the public turnout was well received, featuring great dialogue and many compliments.*
4. ***Thursday July 16: Meeting as a guest with the North County Community Foundation.***
 1. *I was invited as a guest by Chairman Rick Johnson.*
 2. *This is an advisory group for local economic development.*
 3. *I learned a great deal about the economic development activities underway in our local area.*
 1. *Topics included housing needs and development; local job creation; and developing conditions for business and industry to invest in Northern CC.*
 2. *Topics included the existence of NY Forward and DRI for downtown revitalization. These NYS grants range from \$4.5 M to \$10M. The Village of Fredonia must get on board with this.*
 3. *Many CHQ activities were presented. Highlighted were many project completions and those in development.*
 4. *I had an opportunity to speak to community leadership, focusing on the status and ongoing development of the village water source project. My audience of 12 foundation members was extremely receptive and applauded the village's movement toward establishing a new water source installation.*
5. ***Friday July 17: Virtual meeting with Labella Engineers. mayor Mike and myself.***
 1. *Topics included spot locations for interconnect pump / dosing stations in the village.*
 2. *Current project statuses: geotech borings ongoing; data gathering ongoing.*

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3. *Labella currently has a strong focus on responding to the CC DOH, with a deliverable's deadline this September.*
6. ***Saturday July 18: I attended an informal Republican picnic at RJP.***
 1. *In attendance were NYS Senator George Borello, NYS Assemblyman Andrew Molitor, various CC legislators and local residents.*
 2. *This informal picnic setting allowed one-on-one dialogue with state and county representatives.*
 3. *One positive outcome was my invitation to Assemblyman Molitor to attend a Fredonia village workshop to listen to our concerns and questions at the village level as well as receiving a status of current activities at the state level.*
 4. *This picnic meeting illustrates effective networking and how we can develop and utilize bi directional communication and ideas to ultimately benefit the operational efficiency and quality of our local governance.*

That's it, Mayor.

Mayor-Thank you. Treasurer's report.

Trustee Mulholland-Sir, I would like a chance to speak, please?

Mayor-Certainly. I didn't want to put you on the spot.

Mulholland-No, I appreciate that.

Mulholland-

I just want to say to Fredonia, the village here. This is my first opportunity to speak as your newest trustee and I just want to say what an honor it is to be here. Before I was appointed, I spent a lot of time reading, listening and asking the same questions many of you are asking. During that time, I noticed something. I think there's a misconception about this job. Some people expect trustees to already have every answer about the issues, big and small. I don't think my job here is to have all of the answers. I think my job here is to do my homework, make thoughtful decisions for Fredonia, and explain them whenever I can. My promise to you as a dad, husband, taxpayer, and now trustee is simple. I'm going to ask questions, I am going to listen to people with different viewpoints, and I am going to always keep my focus on what's best for our community. That's the kind of trustee I intend to be. Thank you.

Mayor-Thank you. Great report. Treasurer's report

G. TREASURER'S REPORT –

So, I do not have the numbers finished for the year end or June, but they will be ready for our next workshop. Makayla is catching on very quickly, which is what I assumed. She's doing a very good job and that's been helpful for me getting caught back up. But, I wanted to bring up the fact that we are going to review the proposed North County Water District draft agreement because LaBella is doing work and therefore, we are getting bills and currently it is being paid out of our

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water fund. Eventually, we are not going to have enough to pay. EFC will not move forward with finishing or with us being able to withdraw any funds from them until they have the IMA's.

Mayor-Okay, yeah, we are going to have to. We have had the draft, not a draft, but a meeting on the draft that they sent us. But we need to take that to the next level again.

Lazarony- Can you tell us what IMA is so that everybody understands what that is?

LeBeau-Intermunicipal agreements.

Mayor-So, um, I am going to ask only, you're more than welcome; anybody's more than welcome to sit in. But I am going to ask, only because both of these people have water experience that Trustee Lazarony and Trustee Paul Wandel to please join me in accelerating these. Of course you know, Ben, you have been ill, so I didn't want to put that on you, but you're more than welcome. Tim, you are more than welcome. But this way, there are three of us working on that project, to put you on the committee, you are already on the committee, but to make sure that we set up meetings next week to start expediting that draft faster.

LeBeau-And I did forward to Mark Guglielmi today so that he can look at what they gave us too. And I will make sure that Tim has everything to do with that and the other contracts that we have up.

Mayor-Awesome, thank you.

H. ADDITIONAL REPORT-

POLICE REPORT JUNE 2026

JUSTICE COURT REPORT JUNE 2026

I. RESOLUTIONS-

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Lazarony, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia has had a contract with Siemens Industry Inc, Buffalo, NY for the water treatment plant, and

WHEREAS this contract covers materials, labor, and logistics of the SCADA system for the Webster Road tank, and

WHEREAS this service is necessary for the Village's purpose, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the renewal of the contract with Siemens Industry Inc., Buffalo, NY in the amount of ten thousand three hundred and fifty-nine dollars (\$10,359.00) for the year 7/1/2026 through 6/30/2027.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Mulholand, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

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BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Wastewater Operator, David Felt and Wastewater Operator, Ken Porter are permitted to attend Operator training given by Koester Associates in Irving, NY at no cost to the Village on August 18, 2026

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Mulholland, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that Chief Water Operator, Luis Fred is permitted to attend Operator training given by Koester Associates in Irving, NY at no cost to the Village on August 18, 2026.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lazarony and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia entered into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to lease vehicles, and

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia Police Department has received a proposal from Enterprise Fleet Management in the amount of four thousand six hundred eighty-four dollars and forty-one cents (**\$4,684.41**) per month for the lease of three 2026 Ford Police Interceptors, and

WHEREAS the price includes turning in a 2021 Dodge Durango VIN number 1C4SDJFT5MC662116, 2021 Dodge Charger VIN number 2C3CDXKG4MH6572332022 Dodge Charger, VIN number 2C3CDXKG4NH158336, a 2023 Dodge Charger, VIN number 2C3CDXKG0PH599545, and a 2024 Dodge Durango VIN number 1C4RDJFG6RC147277, and

WHEREAS the vehicles are necessary for the Village's purpose and the funding is within the budget; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the lease of three 2026 Ford Police Interceptors as well as the sale of the 2021 Dodge Durango, 2021 Dodge Charger, 2022 Dodge Charger, 2023 Dodge Charger, and 2024 Dodge Durango in the amount of four thousand six hundred eighty-four dollars and forty-one cents (**\$4,684.41**) monthly.

Mayor-Before we vote on this, I want to let you know that everything is listed right here on the letter from the police chief. All of the VIN numbers, all of the details on the cars.

Lazarony-So, we're really, for the first year, we are really right side up with this because we are getting \$58,000 in trade in against the purchase price of the leasing price of the newer vehicles. So, I think it comes out to be, I don't want to be quoted, but it's around \$8,000 to the plus, to the good to do this.

Mayor-I want to thank Frank Puglisi from the governor's office for introducing that. I want to thank Chief, Greg Myers for working on this as well and our trustees. So, it's a good deal. I know that Chief Myers is excited about it so we're glad we can provide that for him.

Wandel-Trustee, Lazarony you mentioned, what was the amount \$58,000?

Lazarony-The trade in value is about \$58,000. So, that puts us in the \$8,000 to the positive Wandel-Okay.

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Lazarony-Which is pretty good, right?

Wandel-Yeah, I see it. I mean that wasn't in the resolution. I didn't know what the number was.

Lazarony-But, when we broke it, when Greg and I sat down and broke it down, that's what it turned out to be.

Wandel-Very good.

Lazarony-So, um, I just want to say for the record, I looked into that if it would be better for the DPW to do this lease agreement, but if we can use CHIPS funds to purchase; we cant use CHIPS funds to lease, but we can use CHIPS funds to purchase vehicles.

Wandel-As I stated in my committee report, I think we have an excellent opportunity right now to buy a 2027 pickup truck; \$47,000 utilizing CHIPS funds.

Lazarony-I think that's a great way to go.

Mayor-Folks, we need to vote.

Lazarony-I just wanted to make it clear why I thought it wasn't going to work with DPW.

Mayor-Without a doubt, without a doubt.

Wandel-And I wanted clarification.

Mayor-There ya go.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Brauchler and seconded by Trustee Lazarony, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular and overtime payrolls of various Village Departments and bills approved by the Finance Committee and set forth in Abstract #815 through #818 are hereby approved and directed paid and available in the Village Clerk's office, 9-11 Church Street, Fredonia, NY as well as on our website at www.villageoffredonianyny.gov.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lazarony and seconded by Trustee Mulholland, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that Gregory Myers, Provisional Police Chief, has successfully completed his Police Chief exam and is hereby permanently appointed according to the agreement with the Board of Trustees, Department Head Agreement, and all civil service rules and regulations, effective immediately.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Wandel and seconded by Trustee Brauchler, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

WHEREAS the Village of Fredonia had substantial damage to the roof at the Street Department and was put out to bid, and

WHEREAS Backwell LLC of Constantia, NY placed a bid in the amount of one hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars (**\$178,000**), and

WHEREAS the roof replacement is necessary for the Village's purpose; therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby authorizes Backwell LLC to perform the replacement of the roof at the Street Department in the amount of one hundred seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$178,000).

Trustee Brauchler-Just to clarify, that is going to be paid out by insurance?

Lazarony-How much are we getting from insurance?

LeBeau-That's included in the paperwork, I believe it was \$198-\$199,000.

Wandel-This is coming up now because as I understand we were getting things resolved with the insurance.

LeBeau-Well then, we had to put it out to bid, so.

Wandel-So, it took some time.

Mayor-Takes time like everything

Lazarony-Well government moves slow.

Mayor-We do not have public portion, but sir I see you're here tonight, did you want to talk to the board about something?

Audience member- My name is Jonathan Rink, I am part of an urban Anthony Engineering. It sounds like you guys have your hands full with some water; I don't want to take too much of your time, but I just wanted to throw our name in the ring.

Mayor-If you wouldn't mind, we can talk to you as soon as we get out of the session.

Audience Member-Yes, sir.

Mayor-Okay, thank you ladies and gentlemen.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION-

NONE

K. MEETING SCHEDULE-

The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Workshop will take place on Monday July 27, 2026 at 12:00 PM Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall. The next Village of Fredonia Board of Trustees Meeting will take place Monday August 3, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the Trustee Room, second floor, Village Hall.

Mayor-I just want to remind everybody as we tend to do, when you see someone wanting to use the crosswalk, you must stop by law to allow people to cross the road. It is not their job to wait for you. It is your job to stop for them and the police will be keeping an eye on all of that. We have had several incidents. I want to congratulate Chief Myers; I want to congratulate Trustee Mulholland. I want to congratulate Andy Dykes for all the things that have happened tonight. All

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good stuff. Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen. Thanks Chip and have a good night. And go into executive session.

Lazarony-Do we need executive session?

Mayor-We had here that you wanted to go into executive session.

LeBeau-No, that's just always listed.

Mayor-But, I thought that you wanted to talk

Lazarony-We can discuss that and then if we need to bring it to the board, we can.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Lazarony and seconded by Trustee Wandel and carried unanimously the Board adjourned the board meeting at 7:01 PM.

ERLYSSA LEBEAU

DEPUTY CLERK



FREDONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the Office of the Chief of Police

July 7th, 2026

To: Honorable Village Mayor and Trustees

Re: **MONTHLY REPORT** – June 2026

	June 2026
INCIDENT TYPE	INCIDENTS
Total Incidents Reported	757
Fredonia Central Schools call for Service	3
Accidents	21
Arrests Reported	21
Vehicle and Traffic Stops/Tickets	149/81
Domestic Incidents	22
Parking Tickets	26

Respectfully,

Gregory L. Myers
Chief of Police

CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTH END REPORT

June 2026

BUILDING

Permits issued	32
Inspections	43
Cert. of Occupancy	16
Cert. of Compliance	19
Violations	9
Violations satisfied	5

FEES COLLECTED

Building Permit	\$ 24,821.50
Rental fees	\$ 1,515.00
Cert. of compliances	\$ 2,425.00
Plumbing license fees	\$ 150.00
Hearings,	\$ 200.00
Food & Vender permit	\$ 150.00
Total fees	\$ 29,261.00

RENTAL

Permit	
Inspection	13
Renewals	15

PROPERTY MAINTAINENCE

Property Maint. Found	-13-	Removed	-8-
Junk cars & Parts Found	-3-	Removed	-1 -

MISC.ELLANEOUS

Annual Fire Inspections:	-20 -	Fire Notifications:
Appearance Tickets	-0-	
Complaints	5 /3	satisfied
Demolitions	1	
Stop Work Orders	2	

Stop Work Orders are issued because of improper construction practices, or failure to get building permit

Thirty-two Permits generated \$ 24,821.50 in revenue. The estimated cost of work for the month of June was \$ 1,183,044.00



Village Clerk <villageclerk@villageoffredoniamy.gov>

Please Read at Village Trustee meeting 7/20

Patrick Prawel-Sexton <pprawelsextton@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 13, 2026 at 10:12 PM

To: VILLAGE OF FREDONIA <fredoniavillageclerk@netsync.net>, trusteeazarony@villageoffredoniamy.gov, trusteebrauchler@villageoffredoniamy.gov, trusteeecruz-keefe@villageoffredoniamy.gov, Paul Wandel <trusteewandel@villageoffredoniamy.gov>

Hello Mayor and Trustees,

It's Pat again, I hope you're all doing well and am glad to say I have now met all of you personally!

You are lovely people and thank you for all you do!

I would like to thank you for your part in the Water seminar last week. I received an immense amount of information and appreciate you making that available to us with the assistance of Dibella and the Health Department, the Health Department did a phenomenal job keeping their cool and sticking to the facts.

Unfortunately, I must again mention my concern for the farmers market.

Festivals Fredonia, Embrace Fredonia and the Fredonia Farmer's Market are three different entities. The inspector at last weekend's market seemed to not know who the vendors needed to reach out to in order to meet regulations... which is disconcerting. He was telling vendors to reach out to the President of Festivals Fredonia, that is not the purview of the farmers market. He shouldn't have said anything if he wasn't sure. This worries me because it makes me think, that you think, all three of these organizations are the same. They are not.

Embrace Fredonia concentrates on the beautification of the village and now runs the Farm Festival. They are a not for profit, 501-C. Thank you Lauren.

Festival Fredonia runs specific events such as the Italian Festival, Red White and Blues, Miracle on Main, 8 great nights, the Easter Festival and the Cemetary Tours. They are a not for profit 501-C Thank you Larry and your board.

The Farmers Market, runs the Farmers Market, that's it.

I'm glad to hear our inspectors made it to the market this past weekend. I personally witnessed the inspector speak directly to the Hot Dog man while he was vending on a sidewalk. That is illegal. Your inspector did nothing about this, I watched it happen. This brings your integrity as a board into question if you support this negligence. It is difficult to support you when you have differing expectations for different citizens. One farmer is unloading their merchandise and is threatened with a citation by a Fredonia police officer on duty for blocking the sidewalk. While another vendor is literally sitting on the sidewalk and selling their product to police officers off duty with explosive material in a cart that he regularly leaves unattended! That is ridiculous! How dare you look into this vendor law regarding the farmers market when you cannot set a standard of good practice in the first place. Demonstrated by the hot dog man. Do Something about the hot dog man please. I do not like to ask multiple times. Paul, you were there last weekend, you could have said something and you did not.

Next, the rat issue.

The issue is the grease box behind Arctic Bites and the Structure on the corner of Main and Water/Temple. The grease box provides food and the dellapitated structure provides shelter for the rats. The roof is caving in and the grease box behind artic bites is leaking. Press charges. Ask your village inspector why he took so long to get to the bottom of this. You may have to pass legislation to follow through on these standards. We need these types of things on the books anyways. I do not know why your inspector said the health department was not involved when they were and I do not know why the village inspector asked you to go investigate these sites yourself, when it is his job.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts in a thankless job.

Eryssa, I'm so sorry you have to read all of this, it must be exhausting, but thank you nonetheless.

Sincerely, your friend and neighbor Patrick Sexton.



Correspondence

Andrew Ludwig <aludwig63@icloud.com>

Thu, Jul 16, 2026 at 1:47 PM

To: Village Clerk <villageclerk@villageoffredoniany.gov>

Cc: Matthew Stafford <mstafford@observertoday.com>

Good Afternoon.

Please have the letter below read as a correspondence at the next village board meeting. Please also verify receipt of this email and confirmation that the letter will be read.

Thank You.

Andrew Ludwig
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Fredonia, New York 14063
716-490-0457

On Thursday, July 9th members of Save Our Reservoir and other interested and concerned citizens attended the Water Forum sponsored by the Village of Fredonia, The Chautauqua County Health Department and LaBella Engineering. The event was held at the yet to be renovated new location of Pomfret Town Hall. Observations, thoughts and lingering questions from this group of citizens and from me regarding this meeting and Fredonia's water project are listed below.

Driving to the future location of Pomfret Town Hall it was noticeable that there are no sidewalks which would allow for individuals to safely walk to the former Latter Day Saints Church.

There was plenty of parking in the church parking lot.

Entering a building that was uncomfortably hot and in obvious violation of numerous building codes made one wonder why this meeting was held at this location in the first place?

The format of the meeting made it impossible for Access TV and news reporters to cover every question asked or the conversations held at each station. Was this by design?

Moving about the forum and recalling that the Town of Pomfret paid \$360K for the former LDS Church and that the building will need \$2 million in renovations begs the question. Weren't there less expensive building alternatives for a new Pomfret Town Hall?

SOR members spread out and moved about the meeting room but several individuals joined me as we engaged with representatives from the County Health Department. To their credit, Jessica Wuerstle and Natalie Whiteman agreed to be recorded as they calmly and politely answered questions.

While I was speaking with Wuerstle, Fredonia Mayor Michael Ferguson reached into the group to give me a nudge and a smile. I took this to mean that Ferguson wanted to chat with me but I was unable to do so during the meeting to ask him some important questions. I did call him at 9:30AM on July 10th to ask my questions. Ferguson did not take my call. I left a message after listening to his pleasant recorded voice say that calls were important to him and he would call right back. If Ferguson didn't want to chat, why would he push me and smile? I also have to wonder how the mayor would respond to me if I did the same to him?

When asked about the loan that the county has given the NCWD, Pomfret Town Supervisor and NCWD Chairman Dan Pacos refused to answer questions on camera. To his credit, Pacos did respond to several follow up emails. He admitted in these emails to not knowing the details of the loan the county gave to the NCWD. Pacos promised to email the requested information as soon as he researched it.

Village Trustee Paul Wandel also refused to answer questions on camera about the county's loan to the NCWD. Wandel did write about this loan in a recent OBSERVER commentary. When pressed on the issue, Wandel ran to Allison Vento and told me to ask her. As Vento politely asked not to be recorded but agreed to answer questions, Wandel made monkey shines for the camera. That's how serious Trustee Wandel takes important financial questions from the public.

While speaking with Vento she stated that she wasn't sure how much the county's loan to the NCWD was for, somewhere between \$4 million and \$5 million. She also stated that none of the loan has been repaid and will not be repaid until the NCWD projects are completed. This contradicts Wandel's OBSERVER commentary in which he stated that "the NCWD is actively paying back the county over time. A number of factors have delayed payments including COVID." When I looked for Wandel to respond to this contradiction, he was nowhere to be found.

Shouldn't the Chairman of the NCWD Pacos and the Administrative Director of North Chautauqua Water and Sewer Districts Vento know the details of the loan that the county has given to the NCWD?

While speaking with CHD representative Jessica Wuerstle, she was asked if the sediment at the bottom of the reservoir had been tested for toxic levels of arsenic. She responded on camera that the sediment has not been tested. Yet Trustee Ben Brauchler wrote in his commentary that the sediment at the bottom of the reservoir is so toxic that if removed it would have to be taken to a toxic waste site. How does Brauchler know this if the sediment has never been tested?

The CHD stated that the village water treatment plant produces 1.3 million gallons per day. The number of gallons produced each day at the treatment plant has been reported by treatment plant operators to be 850,000 gallons per day.

It was stated at two different stations that adding Fredonia to the NCWD would bring down the cost of water for NCWD users. But will Fredonians pay more for water when forced to join the NCWD?

To his credit a LaBella representative allowed himself to be recorded answering questions. But he appeared to be clueless when asked how the reduced water pressure in the proposed NCWD project would effect building fire sprinkler systems which are currently engineered for the high water pressure in Fredonia's gravity fed system.

It was stated that the three Fredonia inter-municipal water connects, one on Vineyard Drive and connected to the city of Dunkirk, and two on Route 20 connected to the NCWD are operational for emergency use. The CHD does not consider boil water orders water emergencies. And these connects can not be used unless the Fredonia reservoir is completely dry.

It was also stated that these interconnects could not be used to supply water to Fredonia while maintenance is done on the reservoir. Why were the interconnects constructed in the first place? Are the Route 20 interconnects actually operational?

Wouldn't it be cheaper to make the interconnects operational, use them while work is done to the village's dam, WTP and reservoir than to pump lake water five miles uphill? And if it is not cheaper then village officials should show the public the costs involved.

It was stated at two stations that Fredonia's water pressure is too high and damaging to household appliances. How many Fredonia residents have complained about damaged appliances or complained that the water pressure in the village is too high?

We were shown that studies going back 50 years recommended that the reservoir be dredged on a regular basis. These studies didn't appear to mention toxic levels of arsenic in the sediment. And none of those studies recommended pumping lake water five miles up hill and decommissioning the reservoir. So let's make it happen and start dredging.

Then we were told that the reservoir could not be dredged because a road would need to be constructed in order to bring in the equipment necessary to do so. If building this road is even necessary, without estimates of the cost of building the road and dredging, how can it be determined that dredging the reservoir is cost prohibitive?

We were told that the reservoir could not be dredged in parts over time because the sediment that took decades to accumulate would quickly refill the dredged areas.

The CHD gave information on the capacity of the reservoir which contradicts capacity information that former Trustee Jon Espersen received from experts at SUNY Fredonia, who also claim to have measured the reservoir's capacity. Which experts are we to believe?

The CHD states that the lower intake valve at the reservoir is in the sediment layer at the bottom of the reservoir. The village recently announced that both the upper and lower intake valves have been replaced. It seems unlikely that such work could have been done for the lower intake valve if it was buried in sediment.

Two different stations were critical of the LaBella Engineering studies. It was stated that the studies contained inaccurate information and left out important and expensive project details such as the need and cost to demolish the water treatment plant and the need and cost to dredge the reservoir. Why was LaBella paid more than \$200K for inaccurate and incomplete studies? Why were they not asked to present updated and accurate studies? Why wasn't another engineering firm asked for an estimate and a presentation on the proposed water projects? Why is LaBella being used as the lead agency of this project if they lack the experience and the attention to detail to do the project?

There are many, many more unanswered questions, scenarios and contradictions to consider. Honestly, it gets quite tiresome asking and writing about Fredonia's water woes. I am sure it gets tiresome reading and hearing about the village's foibles. But that is what all these politicians and agencies are counting on. They are counting on a public that is mostly too preoccupied with their personal lives to care about Fredonia's water. That is until there is a water main break or a boil water order or a ridiculous increase in taxes or water rates. They are counting on a public that is so frustrated with main breaks and boil orders that citizens will jump at a perceived quick fix without considering all the details, facts and exorbitant cost. The mayor and two trustees, the county, the NCWD, LaBella, the County Health Department and the Town of Pomfret are also hoping that the sizable number of citizens who stand in opposition to their water plan will grow tired, give up and go away. That ain't happening.

Too many cooks in Fredonia's water soup have created an expensive distasteful broth, the ingredients of which are impossible to determine. In a previous letter I stated that this whole Fredonia water issue centers around trust. I have a hard time trusting elected officials and appointed public servants who refuse to answer simple and important questions on camera. I have a hard time believing public officials who contradict themselves and each other. I have a hard time trusting engineers and public officials who don't know the answers to important questions that are vital to estimating the cost of their water project. I have a hard time trusting village government that silences citizens because those taxpayers keep asking unanswered questions. I have a hard time trusting municipalities that harp on following rules and regulations but hold a public meeting in a building with numerous code violations. How about you?



Erlyssa LeBeau <treasurer@villageoffredoniany.gov>

New Parking Local Law

Sam Drayo <samdrayo@drayolaw.com>

Mon, Jul 20, 2026 at 1:53 PM

To: Erlyssa LeBeau <treasurer@villageoffredoniany.gov>

Erlyssa; Please read this communication at the meeting. Please let me know you received tis. Thank you, Sam

Dear Mayor and Board of Trustees:

The proposed amendment to the Village parking regulations, proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2026 will create problems.

The proposed Local law would do away with parking meters and substitute the requirement that parking fees on Village streets and Village parking lots be paid "electronically." Presently there is no fee to park in Village parking lots. That would change under the proposed new system.

The proposed parking regulations requires payment of the parking fee for a parking space to be paid electrically through a "mobile parking meter application system", instead of the traditional physical parking meter system. In addition to the side street parking, the new proposed Local law would require the payment of \$25.00 per month to park in the East and West Village parking lots. This means if you want to enter the Upper Crust from the rear East parking lot to buy a cookie you would need to have a parking permit which will cost \$25.00 per month.

The proposed new parking system is far from being user friendly. The present procedure is very simple. You put a quarter in the meter which is immediately adjoining your parking space and you get a half hour parking time. Under the proposed new system, you will need to park your car and walk to a parking meter application station and follow the directions on the signage and use a credit card to make payment for the parking space. However, some people that don't use credit cards or forget to have their credit card with them. The direction on the parking meter station will also require a permit from the parking meter station to be displayed on your dashboard indicating you paid the required parking fee. There are penalties for failure to comply with the new regulations.

Under the new proposal, there will not a parking meter station at every parking space, so in the winter time a people may be required to walk some distance on snow covered and icy sidewalks or streets to the parking meter station to purchase a

parking ticket. Those conditions can create a hazard in walking, especially for the elderly or handicapped.

The Village will have to pay to the owner or operator of the parking system a monthly rental or management platform fee each pay station, a processing transaction fee and card processing fee.

There are proposed fines for violating the provisions of the new system.

Changing parking meters from a coin operated system that is simple to operate to something more complicated like credit card based electronic pay stations or an app that must be downloaded to your iphone with information on the car and credit card can be confusing and inefficient, especially for seniors and those who chose to value their privacy.

The proposed new parking system is bad for business and residents of Fredonia. Don't Village residents pay enough in taxes and other fees? This is also a destructive way to pursue or increase a revenue stream.

The proposed parking system should not be adopted.

Sincerely,

Sam Drayo,

Jr., Village resident