UNAPPROVED

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport was held Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Village Board and members of the public met in person at Village Court, 49 State St. This meeting was hybrid and therefore also available via remote location through Zoom.

PRESENT: Mayor Margaret Blackman, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Annette Crane, Trustee Katherine Kristansen, Trustee Ben Reed, Trustee Joanne Bocach, Manager/Clerk Erica Linden, Clerk/Treasurer Kari Pardun, Building Inspector /Code Enforcement Officer Chad Fabry, Chief Paul Wheat, Superintendent Dan Verace, Recorder Susan Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Marleen Cain, Henry Kemblowski, Charles Trombley, Quentin Trombley, Daniel Davis, Kelley Stroll, Libby Caruso, Geraldine Rightmyer, Ann Lee Walker, David Newman, Steven Brown, Bob LeSuer, Don Roberts, Cathy Houston-Wilson, Lisa Saeva, Wendy Dunham, Pam Ketchum, Sgt. Geoff Catlin, Invs. Tyler Dawson, Sarah Bonczyk, Kevin Jenkins, Fred Webster,

VIA ZOOM: Attorney Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq., Deputy Clerk Treasurer Barbara Krizen, Dr. Brittany Profit-Rheinwald, Ofc. Josh Sime, Joan Hamlin, Chris Hamlin, two unattributed phone numbers

EXCUSED: None

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE: Mayor Blackman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: to honor those who serve our Country, enforce our laws, & respond to emergencies

CERTIFICATES AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments/questions Policy for Public Comment: 5 min/per person/ state name and address for record / clearly address the Board. Virtual participants can raise their hands and will be called on to speak. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any member thereof. Speakers shall observe the commonly accepted rules of courtesy, decorum, dignity and good taste.

- None

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Charlie Trombley, Motor Vehicle Accident/Insurance – Mr. Trombley reported that his son's car was accidentally hit by the DPW street sweeper. He asked if the Village Board would agree to pay compensation for the damages, as per the one estimate obtained for $4,300. Manager Linden explained that the village has immunity under New York Vehicle and Traffic Law and as such, the village insurance company will not entertain the claim. Immunity is granted for municipal vehicles performing a public good when it is clear the driver is not acting in a reckless manner. Per the police report, driver statement, and Superintendent, the driver was watching the sweeper brushes and did not see the parked vehicle in time; he was not recklessly driving. The Board expressed their apologies for the situation and suggested that Mr. Trombley file in Small Claims Court with three collision repair estimates.

- Steve Brown, Brockport Merchants Association, Event Applications:
  - 5k for May 24th
  - Wine Walk for June 7th
  - Battle of the Bands for June 21st
  - Sidewalk Sale for July 10-13th

  Mr. Brown outlined planning for these four Event Applications. The Board had a number of concerns and questions that could not be answered during his presentation. Although the Board was supportive of having these events in the village, they could not approve the four applications. Mr. Brown was encouraged to continue planning, perhaps include a Board member for guidance or review, and then return to the Board prepared with more information.

- Brockport Community Rowing, Marleen Cain, Draft MOA for Boathouse use: Ms. Cain read and provided the following statement for the record: I am a resident of the Village of Brockport and I'm also the President of Brockport Community Rowing, Inc. Also here tonight are Henry Kemblowski, Kelley Stoll, and Cathy Houston-Wilson, who are other members on our board. We are excited about seeing the boathouse going up and are looking forward to working with the Village to bring rowing to Brockport. You should have a copy of the draft agreement in front of you. We modeled this agreement on what other clubs have done, especially Genesee Rowing Club, whose boathouse is owned by Monroe County. Our name is Brockport Community Rowing, and we want to bring the community to the sport of rowing. It has been a long time coming and we have a lot of people that have expressed interest in rowing in Brockport. We have a canal with a long straight stretch that is ideal for rowing and watching rowing. We have been working on getting things organized and getting the proper paperwork done behind the scenes. We are incorporated as a 501c3 not-for-profit organization. We are writing a safety manual and policies and procedures for running a safe program. We have contacted an insurance broker to obtain liability coverage and will finalize that once we know what you will require us to carry. We are looking for a five-year renewable term and are looking toward a long relationship with the village. We will bring the public into the boathouse and on the dock during learn-to-row programs. Both as a one-day free learn-to-row event and then with a fee-based learn-to-row session. We are starting small and in this first term have proposed one free learn-to-row event with the goal of hosting it annually and a minimum of five fee-based sessions with the goal of providing more as our program develops. In addition, we will be offering

other level fee-based rowing programs with the goal of getting more experienced rowers and hosting sessions during the entire canal season. Participants do not need to be members to row with us, but we will encourage joining as members. Thank you for considering this agreement and please let us know if you have any questions or want any information and we can always clarify.

Attorney Mastrella commented that he reviewed the draft MOA and indicated it requires further development. The roles of the Village Board regarding program approvals, fees, and similar matters need definition and inclusion in the agreement. Public access to the facilities should be clarified and detailed within the agreement, along with a description of the facility's usage throughout the calendar year, such as hours of operation and any use during the non-rowing season other than boat storage. Management of public dock access and modifications to this process with BCR operating the boathouse should be clarified. The DPW should have continuous access to the facility. The boathouse should be added to the Village Code chapter on parks and subject to existing regulations and advisory opinions from the Parks Committee, which advises the Village Board. The document should be termed a "permit" or "license" rather than an "agreement". The proposal includes mutual cancellation with 45 days' notice, which helps avoid the alienation of parklands. Input from trustees should be incorporated before proceeding. A shared understanding of the intended operation is crucial, even if not all details are included in the agreement itself.

- The Board's discussion with their guest speakers described the boathouse as a storage space for rowing boats and a center for rowing activities, potentially offering year-round classes and yoga sessions. Fundraising is planned to occur at the boathouse, with controlled public access for safety of equipment and users. Fees for boat storage (skulls for rowing) and lessons would cover operational costs. Brockport Community Rowing would manage and maintain the boathouse, which has no financial ties to SUNY Brockport. The Village Board would oversee, through the Parks Committee, fees and policies to maintain affordability and participation. The boathouse focus is on rowing but supports various community activities. Insurance is necessary due to potential lawsuits, and all participants must sign waivers. While primarily serving adults in the master's program, there may be future plans to expand to university and high school programs, ensuring inclusivity and safety measures for all participants. BCR agreed to take into consideration the comments from Attorney Mastrella and the Board to prepare an amended proposal to present at an upcoming meeting.

CONSENSUS ITEMS:

- Minutes: 04/07/2025

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Reed seconded, to approve the 04/07/2025 minutes.

Discussion: Trustee Bocach asked about the Wastewater Public Hearing mentioned in the minutes. Manager Linden explained there was a miscommunication regarding the new requirement for the Stormwater Report. Only public notification is required, and it has been posted on the Village website. Trustee Bocach asked if the minutes need to be corrected. Manager Linden responded, no, that the minutes stand as a record of that meeting.

Motion carried 5-0.

- Bills Abstract 04/08/2025
  - A (General Fund) $ 30,308.69
  - F (Water Fund) $ 71,213.62
  - G (Sewer Fund) $ 839.48
    - **TOTAL** **$102,361.79**
- Bills Abstract 04/09/2025
  - A (General Fund) $151,744.46
    - **TOTAL** **$151,744.46**
- Bills Abstract 04/17/2025
  - A (General Fund) $ 98,028.06
  - F (Water Fund) $ 14,793.38
  - G (Sewer Fund) $ 353.37
  - T (Trust & Agency) $ 1,850.00
    - **TOTAL** **$115,024.81**

→ Trustee Reed moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to approve the Bills Abstract 04/08/2025, Bills Abstract 04/09/2025, and Bills Abstract 04/17/2025.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- Budget Transfer – see Agenda Packet
  - Seymour Library Capital Reserve to Seymour Library Building Repairs $15,000

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the Budget Transfer from A9950.9420 Seymour Library Capital Reserve to A7415.4010 Seymour Library Building Repairs in the amount of $15,000.00 for the Bathroom and Repairs.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- Budget Amendments – see Agenda Packet

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to approve the following Budget Amendments of Expenditures and Revenues:

▪ A7415.4010	Seymour Library Building Repairs	$ 16,508.82 (1)
▪ A3120.4240	Less Lethal Training/Equipment	$ 5,099.80 (2)
▪ A1420.4000	Law-Total Contractual	$ 82,352.46 (3)
	Total Expense Amendment	$103,961.08

▪ A2389.9000	Reimbursement - Library Building Repairs	$ 13,854.82 (1a)
▪ A9999.4500	Interfund Transfer – Reserve Account	$ 2,654.00 (1b)
▪ A3089.7000	State Aid – Other	$ 5,099.80 (2)
▪ A0599.0000	Appropriated Fund Balance	$ 82,352.46 (3)
	Total Revenue Amendment	$103,961.08

Purpose:

1. Library Expenses beyond budgeted $15,000 from Reserve
1a. Reimbursement from the towns and library
1b. Interfund transfer from the library reserve
2. Taser VR Training System Paid by Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
3. 1 of 2 Elderwood Tax Refunds Paid out of Fund Balance

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

MANAGER/CLERK REPORT:

Manager/Clerk – Erica L. Linden

- Grant updates:
  - **New York Forward** – Manager Linden reported that the Local Planning Committee (LPC) has been finalized, with approval coming from NYS (so not Village Board appointed). The list of members will be on the Brockport NYF website. Collier's Engineering has been hired by NYS to provide guidance and structure for the process and are the professional team leading the process with a staff member from the NYS Dept. of State. Colliers is developing a website specific to Brockport for our projects, that she believes will be brockportforward.com but it isn't published/available for viewing yet. The logistical team is meeting every other week, which includes the LPC co-chairs – the Mayor, Steve Mowers, and Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane, Treasurer Pardun, Manager Linden, the NYS Dept. of State representative and four members of the Colliers team. The LPC is finalizing the date of their first meeting, to be the second week of May. They will all complete online training in advance of the meeting. These meetings also include the Mayor as co-chair. There will be public engagement meetings where the first job of the LPC will be to establish a Strategic Investment Plan that becomes a recommendation to the state. The state will review this plan and decide what is finalized, probably around January 2026. The applications will be available to eligible property owners sometime late summer or fall of 2025. The LPC will make funding recommendations using the Strategic Funding Plan, and those recommendations will go to the state for final approval. Projects approved for funding can expect award notices in May 2026. Manager Linden has talked with over a dozen property owners/possible projects and is happy to speak with anyone else who has questions or is interested. Once the website and information are available, it will be shared on the My Brockport Village app, the Village Facebook page and website. Manager Linden will email each of the property owners directly that have expressed interest in access to this information. Several property owners on Main Street have thanked the Village for their efforts, believing this will be good for the entire village. Manager Linden expressed her gratitude to them for having a vision and being supportive and interested partners and looks forward to the process unfolding.
  - **TAP Grant – Transportation Alternatives Grant** – Manager Linden reported that the design phase of the bicyclist and pedestrian improvement project at Smith Street is complete. Fisher and Associates, with DOT's approval, have now gone out to bid on NYS Contractor for the construction work that needs to be done. As a reminder this includes improved sidewalks on Clinton and Smith St., new stairs, a repaired/resurfaced retaining wall, sloped approach to the Empire State Trail, bicycle plates across the center of the bridge, new cross walks, and pedestrian/cyclist activated traffic lights. The bid opening is May 7th at 10am at Village Hall. Work has been scheduled around the school district calendar and the problematic delays of the Main Street bridge, targeted for July 4th - September 2nd. The bridge will not be closed all of that

time, but the contractor will need access to the work site. Fisher anticipates providing an update to the board and presenting the winning bid for Board approval at the June 2nd meeting. The bid must first be approved by the state.

- **New Grant – Municipal Parks and Recreation (MPR)** – NYS just created this new opportunity. MPR funding is available for the construction of recreational facilities and other improvements to municipally owned recreational sites and parks. Examples include playgrounds, courts, playing fields, and facilities for swimming, biking, boating, picnicking, hiking, fishing, camping or other recreational activities. Based on some conversations with there appears to be heavy emphasis on playgrounds. We have worked with the parks committee, Parkitects Consultant Andy Walsh, and Superintendent Verace and our grant writer. The resolution for approving the application is on this agenda, under New/Old Business. Manager Linden explained that this is an opportunity to completely update the playground equipment and surface at Corbett Park, making it inclusive and accessible for all abilities and providing targeted activities and stations for specific age ranges of children. She was surprised to learn a lot of communities in NY, even rural NY, are putting in million-dollar playgrounds. That is not something that will be happening here without a significant funding stream, and this is our chance to secure those funds. The total request allowed is $1 million with a 10% match that can be in-kind contributions, no cash match required. Manager Linden highly recommended the Board approve this grant application.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Clerk Treasurer – Kari Pardun

- Financial reports for March – the Board received the March financials. There are a few adjustments that need to be made, which will be reflected in the April financials and were addressed in the Budget Amendments and Transfers the Board approved of at this meeting.
- Preparing for the end of the FY 2024-2025: Dept heads have been advised to wrap up spending, with just 6 weeks remaining in this fiscal year.

Building / Planning / Zoning / Code Enforcement – BI/CEO Chad H. Fabry

- Christ Community Expansion – Christ Community Church is expanding their operations with a significant build-out, on the north side, of approximately 14,000 square feet. BI/CEO Fabry visited the site, spoke with engineers and architects, noting that progress is underway.
- Vacant Property Registration – The Board received a copy of the latest draft of the Vacant Property Registration. Recognizing some errors on the draft, BI/CEO is looking forward to the Board's feedback.
- Progress on burned house – 38 Spring Street is a house that burned almost four years ago. It remained vacant and until someone recently purchased it. Renovations are progressing, with drywall installation, new siding, and new windows. The house is developing nicely.
- Sunflower Landing – Three individual lots at the north end of Sunflower Landing, near East Ave, were purchased by a developer. The site plan has been approved for the construction of three individual homes in the near future.

Police – Chief Paul Wheat, Brockport Police Dept (BPD)

- Scholar's Day, April 9th – This event has sometimes caused issues, especially last year when students shut down King Street. This year, BPD's main goal was to prevent that from happening again. Scholars Day returned to its usual format with smaller parties. Despite some online discussions about closing King Street, officers patrolled the area and moved people along, preventing any closures. Only two gatherings required intervention, while others remained manageable. Students were cooperative and settled down by 7 pm.
- TASER10 Update: Training for all staff and purchase Virtual Reality Training Suite – As discussed at a previous meeting, five officers had been trained in TASER 10, are now carrying the TASER 10 on duty, and are able to train the rest of the BPD, which should be completed by the end of April. The BPD realized that there was an additional $5,000 remaining in the awarded grant. They were able to purchase another TASER 10, a taser suit, and a TASER 10 training VR headset. Officers can wear the headset and actually have real-life training, with different situations where they would or wouldn't use the TASER. It's a great piece of technology that provides beneficial training.

Public Works – Superintendent Dan Verace

- Request approval to accept bids of Auctions International Water Dept. Items

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Bocach seconded, to approve the Actions International top bids for the Water Dept. Items listed.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- Request to go out to bid to replace Truck 1 (next fiscal year)

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Reed seconded, to approve the request to go out to bid for a replacement Truck 1, contingent on the approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- Request to hire 3 summer help applicants: Riley Allen, Micah Martin, Emanuel Quinones

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee Reed seconded, to approve the hire of Riley Allen, Micah Martin, and Emanual Quinones for Summer Seasonal Laborers.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- DPW hours – will not be adjusting their summer hours and will continue with Monday through Friday, 7am-3:30pm.

Village Attorney – Daniel J. Mastrella, Esq.

OLD or NEW BUSINESS:

- Authorize the grant application resolution for Corbett Park improvements ($1 million maximum request, 10% match, in-kind contributions)

→ VILLAGE OF BROCKPORT RESOLUTION NYS OPRHP Municipal Parks and Recreation Program

RESOLVED, that the Village of Brockport will apply for financial assistance from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program to fund the ongoing revitalization of Corbett Park, which will involve the purchase and installation of new playground equipment, as well as other project components that will support and promote inclusive recreation opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Brockport is authorized and directed to accept these grant funds in an amount not to exceed $1,000,000, as described in the grant application;

RESOLVED, that the Village will provide at least a 10% local match in support of the proposed project, through either local cash and/or in-kind, force account work provided by Brockport's Department of Public Works;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Brockport is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of the State of New York Contract for Grants ("Contract") with OPRHP for such development of Corbett Park;

RESOLVED, that the Village of Brockport is authorized and directed to agree to the terms and conditions of any required deed of easement granted to OPRHP that affects title to real property owned by the municipality and improved by the grant funds, which may be a duly recorded public access covenant, conservation easement, and/or preservation covenant; and

RESOLVED, that the governing body of the municipality delegates signing authority to execute the Contract and any amendments thereto, any required deed of easement, and any other certifications to the individuals who hold the following elected or appointed municipal office and employment position titles: Village Mayor.

Moved by: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane
Seconded by: Trustee Kristansen

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- Authorize the SEQR resolution for the park grant application: Negative Declaration

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to authorize the NYS OPRHP Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Application SEQR Negative Declaration.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- Authorize the transfer of the Chevy Impala /decommissioned police vehicle to an administrative/municipal use vehicle for training and off-site meeting obligations

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Reed seconded, to authorize the transfer of the Chevy Impala, decommissioned Brockport Police Department vehicle, to an administrative/municipal vehicle for training and off-site meeting

obligations.

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0.

- Approve proposed budgets:
    - FY 2025-2026 General Fund Budget
        - Tax levy of $3,829,584 (a 3.38% increase from the previous year)
        - Total Revenues and Expenses: $7,478,024

→ Trustee Kristansen moved, Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane seconded, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget with a property tax levy of $3,829,584 at 4% and with a tax rate of $10.41/$1,000.

Discussion:

Trustee Bocach: Well, I think we need to take it back to the drawing board or form our committee immediately to start working on cutting the cost or re-evaluating the departments and expenses that we have because we can't kick the can down the road and just wait for the next board to work on that. I think we need to start moving forward with some plan now.

Mayor Blackman: Before approving the budget?

Trustee Bocach: Well, putting it off for the next board.

Mayor Blackman: I mean, this is, we've had, there have been opportunities, I suppose all year long, if there was a belief that we needed to look at individual departments and see about what, you know, what needed to be done, that should have been done.

Trustee Bocach: Well, we talked about it a couple weeks ago, as a recommendation from the finance committee.

Trustee Kristansen: Having been on the Budget Committee, and I did make the recommendation. In the Budget Committee, the committee worked very, very hard with the departments, the department heads, to get the best budget we could possibly get going forward, knowing, knowing that we were going to have new people on the Board who would very much benefit from looking into each of the departments, not to cut, but to learn about the actual departments so that next year's budget, or even just through the year, the workings of the village, would be smooth. The Budget Committee, every one of us, decided that this was the best thing we could do right now. So now to say, after you said, yes, let's go forward with this budget, for you to come back and say, well, wait a minute, we've got to put the brakes on it. We've got to go back and we've got to re-look at this. Which way do you fall? Which way are you falling?

Trustee Bocach: Speaking respectfully.

Trustee Kristansen: I am speaking respectfully. I'm frustrated.

Trustee Bocach: Well, I'm frustrated.

Trustee Kristansen: Excuse me. I am frustrated. I am very frustrated because I see where this is going, and I don't like it. We put together a budget. We've been through a hearing. We've been through numerous sessions. We've done what we were set out to do. It's not to everybody's liking, and I apologize. I wish we didn't have to raise taxes 4%. I wish we could reduce them. But this is the best we can do. And now we're to the point where we're voting. We've done all the work. All the questions should have been asked before this. I made my recommendations and suggestions before tonight. But now, to put a cog in the wheel, we know what we have to do going forward. We've got a plan. We need to be allowed to go forward. I'm not being disrespectful, Joanne. I'm just very frustrated right now because we've put a lot of work into this, and we've done the best we can. And, you know, a lot of the people that are out there complaining, all they're doing is complaining. They're not coming and saying, have you looked at this, have you looked at that? No. So, I'm done.

Trustee Bocach: We looked at a lot of numbers, and we worked numbers in each department cut wherever they could, and, but we have no plan of moving forward. And it was very discouraging for me, as a new person being on the finance committee, to hear that the previous finance committee had some suggestions that weren't even considered, that I think we need to work on the budget is now for next year because we're going to end up, year after year, in the same problem. And when I say look at departments, it doesn't mean eliminating the Police Department or cut DPW hours. That's not at all what it is. What assets do we have that we can take another look at of cost savings and whatever else we can do because the plan that we're on, the track that we're on right now, is going to be even worse next year, and especially with this New York Forward Grant, which is an amazing grant that we have and amazing opportunities that we have. But some of that funds are limited, I'm sorry, matching funds, and we have limited funds to match those with. We've got some problems. Do we need all the buildings that we have?

Manager Linden: There will be no matching funds out of the Village Coffers in any way. The public projects are fully covered. There's no match. And for the projects that get applied for, it's the property owner that would have to put up the match, not the village.

Trustee Bocach: So, the village wouldn't have any?

Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane: Looking at things for next year isn't the motion that is on the table. And what's on the table is the 2025-2026 Budget.

Treasurer Pardun: And if I might just add that by state mandate, whatever is on paper, May 1 becomes our budget. So, if there was something where we were going to try to change it up, there isn't really administratively enough time to do so without emergency meetings.

Trustee Kristansen: I just wish that you had brought this up to the committee, to the three of us before tonight. I wish you had made yourself known.

Manager Linden: I don't think you're saying anything about the General Fund Budget. Annie's right. We're trying to vote on this as it stands, but I think you're simply saying that moving forward, we need to... I mean, our Budget Committee didn't start until September. So, if you're asking for something to start sooner than that, I'm interested in hearing what that is. So then...

Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane: That's not part of this vote. I call the vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Blackman	Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane	Yes
Trustee Kristansen	Yes
Trustee Reed	No
Trustee Bocach	No

Motion carried 3-2.

Manager Linden: I would just like to say that we had a workshop, and we had Public Hearings, and not a single person in the Public spoke against this budget, and no Village Board member asked for the committee to come back with something different. So, I'm deeply disappointed that those Board Members who voted no chose not to ask for something different.

Trustee Bocach: When we had our last budget meeting as the group, I was on the understanding that we were going to create an ad hoc committee and not have it get kicked down the road, and that's going to be something immediate to do.

Manager Linden: Sure, but that's not a budget vote, and it's still something that you can ask for.

Trustee Kristansen: And that's what I recommended.

Mayor Blackman: The budget has to be voted on now.

Manager Linden: Correct. That's correct. So, the budget passed.

- FY 2025-2026 Water Fund Budget
  - Total Revenues and Expenses: $1,441,160

→ Mayor Blackman moved, Trustee Kristansen seconded, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Water Fund Budget with Total Revenues and Expenses of $1,441,160 with Water Rates to increase 16% ($.88/1000 gal) for village accounts and 18% ($1.29/1000gal) for out of district accounts, resulting in this utility being self-supported.

Discussion:

Trustee Kristansen: Once again, we tossed a lot of ideas around. We've put together what we need to put together, and we need to have the Water Fund be self-supporting.

Trustee Bocach: And we have the correct number of employees assigned properly now.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Blackman	Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane	Yes
Trustee Kristansen	Yes
Trustee Reed	Yes
Trustee Bocach	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

- FY 2025-2026 Sewer Fund Budget:
  - Total Revenues and Expenses: $539,616
  - Sewer Shares: spread across a property owner's annual billing (either quarterly or monthly)
    - Out of District Sewer Only- High Consumption (Commercial) $1,500/ year
    - Monthly (High Consumption) $1,200/year
    - Quarterly (High Consumption –over 150,000 gallons annual use) $500/ year
    - Out of District Sewer Only (not village taxpayer) $225/year

- Out of District Sewer Only Quarterly (residential taxpayer) $175/year
- Residential Account $175/year

→ Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane moved, Trustee Reed seconded, to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sewer Fund Budget with Total Revenues and Expenses of $539,616 with Sewer Shares, resulting in this utility being self-supported.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Blackman	Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane	Yes
Trustee Kristansen	Yes
Trustee Reed	Yes
Trustee Bocach	Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

- Approve Local Law #1 Override the Tax Cap

→ Local Law No. 1 of the year 2025 Village of Brockport, County of Monroe

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

Section 1. Legislative Intent
It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Brockport to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. Authority
This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override
The Board of Trustees of the Village of Brockport, County of Monroe, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability
If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date
This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Moved by: Trustee Kristansen
Seconded by: Trustee Reed

Discussion: Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane mentioned a date typo in Section 1 on their paper copy. Manager Linden corrected for these minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Blackman	Yes
Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane	Yes
Trustee Kristansen	Yes
Trustee Reed	Yes
Trustee Bocach	No

Motion carried 4-1.

VILLAGE BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS and/or LIAISON REPORTS:

- April 25th Arbor Day Planting – Mayor Blackman invited the public to meet at Barry Street Park and come dressed to dig. Shovels and instructions provided. Trees will be planted on Barry St and Victory Dr with the great help of our DPW. There will be a few other trees that will be planted around the village. The Mayor is still looking for a site for a Serviceberry tree, please contact her if you have any suggestions.

- SUNY Impact Aid Update – Trustee/Deputy Mayor Crane reported that Mayor Blackman and she received an email from Brian Coffin, Legislative Director at NY Conference of Mayors (NYCOM). She read from that email the updates Mr. Coffin provided.

  ”Brockport’s 2025 SUNY Impact Aid Resolution and letter from your Senator and Assembly Member were shared with both Senate Local Government Chair Monica Martinez and Assembly Local Government Chair Billy Jones. I also passed the resolution to the Senate Finance Government Director and the Assembly Ways and Means Local Government Director as both of those central staff members take lead on negotiating the section of the state budget where SUNY Impact Aid would be placed if it was going to be included. I received a response back from the state comptroller's office stating that they will look further into whether they can or will conduct a more stringent assessment of SUNY College host community's needs. And after interacting with folks in Albany over the last month and a half on budget matters, there is a sense of great uncertainty when it comes to the amount of federal dollars the state will expect to receive this year and new ‘spending lines’ in the budget are kind of being put on the back burner. It will be challenging in this atmosphere to break through on new funding initiatives, even though it has been funded in past years.”

  So, unfortunately, we won't be getting SUNY Impact Aid this year. We already realized it was a tough ask, but we're going forward with it again next year.

ADJOURNMENT

→ Trustee Reed moved, Trustee Bocach seconded, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:02 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Upcoming Meetings: April 28th workshop, May 5th regular meeting