

Village of Voorheesville
Board of Trustees Workshop Meeting
MINUTES
February 23, 2026

Present: Mayor Rich Straut, Trustees Richard Berger and Kaitlin Wilson (6:05 pm), Attorney Richard Reilly, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Steve Mason, DPW Superintendent Brett Hotaling, Public Safety Commissioner Doug Miller, and Clerk Barbara Maughan

Absent: Trustees Jack Stevens and Linda Pasquali

Other Present: None

1. Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Straut called the Meeting to order at 6:01 pm. At 7:05 the Regular meeting was opened and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Building Dept Steve Mason

Steve Mason reported on information being assembled for the Town of New Scotland Assessor and the ongoing progress by Atlas Copco.

3. Public Works Dept Brett Hotaling

Brett Hotaling reported a leak in the rubber roof at the DPW building at 12 Altamont Rd. He is obtaining three to four quotes for repair.

4. Public Safety Commissioner Doug Miller

Doug Miller reported on recent communications with local municipalities and emergency personnel regarding potential extended road blockages caused by trains.

5. Trustee Richard Berger

Trustee Berger introduced a new fire department candidate, Dan Giglio, and requested Board approval.

Motion Made by: Trustee Berger / Seconded by: Trustee Wilson

Motion Text: Approve Dan Giglio as a member of the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department.

Vote Record: All in favor, motion passed

Trustee Berger will work to confirm a band for the Village Memorial Day Celebration event and present the recommendation at the next Board meeting. He asked for a budget figure from the Board for the band for the event.

Motion Made by: Trustee Wilson / Seconded by: Trustee Berger

Motion Text: Approve an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for a band to perform the evening of May 23, 2026 at the firehouse for the Village Memorial Day Celebration event.

Vote Record: All in favor, motion passed

6. Trustee Kaitlin Wilson

Trustee Wilson reviewed progress made by BBB Techs on the Microsoft 365 Restructure.

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7. Village Attorney Richard Reilly

I. 44 Pleasant Street Turnaround

Attorney Reilly updated the Board on the easement for the Pleasant St turnaround. He reported positive communication and cooperation from the property owner.

8. Mayor Straut

I. Condolences to the Families of Jim Hladun

Mayor Straut expressed on behalf of the Board condolences to the families of Jim Hladun.

II. Resolution – Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program Grant

Mayor Straut presented a Resolution supporting an application to the Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.

Motion Made by: Trustee Berger / Seconded by: Trustee Wilson

Motion Text: Approve Resolution No. 006 of 2026, which is approval of the application to the Department of Transportation, for the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant.

Vote Record: All in favor, motion passed

III. Resolution- Pro Housing Community

Mayor Straut tabled approval of the Pro Housing Resolution until the next meeting.

IV. Anthony Berghela – Outdoor Music Entertainment Permit

Mayor Straut presented a request from Anthony Berghela to reconsider stipulations on his Outdoor Music Entertainment Permit regarding the Memorial Day Celebration (Saturday) and the Firehouse Fall Fest. The Board agreed to uphold the original ruling due to parking and pedestrian safety concerns.

Mayor Straut discussed the Village Fee Schedule. The Board will further review Vendor Permit applications, Village Property Use Permits, and the Stormwater Management Fee schedule. A revised schedule will be presented at the next Board meeting.

Mayor Straut reported that he and Superintendent Hotaling met with Town of New Scotland officials regarding water customers on Woodwind Drive. They are working toward creating a water district. Superintendent Hotaling will research pricing, meet again with the Town, and then present information to Woodwind Drive residents.

9. Clerk and Treasurer Office Reports

I. Pay Abstract 9b, Vouchers 26-005604o 26-00582, \$29,406.90

Motion Made by: Trustee Berger / Seconded by: Trustee Wilson

Motion Text: Approve abstract 9b for \$29,406.90 as presented

Vote Record: All in favor, motion passed

II. Resolution- Budget Transfers

Motion Made by: Trustee Wilson / Seconded by: Trustee Berger

Motion Text: Approve the budget transfers as written in Resolution 007 of 2026

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Vote Record: All in favor, motion passed

10. Public Comment (15 minutes)

There were no public comments made.

11. Next Meeting Dates

Deputy Mayor Berger reviewed the following meeting dates:

- I. Workshop, March 11, 2026, 6:00 pm
- II. Workshop, March 24, 2026, 6:00 pm – Regular, March 24, 2026, 7:00 pm
- III. Organizational Meeting, April 6, 2026, 6:00 pm – Workshop, April 6, 2026, 7:00 pm

12. Adjourn

Motion Made by: Trustee Berger / Seconded by: Trustee Wilson

Motion Text: Adjourn the meeting of February 23, 2026 at 7:14 pm

Vote Record: All in favor, motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Maughan
Village Clerk
Approved: