

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HANCOCK VILLAGE BOARD,  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.  
HANCOCK VILLAGE HALL, 85 EAST FRONT STREET, HANCOCK, NEW YORK

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Shaun Shannon.

Present: Mayor Shaun Shannon  
Deputy Mayor Jason Mead  
Trustee Ricky Kuehn - Excused  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi  
Trustee Shane Mielke - Excused

Also Present: Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
Gina Middleton, Attorney Coughlin and Gerhart

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to approve the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. 2025-052  
*Minutes Approval*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and carried to approve Abstract of Vouchers #01 in the amount of \$11,007.57. 2025-053  
*Abstract Approval*

The Village reached out to Leslie Lamb at Catskill Mountain Abstract Corp. to conduct a deed search on the property owned by the Village behind the Village Barn on Sands Creek Road. Mrs. Lamb let the Village know that she is unable to conduct the search. Attorney Middleton stated that there are people who conduct deed searches at Coughlin and Gerhart.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and carried to approve the proposal from Hudson Energy for the NYSEG Natural Gas. 2025-054  
*Hudson Energy*

KLW Municipal Inc proposed a Real Property Professional Service Agreement to conduct a Village wide Appraisal on all Village properties for \$46,000.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to accept KLW Municipal Inc Real Property Professional Service Agreement as proposed with the corrections of Mrs. Phyllis Falsetta Village Clerk instead of Ms. Regina Skinner and Shaun M. Shannon, Mayor instead of Peter Shrob, Mayor. 2025-055  
*KLW Appraisal Agreement*

Pete Hathaway Code Enforcement monthly report was read and reviewed by the board. They briefly discussed court for 493 Peas Eddy Road for excessive garbage on the property was held today and that the owners for 493 Peas Eddy did not attend.

## **The following Resolutions were presented:**

### **Resolution # P3- 1**

#### **Village of Hancock Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Board Resolution – Designation of Certifying Officer**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hancock will apply to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Program Year 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant via a Public Infrastructure application for the Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is required to designate a certifying officer for the purposes of compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Hancock designates the Mayor as the Certifying Officer for the Village of Hancock's Critical Sewer Improvements Phase 3 Project requested by CFA 2025 Application #149382.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion offered by: Deputy Jason Mead  
Motion seconded by: Trustee Dorothy Picozzi  
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:  
Mayor Shaun Shannon yes  
Deputy Mayor Jason Mead yes  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi yes  
VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0

### **Resolution # P3 -2**

#### **Village of Hancock Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Board Resolution – Commitment to Provide Assistance to Low and Moderate Income Persons to Connect to the Village Sanitary Sewer System**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hancock will apply to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Program Year 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant via a Public Infrastructure application for the Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village intends to assist persons of low and moderate income undertake sanitary sewer system connections; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Department of Housing & Urban Development annually establishes Low Income (80% of Median Family Income) income ceilings adjusted for family size; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village is committed to assist any persons qualifying as low and moderate income to undertake any new connections to the Village sanitary sewer system;

**WHEREAS**, the Village is prepared to advertise the availability of assistance to person of low and moderate income to make new connections to the Village sanitary sewer system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Hancock hereby commits to using monies from funds available in a reserve account at Wayne Bank and a savings account at NBT Bank to assist low and moderate income persons by providing grants to pay for proposed new sanitary sewer connections within the Village of Hancock sanitary sewer system. There is no expiration on this commitment.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2025.

Motion offered by: Deputy Jason Mead  
Motion seconded by: Trustee Dorothy Picozzi  
UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:  
Mayor Shaun Shannon yes  
Deputy Mayor Jason Mead yes  
Trustee Dorothy Picozzi yes  
VOTE: Resolution carried by a vote of 3 to 0

#### **Resolution # P3 - 3 Village of Hancock Village of Hancock Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 Board Resolution – Local Funding Commitment**

Whereas, the Village of Hancock will apply to the NYS Office of Community Renewal Program Year 2025 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant via a Public Infrastructure application for its Critical Sewer Improvements - Phase 3 project;

A letter was presented to the Board from the HPD concerning the parking behind the Office and Police Station. There has been an increase in vehicles parking out back due to the new trading post next door. There have been a couple instances where the patrol car could not enter or leave the parking lot. They asked the board to address this issue. The Board requested that the Village DPW crew re-install signs And re-paint lines that state for Village Parking ONLY.

Mayor Shannon stated that he is working with Friends of the Upper Delaware River who proposed installing a walk way to the river and some other upgrades at the Junction Pool river access located behind the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1066 LaBarre Street. FUDR is going to be applying for a grant for this project but the issue is that the responsibility of maintaining for years after would resort back to the Village. The Village would not be able to maintain responsibility due to upkeep and cost. The Mayor will speak with FUDR regarding not doing this project.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried to schedule a public hearing for the closure of the Crowe Street entrance in to the Tops Market Parking lot. 2025-057  
*Public Hearing Tops*

Public Comment:

Kathy Ingalls stated that they are working on trapping cats and kittens around the top of Leonard St. and other locations throughout the Village. The Board stated that the budget includes \$5,000.00 to help with accruing expenses involved with the cats.

Paul Siegler asked if Wheeler Street between West Front Street and West Main Street can be closed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show held on July 19, 2025 at the park from 9 am – 4 pm to allow venders and parking.

James Serio stated that when the KLV Municipal Inc. comes to appraise the Village parcels that the board meets with them to gather ideas and suggestions to keep the assessment more current and up to date rather than having to do this again in 10-15 years.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried at 7:17 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss: 2025- 058  
*Executive Session*

- The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation

The meeting was reconvened at 8:19 P.M. with no action taken.

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and carried to hire Wyatt Persbacker as a Seasonal Rec Center Aide from July to September 2025. 2025-059  
*W. Persbacker Rec Center*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by, Trustee Picozzi voted and carried to accept the resignation of Christopher “Jake” Geer from the Village of Hancock Volunteer Fire Department. 2025-060  
*C. Geer HFD Resign*

**A MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Mead, seconded by Trustee Picozzi, voted and carried at 8:25 P.M. to enter into executive session to discuss: 2025- 061  
*Executive Session*

- The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation

The meeting was reconvened at 8:29 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Demi Shannon, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer