



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
JANUARY 6, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerry Messmer	Trustee Pam Cicconi - ABSENT	Trustee Thomas Letteer, Jr.
Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder	Trustee Alijia Bailey	Fire Chief Adam Mahnke
DPW Superintendent Steve Siptrott	Trustee Kristine Gardner	Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: 13 PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Only residents of the Village of Odessa will be allowed to address the Village Board about the potential of dissolution.

APPOINTMENTS:

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Harold will be performing fire inspections on rental properties in the next month.

DPW REPORT: Steve found a deal on a used box for the white truck. He is waiting to hear back on this.

FIRE DEPT: The Fire Department had 23 calls this month, of which 15 were EMS, 3 MVA, and the remainder assorted calls. The tracks have been serviced and are in use again. The trailer hauler is also back and in service. The Fire District will resume meetings later this month. The rescue truck will need replacing. We will be looking at truck replacements to bring to the Village Board, who act as the Fire Commissioners.

CLERK

**Resolution 35-2024-25
VOUCHERS**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the January 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$387,165.47

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor -Motion Carried

Resolution 36-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for December 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Alijia Jean Bailey

Second: Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - No new updates. Phase 2 will start in March
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report
- **PLANNING BOARD:**
 - Nothing to report/no activity
- **NEW LOCATION**
 - Need to review rental rate
 - Do we want to allow tables and chairs to be rented out? Fee?
 - What tasks remain: door closure, sound panels, spicket, coat rack, prep table.
 - Spring: Paint street lines and seal by contractor (\$3600)
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - Project is going over bid amount causing DOT to want to cancel the project
 - If cancelled Odessa would have to pay back all expended funds. Mayor told DOT it would bankrupt the village. Not an option.
 - DOT can finish the plans, shelf the project and we won't have to pay, project will simply not get done in our lifetime
 - DOT is going to try to get more funding
 - Mayor submitted the letter for more financing in conjunction with C&S Engineers to DOT
 - No response from DOT
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Fire District meeting with Town Supervisors on January 3rd.
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - Meetings in the works.
- **Paving of Streets in 2025**
 - Determine where we want to resurface streets in 2025 calculating total feet
 - DPW Task
 - Determine CHIPS Funds available to know how many feet we can do
 - Clerk/Treasurer Task to determine available funds
 - Coordinate with Chemung County to schedule a shared service project
 - DPW Task

• **FUTURE OF DPW TASKS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE 1:**

- Re-align budget funds-To be presented to the board members by the mayor at the February budget workshop
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- Pothole repair in the spring to be done by contractor using CHIPS
- Branch Yard to have weekend hours for residents to drop off-DPW Opinion
- Determine what equipment to be retained and sold
 - DPW Supervisor to present at March meeting
- Determine location of new salt shed to be built with CHIPS Funds
- Steve will stay on to operate water and sewer systems
- Need to find lawn mowing service for Village areas
 - Put it out to bid NLT 1 April

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 37-2024-25

Resolution to Dissolve Village Government TABLED DISCUSSION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the BOARD OF TRUSTEES TABLES THE DISCUSSION SURROUNDING THE RESOLUTION TO COMMENCE PROCESS TO DISSOLVE THE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT IAW GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW ARTICLE 17-A

WHEREAS, the State of New York has encouraged local municipalities to consolidate services and governance obligations; and

WHEREAS the Village Board of the Village of ODESSA deems it appropriate to explore the possibility of dissolving the political entity known as the Village of Odessa and merge the responsibilities thereof with other municipal entities and

WHEREAS, to complete such process, the Village Board must first perform a study to collect information and develop a plan in accordance with NYS General Municipal Law Article 17-A.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Odessa hereby authorizes the Mayor and/or his designee to commence the process by creating a committee, comprised of stakeholders, to study Village operations, analyze the potential impacts of restructuring options, formulate a plan, and vet the dissolution proposal with the public; and it is FURTHER RESOLVED that the mayor and/or his designee may retain experts and other consultants to assist the committee in its work.

Motion by: Gerard Messemer

Second: Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 38-2024-25 Tabled Discussion

VILLAGE OF ODESSA BOARD OF TRUSTICES RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CITIZENS RE-ORGANIZATION EMPOWERMENT GRANT (CREG) FOR GRANT FUNDS TO SUPPORT INFORMATION REGARDING THE IMPACT OF DISSOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF ODESSA.

WHEREAS, AS A RESULT OF A BOARD INITIATED RESOLUTION FOR DISSOLUTION BEING ADOPTED JANUARY 6, 2024 according to Article 17-A of the GML, the Village of Tannersville Village Board of Trustees has DETERMINED IT DESIREBALE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION UNDER THE 2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CITIZENS RE-ORGANIZATION EMPOWERMENT GRANT (CREG) GRANT, TO BE TITLED, VILLAGE OF ODESSA DISSOLUTION STUDY; AND

WHEREAS, as a result of aboard initiated resolution for dissolution being adopted on January 6th, determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to undertake the necessary activities for the Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (CREG) to be titled, Village of Odessa Dissolution submittal of an application under the 2023 New York State Department of State Local Government Study; and support the study of dissolution of the Village of Odessa prior to a referendum on dissolution of

WHEREAS the intent of the grant is to provide the Village of Odessa with financial assistance to the Village; and Empowerment Grant (CREG) is an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and WHEREAS, the CREG program has a required 50% local cash match, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Odessa is the Lead Applicant in an application for financial and be it further assistance under the 2023 Local Government Citizens Re-Organization Empowerment Grant (CREG);

RESOLVED, the Village of Odessa Board of Trustees authorizes the required local matching funds: and be it further RESOLVED, the Village of Odessa Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the mayor to submit the grant application; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer and Village Attorney are authorized to undertake all actions necessary to effectuate this Resolution, which shall take effect immediately.

Put to vote by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa on January 6, 2025, as follows to
TABLE THIS DISCUSSION:

Motion by: Gerard Messemer

Second: Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Village of Odessa, hereby certify that the above is a resolution duly adopted by the Village Board of Trustees on January 6, 2025.

In testimony whereof, I have here unto to my hand and affixed the official seal of the Village of Odessa, County of Schuyler this 6th day of January 2025.

Signed: _____
Alissa Snyder
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Odessa

Resolution 39-2024-25

Support a New York State (NYS) Department of State (DOS) Local Government Efficiency Grant Application TABLED DISCUSSION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees **TABLES:** The Resolution Supporting a New York State (NYS) Department of State (DOS) Local Government Efficiency Grant Application to Study the Feasibility of Fire and Emergency Service Regionalization between the Village of Burdett, Village of Montour Falls, Village of Odessa, and Village of Watkins Glen

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State has available funds for the 2025-26 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program, and

WHEREAS this grant program can assist Odessa in identifying opportunities to cooperate with other local governments in the area to reduce the cost of providing services, and

WHEREAS the cost to provide fire and emergency service is a large share of all municipal and county budgets and property tax levies, and

WHEREAS, at a time when the cost to provide fire and emergency service is growing rapidly and local budgets are tightly constrained, it is increasingly difficult to provide fire and emergency services at a cost that can be supported by local budgets, and

WHEREAS Odessa and the Odessa Fire Department would benefit from reducing the cost of adequately providing fire and emergency service, and

WHEREAS a study to evaluate the four-village fire and emergency service and identify areas where regionalization, intermunicipal cooperation, shared services, or redistributions of responsibilities could result in a more efficient system of providing quality fire and emergency service and lower costs, and

WHEREAS, Odessa, on behalf of its citizens, supports this effort and grant application for approximately \$80,000, with a required local cash match of 50% that shall be allocated among the participating municipalities, now therefor be it

RESOLVED, That Odessa supports the Grant Application to Study the Feasibility of Fire and Emergency Service Regionalization between the Village of Burdett, Village of Montour Falls, Village of Odessa, and Village of Watkins Glen,

RESOLVED, further, that Odessa agrees, if awarded, to participate and assist in all phases of the Study to identify the Feasibility of Fire and Emergency Service Regionalization between the Village of Burdett, Village of Montour Falls, Village of Odessa, and Village of Watkins Glen.

Motion by: Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Second: Alijia Jean Bailey

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 40-2024-25
SET POLLING PLACE AND HOURS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves 1928 County Rt 15 as the polling place for the March 2025 election with voting hours of 12 pm until 9 pm.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Alijia Jean Bailey

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

• **BUDGET WORKING GROUP:**

- Scheduled for February 26th at 6:30PM at the Community Room. So we can present the budget to the Board in March to schedule the April Public Budget hearing

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Thomas Letteer, Jr. thanked all public attendees for coming to the meeting and to any person running for an open trustee position.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Gerard Messemer to people interested in running, please stop in and grab a petition from the Village Office or from the meeting at the ends of the tables.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:30PM by Alijia Jean, seconded by Kristine Gardner. Meeting adjourned.



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VILLAGE OF ODESSA
FEBRUARY 3, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerry Messmer - ABSENT
Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder
DPW Superintendent Steve Siptrott

Trustee Pam Cicconi
Trustee Alijia Bailey
Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee Thomas Letteer, Jr.
Fire Chief Adam Mahnke
Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Parker – Dutton S. Peterson Memorial Library- The president of the library submitted a proposal to the Village Board to purchase the DPW building to build a new library

James Howell – Schuyler County

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Joel Moore, Sue Bulkley, Kathy Wilkins, Christian Maphis, Deb Orah-Yeager, Dennis Tremblay, Ron Greschler, Cindy Emerson, Tom Morgan, Courtney Morgan, Dustin Carnes, Don Smith, Dan Shumway, Scout Troop 50.

APPOINTMENTS:

Pamela Kelly – Deputy Treasurer

Resolution 41-2024-25
APPOINT DEPUTY TREASURER

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Pamela Kelly as Deputy Treasurer. No salary involved with this appointment.

Motion by: Alijia Jean Bailey

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Harold has fire inspections done by March 3, 2025. He has started online training via video conferencing.

DPW REPORT: The Fire Department heat is not working again. Seneca Heating will come out and fix it. The sewer plant sensor is wet, and needing to be pumped out by hand. The new part will be here the 11th of the month. We need to figure out where to store road salt.

FIRE DEPT: The Fire Department has 18 calls, of which 11 were EMS, no fires, and the remainder miscellaneous calls. The trailer on Truck 26 is finally repaired, and back in service. The Fire Department building needs site repairs. We are waiting on final quotes. Seneca Heating is coming to fix the heating. As for the fire district, Cayuga and Veteran and Odessa will be hosting a Q&A session, date to be determined.

CLERK

Resolution 42-2024-25
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the February 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$58,153.33.

Motion by: Pamela Cicconi

Second: Alijia Jean Bailey

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 43-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for January 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Alijia Jean Bailey

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - No new updates. Phase 2 will start in March. The kickoff meeting is March 3rd 2025 at 10AM at 1928 County Road 15, Odessa, NY.
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report
- **PLANNING BOARD:**
 - Nothing to report/no activity
- **NEW LOCATION**
 - Need to review rental rate
 - Do we want to allow tables and chairs to be rented out? Fee?
 - Entryway carpets?
 - What tasks remain? (DPW)
 - Spring: Paint street lines and seal by contractor (\$3600)
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - Project is going over bid amount causing DOT to want to cancel the project
 - If cancelled Odessa would have to pay back all expended funds. Mayor told DOT it would bankrupt the village. Not an option.
 - DOT can finish the plans, shelf the project and we won't have to pay, project will simply not get done in our lifetime
 - DOT is going to try to get more funding

- Mayor submitted the letter for more financing in conjunction with C&S Engineers to DOT
- No response from DOT

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**

- Fire District meeting with Town Supervisors on January 3rd.

- **WALKABILITY GRANT**

- We have time to get it done
- Video conference did not occur. Supervisor will attend April board meeting.

- **Paving of Streets in 2025**

- Determine where we want to resurface streets in 2025 calculating total feet
 - DPW Task
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- Need to find lawn mowing service for Village areas
 - Put it out to bid NLT 1 April

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 46-2024-25
APPROVE FOOD PANTRY

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Trustees approves a food pantry in the Village of Odessa, located at 1928 County Road 15, Village Offices. The food pantry will remain until the food pantry decided to move locations and/or the village dissolves the food pantry. The dates and hours will be determined at a later date.

Motion by: Alijia Jean Bailey

Second: Thomas Letteer

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 47-2024-25
APPOINT ELECTION INSPECTORS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the election inspectors as follows: Sue Buckley and Cathy Messemer for the election on March 18, 2025 from 12PM to 9PM.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pamela Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Pamela Cicconi informed the board of the Odessa Community Days committee meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Alijia Jean Bailey asked if we have metal door closers for the community room doors.

MAYOR COMMENTS: N/A

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:11 PM by Alijia Jean Bailey, seconded by Pamela Cicconi. Meeting adjourned.



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

VILLAGE OF ODESSA

MARCH 3, 2025, 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gerry Messmer

Trustee Pam Cicconi

Trustee Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder

Trustee Alija Bailey

Fire Chief Adam Mahnke

DPW Superintendent Steve Siptrott

Trustee Kristine Gardner

Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: William Horner, Jr., Thomas and Courtney Morgan, Gary Hanson, Dustin Carnes, Robert Halpin.

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 208 Owen Place is being demolished for a rebuild. Arbor Housing is going to subdivide the property.

DPW REPORT: We are hiring Larry's Paving to fill potholes in the village. We have CHIPs money to do 5 miles of roadway then will follow with stone and oil. A Class C license is necessary for the new Superintendent of Public Works. Steve will be staying on until the new DPW Supervisor has completed his 6 months of training under Steve.

FIRE DEPT: We had 26 calls, 17 of them were EMS, 1 was a structure fire, and the remainder were various other calls. The fire district question and answer meeting will be held off on until April 19, 2025 at 6:00PM. April 12, 2025 is the fire banquet. One of the ice rescue suits failed. Two new sets of turnout gear were ordered for the two new members. There were two resignations. Also there is a new class at the end of the month for the new members.

CLERK

Resolution 48-2024-25

VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the February 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$494,296.00.

Motion by: Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor - Motion Carried

Resolution 49-2024-25

MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for February 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Second: Pam Cicconi

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Phase 2 will start on March 24, 2025 for staging.
 - Kick off meeting held today
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report
- **PLANNING BOARD:**
 - Nothing to report/no activity
- **NEW LOCATION**
 - Rentals of tables and chairs are tabled for the foreseeable future.
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - Project is going over bid amount causing DOT to want to cancel the project
 - Mayor is working with DOT for additional funding
 - Mayor requested financial support from the Legislature, Carl Blowers, who declined to support the project
 - If we cannot get the additional funding and the projects stops, we will need to close the bridge
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Defer to Fire Chief
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - Needs to get done
- **PAVING OF STREETS IN 2025**
 - Determine where we want to resurface streets in 2025 calculating total feet
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- Steve will stay on to operate water and sewer systems as the Water and Wastewater Supervisor
- Need to find lawn mowing service for Village areas
 - Put it out to bid NLT 1 April

● **ODESSA COMMUNITY DAYS 2025**

- Date is July 27, 2025 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM
- Is a temporary liquor license necessary? What wineries will be present?

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 50-2024-25
MORGAN WATER OVERPAYMENT CHECK

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves reimbursing Thomas Morgan for the over-payment on his water bills due to a damaged meter pit.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: \Thomas Letteer, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor - Motion Carried

Resolution 51-2024-25
DETERMINATION OF EXCESS PROPERTY OF DPW

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees HAS TABLED the discussion to approve the determination that the DPW building, and lot is Excess Property. The buildings are in complete disrepair and at the end of their lifespan. The salt shed can be replaced at a new location using CHIPS funding. With Phase 2 of the water project starting and the new building entering construction we will move all DPW operations, to include the Water and Sewer District operations to the new building at 100 Vacri Court upon completion of construction. The village has received a purchase offer that meets the fair and adequate terms IAW Village Law § 1-102(1).

Motion by: Alijia Jean Bailey

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor - Motion Carried

Resolution 52-2024-25
LIBRARY OFFER ON DPW PROPERTY

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees HAS TABLED the discussion to approve the library has presented an offer to buy DPW building for the value of the land that meets the fair and adequate terms IAW Village Law § 1-102(1). In accordance with the offer, DPW will remain in the building until they move to the new location on Vacri Court. This resolution is subject to a legal review by the village attorney.

Motion by: Alijia Jean Bailey
Second: Pam Cicconi
Vote: All in Favor - Motion Carried

Resolution 53-2024-25
ODESSA VILLAGE WIDE YARD SALES DATE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the date of August 2, 2025 for the village wide Odessa yard sales.

Motion by: Gerry Messmer
Second: Kristine Gardner
Vote: All in Favor - Motion Carried

- **PROPANE VENDOR** service is currently Finger Lakes Propane. Please see attached quote from Stewart P. Wilson.

- **GARBAGE SERVICE** Please see attached quote from Red Line Disposal.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

MAYOR COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:37 PM by Gerry Messmer, seconded by Thomas Letteer, Jr.. Meeting adjourned.



**ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
APRIL 7, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes

Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder

DPW Superintendent Steven Siptrott

Trustee Pam Cicconi

Trustee Alijia Jean Bailey

Trustee Cynthia Emerson

Trustee William Horner, Jr.

Fire Chief Adam Mahnke

Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

APPOINTMENTS:

Resolution 55-2024-25
ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the following organizational appointments:

Deputy Mayor – Kristine Gardner

Village Attorney – Guy Krogh, Thaler and Thaler

Council of Governments Representative – _____

Summer Recreation Liaison – Kristine Gardner

Code Enforcement – Harold Russell

Associate Justice—Joshua Navone

Deputy Clerk—Angela May

Clerk/Treasurer—Alissa Snyder

Motion by: Pam Cicconi

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 56-2024-25
ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the following annual resolutions:

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER –

Watkins Review & Express - General Filings.

Hi-Lites - for Special Advertisements.

OFFICIAL PUBLICIST-
Odessafile-Charlie Haeffner

DATES FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings will be held once a month on the first Monday starting at 6:30 PM. In the event that Monday is a federal Holiday, the meeting will move to Tuesday for that month only. Affected dates are:

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR BOARD MEETINGS

State Law regulates that 3 of 5 Board Members must be present to constitute a Quorum. All Executive Sessions must be during public meetings.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 57-2024-25
ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION:

Advance Approval of Claims Pursuant to Village Law § 5-524(6), the board of trustees may, by resolution, authorize claims for public utility services, postage, freight, and express charges to be paid in advance of audit. An appropriate resolution authorizing advance payment of claims follows:

***WHEREAS** the board of trustees has determined to authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges, other bills that will incur late fees; and*

***WHEREAS** all such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit; and*

***WHEREAS** the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claim are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the board of trustees authorizes payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, Justice Fees, postage, freight and express charges and all other categories that may incur late fees or otherwise be paid late. All such claims must be presented at the next regular meeting for audit and the claimant and the officer incurring or approving the claims are jointly and severally liable for any amount the board of trustees disallows. Designated official bank signors: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cynthia Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 58-2024-25
DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

Pursuant to Village Law § 4-412(3)(2), the board of trustees must designate, by resolution, banks, or trust companies in which the treasurer, clerk, receiver, and town receiver who are designated and appointed as village receiver may deposit village moneys received by them. An appropriate resolution designating depositories follows:

***WHEREAS** the board of trustees has determined that Village Law § 4-412(3) (2) requires the designation of banks or trust companies for the deposit of all village monies.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the board of trustees designates the following institutions as depositories of all moneys received by the village treasurer, clerk, and receiver of taxes. Names of Institutions:

Chemung Canal

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 59-2024-25
MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

Pursuant to Village Law § 5-524(7), the actual and necessary expenses the officers and employees incur in performing their official duties are a village charge. However, in lieu of auditing and allowing a claim for actual and necessary expenses for travel, the board of trustees may

by resolution to pay a reasonable mileage allowance for use of personal automobiles in performing official duties. (See Chapter 15, Finances on page 15.11 for more information on travel expenses). An appropriate resolution authorizing a mileage allowance follows:

WHEREAS the board of trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate for mileage as reimbursement to village officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official village duties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the board of trustees will approve reimbursement to such officers and employees at the rate of .67 per mile.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 60-2024-25
ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS AND CONFERENCES

Pursuant to General Municipal Law § 77-b, municipal officials and employees may attend schools, conferences, and seminars conducted for the benefit of the local government. (See Chapter 15, Finances on page 15.11 for more information on travel expenses). However, attendance is not authorized, nor can reimbursement be applied for, unless the board of trustees approves of the attendance in advance. This would include such meetings as NYCOM's Annual Meeting and Training School, NYCOM's Fall Training School, NYCOM's Public Works Training School, etc. An appropriate resolution authorizing attendance at schools and conferences follows:

WHEREAS there is to be held during the coming official year a) NYCOM's Annual Meeting and Training School b) NYCOM's Fall Training School c) NYCOM's Public Works Training School, and d) the following county association meetings; etc.; and

WHEREAS attendance by certain municipal officials and employees at one or more of these meetings, conferences or schools benefits the municipality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the following officers and employees are authorized to attend the following schools:

Mayor Dustin Carnes, Deputy Mayor Kristine Gardner, Trustees Pam Cicconi, William Horner, Jr., and Cynthia Emerson; Clerk/Treasurer Alissa Snyder, DPW Supervisor Steve Siptrott, Code Enforcement Harold Russell. Schools: All NYCOM and NYS Comptroller Schools and any schools or training as deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees during the Budget Year 2024-25.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cynthia Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 61-2024-25
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

Although the Open Meetings Law requires that the public be allowed to attend all meetings, it is silent with respect to public participation at meetings. Therefore, the public body may, at its discretion, allow the public to speak, but State law does not require that the public be allowed to do so. Therefore, the Village Board will only allow the public three minutes to speak. Upon the completion of the three minutes the Board will move on to the next public attendee, or to the business to be conducted. This rule will be applied equitably, with all attendees, regardless of residence, being afforded the same opportunity to participate.

WHEREAS the board of trustees has determined that it will not engage the public at this time but will take the comments into advisement and is under no obligation to respond.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the board of trustees approves the Public Participation Policy as stated above.

Section 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cynthia Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 62-2024-25
BUDGET APPROVAL 2024-2025

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Trustees approves the 2025-2026 Budget for the Village of Odessa with a Tax Levy of \$179,085.00, representing the allowable levy growth factor of 1.0200.

SECTION 2. That this resolution is effective immediately.

Motion by: Pam Cicconi

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Harold has one property he is currently working with in efforts to maintain a proper and safe space. The Department of State and Department of Census forms have been filled out, filed, and sent in.

DPW REPORT: The potholes are due to be filled the second week of the month. Holes will be filled with hot mix, and then rolled, as prep for chips and oil. This will occur on heavily used streets in the village. We will reach out to vendors for tree removal on Speedway and Hanlon. As for branch pickup, residents can bring their brush to the “pit”, located on Texas Hollow Road on the right-hand side across from the OLD water tower.

FIRE DEPT: We had 55 calls this month of which the breakdown is as follows: 25 were EMS, 1 structure fire, 2 MVA, 4 mutual aid, and the rest miscellaneous. R.Roper resigned, and added 2 new members. The banquet is this weekend, April 12, 2025. The monthly meeting is the 4th Monday in the month. Roof repairs will be occurring for minor repairs, and an estimate for full roof repair will be procured. We are delaying compliance testing.

COMMUNITY ROOM

- Trustees to determine, on a rotating basis, which weeks they will inspect community room.
- Week 1, Week 2, Week 3, Week 4,

Resolution 63-2024-25
APPROVE LINE/ADMINISTRATIVE FD OFFICERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the Line and Administrative Officers of the Odessa Fire Department for the year 2024-25.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

CLERK

Resolution 64-2024-25
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the March 2025 Vouchers in the Amount of \$151,323.69.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 65-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for March 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Pam Cicconi

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Phase 2 will start March 24th.
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report
- **PLANNING BOARD:**
 - Nothing to report/no activity
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - Project is going over bid amount causing DOT to want to cancel the project
 - Mayor is working with DOT for additional funding
 - Mayor requested financial support from the Legislature, Carl Blowers, who declined to support the project
 - If we cannot get the additional funding and the projects stops, we will need to close the bridge
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - It takes 1 year to form the fire district, which would take responsibility away from the village.
 - It gives a voice to ALL residents, not just the Village of Odessa residents only.
 - There will be a consistent and stable budget.
 - It would allow for self-governance.
 - They can focus solely on emergency services.
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - Needs to get done

- **PAVING OF STREETS IN 2025**
 - DPW has a contract with Larry’s Paving to do pothole repair as soon as possible.
 - Determine where we want to resurface streets in 2025 calculating total feet
 - DPW Task
 - Determine CHIPS Funds available to know how many feet we can do-COMPLETED
 - Contract with Suitkote to oil and stone streets

- **FUTURE OF DPW TASKS TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE 1:**
 - Re-align budget funds-\$65,000 available to contract services and meet bond payment
 - Hire employee to be in place by 1 June. Anthony Pratte
 - Services to be eliminated or restructured
 - Branch and leaf pickup to be conducted on Monday and Friday only
 - Tree cutting to be contracted out
 - Have 2-3 companies on standby to cut trees within right of way as required
 - Water and sewer line breaks to be contracted out
 - Need to find a construction company to contract with/have on speed dial
 - Pothole repair in the spring to be done by contractor using CHIPS
 - Branch Yard to have weekend hours for residents to drop off
 - Determine what equipment to be retained and sold
 - Determine location of new salt shed to be built with CHIPS Funds
 - Steve will stay on to operate water and sewer systems
 - Need to find lawn mowing service for Village areas
 - Put it out to bid

- **ODESSA COMMUNITY DAYS 2025**
 - Date is July 26, 2025
 - When is the next meeting? Will we need temporary liquor licenses?

Resolution 66-2024-25
APPROVE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor nominates to the Board of Trustees for approval, the nomination of the following Planning Board Members, Gary Hanson, and April Mann. Each member has 12 months to complete the required training to remain on the board.

Additionally, the Board shall select one member to represent the Village of Odessa on the Schuyler County Planning Commission. While the Village understands and acknowledges that the County is under no obligation to coordinate with the Village for a representative, the Village of Odessa will not recognize any commissioner on the Schuyler County Planning Commission representing Odessa that is not approved by the Village Board through a mutual agreement between the Odessa Village Board and the Schuyler County Planning Commission regardless of the Schuyler County Planning Commission Bylaws.

Successful coordination between Odessa and Schuyler County can only be achieved through working together and in a mutually supporting manner. Communication is imperative and the Village Board would prefer the nominated person to send reports to the Village after meetings. Without professional communications Odessa will not know what actions are being taken that may affect our residents who rely on us.

Motion by: Mayor to appoint Gary Hanson:

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Motion by: Mayor to appoint April Mann

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: Motion Carried

Motion by: Mayor to appoint Ron Greschler

Second: Cynthia Emerson

Vote: Motion Carried

Motion by: Mayor to appoint Courtney Morgan

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

- **PROPANE VENDOR** service is currently Finger Lakes Propane. Please see attached quote from Stewart P. Wilson.
- **GARBAGE SERVICE** Please see attached quote from Red Line Disposal.

Resolution 67-2024-25
APPROVE COMMUNITY DAYS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the following for the purpose of Odessa Community Days 2025:

- Closing of Church Street and a side street towards the DPW from 8Am to 7PM, Saturday, July 26, 2025.
- Marking of parking spots for ease of vendor placement on Friday, July, 25, 2025.
- Permission to have an open container policy for the purpose of vendors to sell and attendees to enjoy such beverages.
- Request for help from DPW and other volunteers for the festival with various items such a street closure, set up, tear down, and sanitation needs, i.e. garbage bags.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 68-2024-25
SWITCH PROPANE VENDORS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the transfer of services from Finger Lakes Propane to Stewart P. Wilson.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: William Horner, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 69-2024-25
ADJUSTMENTS FOR FUNDS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the adjustments for the general, water, and trust and agency funds.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: William Horner, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion carried

Resolution 70-2024-25
SALARY INCREASE FOR CLERK-TREASURER

Alissa Snyder has completed all training by the previous clerk/treasurer and therefore, the salary must be returned to the full pay of the position as it is no longer necessary to split the hourly rate between her and the trainer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the increase in hourly rate for the Clerk-Treasurer from \$18.00 per hour to \$22.00 per hour restoring the full pay of the position.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: William Horner, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 71-2024-25
COMMUNITY ROOM BAN

Due to misuse of the community room, we have to ban a community member from using the room for a length of one year. They failed to reserve the room correctly, did not pay the deposit at all and failed to apply for use and scheduling. The reservation the following day was unable to use the room safely due to broken glass, and other broken metal bits, as well as a dirty floor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the one year ban, and subsequent monetary fees for the use of the community room for this individual.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: William Horner, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

• **DUMPSTER DAY**

- Dumpster Day will be held on September 20, 2025, from 8:00AM to 12:00 noon.
- Need to get quotes from vendors.
- Subjective location is the Odessa Fire House.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

August 2, 2025 is the date of the village wide rummage sale.

We need volunteers for the Mother's Garden/flowers.

Volunteers are needed for the new Odessa Food Pantry. It will occur Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

May 3, 2025 is the Odessa Clean Up Day. Please join us for refreshments. The Bucket will be open with a limited menu.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The RailTrail had a tree across the trail.

Joel Moore- We need to find a new representative for the Joint Sanitary Landfill Commission. They meet 4x a year. The landfill needs to be fully closed. There is potential for remediation to be done, and the budget has hundreds of thousands in the budget to do so. It is located in Reading Center.

Joel – Moore - Is there commercial zoning for a solar farm to be installed in the village limits? No, there is not zoning for this. We will get the code enforcement officer on this.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:34PM pm by Pam Cicconi, seconded by Kristine Gardner. Meeting adjourned.



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
MAY 5, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes
Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder
DPW Superintendent Steve Siptrott

Trustee Pam Cicconi
Trustee Cynthia Emerson
Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee William Horner, Jr.
Fire Chief Adam Mahnke
Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Sue Bulkley, Thomas and Courtney Morgan, Joel Moore

APPOINTMENTS:

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: There have been on-going issues within the village, including with an unregistered car, high grass issues, and maintenance and safety issues.

DPW REPORT: Sam has been catching up on mowing, brush, and weed-eating. The DPW garage doors are needing to be fixed, and the community room front door frame needs to be replaced. Water licensure is in the works for Sam.

FIRE DEPT: There were 32 calls this month, of which 2 were structure fires with no injuries, 19 were EMS, one severe arrest with good patient outcome as the patient is alive. Engine 23 is back in service. OFD will assist in the WNYOA ATV Father's Day race. Adam will be unavailable for the July meeting, so Steve Siptrott will be our point-of-contact. There will be more information forthcoming for the fire district over the next few months.

PLANNING BOARD: We need site plans for the Habitat for Humanity. The by-laws were asked for, however, we do not have by-laws but standards of operation. Perhaps the planning board could create a comprehensive list of by-laws for the village? Planning Board meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM in the community room. We also need to get a figure for training for the planning board. It is approximately \$50.00/person for training.

CLERK

Resolution 67-2024-25
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the April 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$722,546.74.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cindy Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 68-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for April 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Pam Cicconi

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Phase 2 has begun, including staging of the site, finishing of lawns and easements.
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report.
- **PLANNING BOARD:**
 - Had meeting with planning board.
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
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 - Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at Village Offices with Legislature.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - We have to meet with Chelsea Robertson.

- **PAVING OF STREETS IN 2025**
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 - Oil and Chip the below listed village roads
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- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
 - New DPW Superintendent hired.
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 - We need an update from Bruce.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 69-2024-25
APPROVAL OF AMERICAN POWER & GAS

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Motion by: William Horner, Jr.

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 70-2024-25
CHIPS REIMBURSEMENT FOR COTTON-HANLON BRIDGE

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Motion by: Cindy Emerson

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor with the condition that the final approval is in writing from the county.

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Motion by: William Horner, Jr.

Second: Cindy Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 72--2024-25
S. PIERCE MUTUAL AID AND CALL

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the allowance of Samuel Pierce to run mutual aid with Odessa Fire Department, as well as answer his hometown fire department calls, Montour Fire Department, without risk of repercussion or loss of job.

Motion by: Dustin Carnes

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: The property owned by the Habitat for Humanity needs mowing and baling. They also need to submit drawings and plans to the Planning Board and Code Enforcement.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Joel Moore with the Joint Sanitary Commission has a filing cabinet that needs to be brought to the village office. This will be a joint effort with Dustin and Joel. The Odessa Food Pantry has an expected date to open at the end of this month.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:24PM by Kristine Gardner, seconded by Cindy Emerson.



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
JUNE 2, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes
Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder
DPW Superintendent Steve Siptrott

Trustee Pam Cicconi
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CLERK

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Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cindy Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 68-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for May 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Pam Cicconi

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
JULY 7, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes
Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder
DPW Superintendent Samuel Pierce

Trustee Pam Cicconi
Trustee Cynthia Emerson
Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee William Horner, Jr.
Fire Chief Adam Mahnke
Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Tom Morgan, Courtney Morgan, Abby Stamp - Wilkens

APPOINTMENTS: Abby Stamp-Wilkens appointed to planning board via Mayor appointment.

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Nothing to report within the village.

DPW REPORT: Sam has been working on the park below Mill Street to make it accessible. A quote was presented from Martin's doors to fix the DPW shop overhead doors. A quote was presented for new lights for the dump truck and skid steer for visibility. Mowing and weed-eating is caught up.

FIRE DEPT: Adam was unavailable for this meeting. Steve took over Adam's place. We had 47 calls, of which 35 were EMS, 1 rescue, 2 MVA's, and the rest miscellaneous. There will be a training course for Emergency Vehicle Operation in August. There will be an increase in emergency apparatus in the area. Engine 23 will be at Community Days on July 26. There will be a chicken BBQ, sponsored by the FD, on August 16. The meeting with the board and fire department will be held July 16, at 5:30PM. Sam Pierce has been accepted as a responding member of the OFD by Adam Mahnke.

PLANNING BOARD: The planning meeting was short this week. The planning members are working on the by-laws and getting quotes for a comprehensive plan.

CLERK

Resolution 73-2024-25
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the June 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$5,788,094.67.

Motion by: William Horner, Jr.

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 74-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for June 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Pam Cicconi

Second: Cynthia Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

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 - Met with Chelsea Robertson.
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 - There is state funding, just trying to allocate it to project correctly.
 - CHIPS will not reimburse the village, funds still needed.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Fire District Meeting July 16, 2025 at 5:00PM at the Village Offices between fire commissioners and fire department.
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - Met with Chelsea Robertson on June 30, 2025

- **PAVING OF STREETS IN 2025**
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 - Branch and leaf pickup to be conducted on Monday and Friday ONLY
 - Tree cutting is contracted out – Residents need to contact the village to get trees/large branches removed from the right of way
 - Water and sewer line break quotes being sent out
 - Need to find a construction company to contract with/have on speed dial
 - Branch Yard is open 24/7/365. Please use this respectfully.

- **ODESSA COMMUNITY DAYS 2025**
 - Date is July 26, 2025
 - Touch-A-Truck will be occurring.
 - We need an update from Bruce.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 75-2024-25
ADA COMPLIANCE AT VILLAGE OFFICES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees has tabled this resolution approving the quote from Swartout Construction, LLC for a new cement ramp to the front door of the Village Office to make the office ADA compliant. We will also need to fix the frame of the front door and the door needs to open wider, and with a push button per code enforcement.

Motion by:
Second:
Vote:

Resolution 76-2024-25
CLERK VACATION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the vacation for the clerk, Alissa Snyder, during the days of August 23rd to August 28th, 2025.

Motion by: William Horner, Jr.
Second: Cynthia Emerson
Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 77-2024-25
VIA-DUCT PARK

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the naming and adoption of the Via-Duct Park, located below the Mill Street Bridge through to RedLine Disposal. The Department of Public Works will maintain the park. In the near future, the Village will apply for grants to expand the park, and add playground equipment and picnic structures.

Motion by: Cynthia Emerson

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 78-2024-25
MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL SOLAR

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the passage of a one year moratorium on commercial solar development. This would be a law on developing commercial solar farms within Village limits.

Motion by: William Horner, Jr.

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 79-2024-25
PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITIES MODEL RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor, Dustin Carnes, moved and Kristine Gardner, seconded that

WHEREAS, the Village of Odessa (hereinafter “local government”) believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State’s economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Village of Odessa, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

Motion By: William Horner, Jr.

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

MAYOR COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:23PM by Dustin Carnes, seconded by Cynthia Emerson.



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
AUGUST 4, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes

Absent

Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder

DPW Superintendent Samuel Pierce

Trustee Pam Cicconi

Trustee Cynthia Emerson

Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee William Horner, Jr. –

Fire Chief Adam Mahnke

Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Courtney and Thomas Morgan, Sue Bulkley

APPOINTMENTS: None.

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: The Village is getting a new home installed on Owen Place. There is also a double-wide being placed on 22. Hanlon will have a home getting a roof solar system.

DPW REPORT: Due to the heat of the summer, less mowing is necessary around the village. The sewer plant operation went down due to a NYSEG transformer exploding. NYSEG replaced the transformer, sewer operations resumed with no adverse effects to the village. The well tanks were pumped.

FIRE DEPT: In July, we had 30 calls, of which 15 were EMS, 2 MVA's, and the rest miscellaneous. Every Tuesday and Thursday through August, there will be fire apparatus in the village. Do not be alarmed, this is due to training. This training will not impact fire service. Our trucks and apparatus is going in for annual maintenance. We will have payments due to turn-out gear, an additional ice rescue suit, a small generator, 2 radios; a mobile and portable radio. We now have an agreement with Town & Country that where we have a small overlap, both departments will be sent. The chicken barbeque will occur August 16, starting at 5AM for the cook crew, and selling chicken at 11AM until sold out.

PLANNING BOARD:

CLERK

Resolution 79-2024-25
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the July 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$418,296.94.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cindy Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 80-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for July 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Phase 2 has begun, including staging of the site, finishing of lawns and easements.
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report.
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - NYS has acquired the remaining funds to complete the bridge.
 - Bridge set to be completed in 2027.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - We have to meet with Chelsea Robertson. Evenings work best due to boards' schedules.
- **PAVING OF STREETS IN 2025**
 - Pricing on stone 1A acquired. We need 414 tons of stone necessary.
 - County to begin hauling stone within the next 2 weeks.
 - Oil and Chip the below listed village roads
 - Owen Place, MacDowell, Church Street, College Ave, Speedway, Merchant Ave
 - Will begin at the middle to end of August. Work performed by Suit-Kote.
- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
 - Branch Yard is open 24/7/365. Please use this respectfully.

- Residents need to contact the village to get trees/large branches removed from the right of way

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 81-2024-25 **ODESSA PLANNING BOARD BY-LAWS**

WHEREAS, the Village of Odessa recognizes the importance of clear and consistent governance practices for the efficient operation of village affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed and discussed the newly drafted by-laws, which outline the structure, roles, responsibilities, procedures, and operating standards for the conduct of Village business; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these by-laws is to provide a formalized framework for village governance, promote transparency, and support effective decision-making by elected and appointed officials;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa hereby formally adopts the By-Laws of the Village of Odessa, as presented and reviewed at the August 4, 2025 board meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the adopted by-laws shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless amended or repealed by future resolution of the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the adopted by-laws shall be kept on file with the Village Clerk and made available to the public upon request.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the drafted by-laws drawn up by the planning board.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 82-2024-25 **CLOSING OF HOMECOMING PARADE ROUTE**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the closing of the street for the homecoming parade at Odessa-Montour Central School on October 3, 2025 from 5PM to 7PM. The route is as follows: turn left out of the bus loop on College Ave, turn right onto Maple Avenue, go straight until Merchant Ave, and turn right onto Merchant Ave. Continue along Merchant Ave to speedway. Pauses will occur on Speedway for judging of floats. Continue on Speedway until Prospect Place, where class floats and other cars with students will turn right to enter the school's softball outfield area. Floats will remain in softball field until just after halftime of the game.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cindy Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 83-2024-25
MATCO CHANGE ORDER

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the change order for Matco Electric on the water project. This is a minor adjustment to the lighting.

Motion by: This resolution has been tabled.

Second:

Vote:

Resolution 84-2024-25
FIRE DISTRICT FORMATION

WHEREAS, the Odessa Fire Company has formally expressed its intent to transition from a village-operated fire department to an independently governed Fire District in accordance with applicable New York State laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transition is intended to provide a more autonomous and sustainable structure for the ongoing operation, governance, and funding of fire protection services to the community; and

WHEREAS, as part of this transition, the Odessa Fire Company has requested that all fire apparatus, equipment, tools, and related assets currently owned or partially contributed by the Village of Odessa be transferred to the ownership of the newly formed Fire District upon its official establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board acknowledges the long-standing partnership with the fire department and recognizes the critical role that continuity of equipment and resources plays in maintaining uninterrupted emergency services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa supports the formation of the proposed Fire District by the Odessa Fire Company; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Odessa expresses its intent to transfer all fire equipment, vehicles, and other relevant assets acquired or contributed by the Village to the newly formed Fire District, contingent upon successful establishment of the district through all required legal and public processes, including approval by the Village of Odessa and New York State as applicable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Village Attorney and Mayor to coordinate with the Odessa Fire Company, the Town, and other necessary entities to develop a formal asset transfer agreement outlining the specific items to be conveyed and the terms of such transfer, ensuring compliance with all municipal and state regulations.

Motion by: This resolution has been tabled for 3 months, follow up will occur in the November 2025 meeting.

Second:

Vote:

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: The community room fridge had a problem. We need to get William Horner's. Sam Pierce will do a weekly Monday walk through of the community room. The food bank will open in the middle of September.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Community Days was a success. We are thinking of adding bingo and Battle of the Bands on porches to the lineup.

CORRESPONDENCE: Sue Bulkley had questions regarding the ViaDuct Park behind the post office.

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:23PM by Kristine Gardner seconded by Pam Cicconi.



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes
Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder
DPW Superintendent Samuel Pierce

Trustee Pam Cicconi
Trustee Cynthia Emerson
Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee William Horner, Jr.
Fire Chief Adam Mahnke
Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Sue Bulkley

APPOINTMENTS: .

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: We have new residents on State Route 228. We are performing wood burning stove inspections. The Dutton S. Peterson Memorial Library wants a fence.

DPW REPORT: Chip sealing in the village is completed. The new DPW supervisor had a water licensure class in Cortland. The ViaDuct Park work is on hold due to drying of the land.

FIRE DEPT: The fire department has 31 calls this month, of which 1 was a structure fire, 19 were EMS, 1 brush fire, and the remainder were miscellaneous. The fire company is replacing HM24, the rescue truck. Engine 27 is out of service. There is a 3-year lead time on a new fire truck. Hose and ladder testing went well. We need a date for a working group with the board members.

PLANNING BOARD:

CLERK

Resolution 85-2024-25
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the August 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$475,679.65.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: Cindy Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 86-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for August 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson

Second: William Horner, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Phase 2 is 50% complete.

- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report.

- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - NYS has acquired the remaining funds to complete the bridge.
 - Bridge set to be completed in 2027.
 - There is a year lead time for steel orders.

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Nothing to report at this time.

- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - We met with Chelsea Roberston. The study is in progress. Grant funds would be allocated to sidewalks and a playground.

- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
 - Branch Yard is open 24/7/365. Please use this respectfully.
 - Residents need to contact the village to get trees/large branches removed from the right of way
 - DPW Supervisor has begun schooling for water licensure, pending test results determines pay increase.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 87-2024-25
WATER PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Village of Odessa has received funding from Rural Development for their Water Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to adjust the project budget items to more accurately reflect actual costs and;

WHEREAS, Rural Development requires the Village Board to authorize all changes to the Administrative Budget as shown on the Form E; NOW, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Odessa authorizes the following Budget modifications for the Project:

Miscellaneous	Decrease of	\$6,000
JHA Final Design	Increase of	\$107,363.14
JHA Preliminary Design	Increase of	\$43,428.72
JHA Bidding	Decrease of	\$3,219.58
JHA Construction CA/CI	Increase of	\$67,540.91
JHA Post Construction	Decrease of	\$9,998
JHA Resident Inspection	Increase of	\$264,441.85
Single Audit	Increase of	\$30,350
Net Interest	Increase of	\$312,782

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the water project budget modifications.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: William Horner, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 88-2024-25
CYBER INSURANCE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the written quote from Maple City Insurance Services for cyber insurance on the Village.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner

Second: William Horner, Jr.

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 89-2024-25
SINGLE YEAR AUDITS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the payment of single year audits from Allied CPAs, PC for the years of 2022 through 2025.

Motion by: This resolution has been tabled, due to the fact that this is included in the cost of the project.

Second:

Vote:

Resolution 90-2024-25
SCT COMPUTERS AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa approved the quoted services from SCT Computers for all IT needs for the year 2025 – 2026.

Motion by: Pam Cicconi

Second: Cindy Emerson

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 91-2024-25
WALKABILITY GRANT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa approves the Financial Assistance of \$10,000 from the County of Schuyler to the Village of Odessa to conduct a comprehensive streets plan through the Walkability Virtual Academy.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson

Second: Kristine Gardner

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

Resolution 92-2024-25
JCAP FUNDING

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa authorizes the Odessa Village Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All in Favor – Motion Carried

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Dumpster Day is in 2 weeks at RedLine Corner, aka the corner of Route 228 and Route 224. William Horner will check residents in, Parmenter's is accepting tires at the RedLine Corner lot. The food pantry is opening September 11, 2025. It will be open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00AM to 10:00AM and 4:00PM and 6:00PM.

MAYOR COMMENTS: The mayor is purchasing the liquor store. He also met with Representative Langworthy. We have monies allocated to the village. The mayor wants to review the village handbook.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:14PM by Kristine Garnder seconded by Cindy Emerson.



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
OCTOBER 6, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes
Clerk-Treasurer Alissa Snyder
DPW Superintendent Samuel Pierce

Trustee Pam Cicconi
Trustee Cynthia Emerson
Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee William Horner, Jr.
Fire Chief Adam Mahnke
Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Rukundo Benedict from Public Health

APPOINTMENTS: .

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

DPW REPORT:

FIRE DEPT:

PLANNING BOARD:

CLERK

Resolution 92-2024-25
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the September 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$ _____.

Motion by:

Second:

Vote:

Resolution 93-2024-25
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for September 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by:

Second:

Vote: A

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Phase 2 is 50% complete.
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report.
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - NYS has acquired the remaining funds to complete the bridge.
 - Bridge set to be completed in 2027.
 - There is a year lead time for steel orders.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Working Group meeting needs to be scheduled.
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - We met with Chelsea Roberston. The study is in progress. Grant funds following the study would be allocated to sidewalks and a playground.
- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
 - Branch Yard is open 24/7/365. Please use this respectfully.
 - Residents need to contact the village to get trees/large branches removed from the right of way
 - DPW Supervisor has begun schooling for water licensure. Class D is also needed for water system.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 94-2024-25
LANGWORTHY ENERGY CHOICE ACT

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY’S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and
WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration’s climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Odessa strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Odessa urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees support and approves the Energy Choice Act.

Motion by:

Second:

Vote:

Resolution 95-2024-25
ADDITIONAL BOND FOR WATER SYSTEM

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$655,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF ODESSA, SCHUYLER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE Construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing water treatment plant and replacement of water mains throughout and in and for said VILLAGE. WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, on February 6, 2023 adopted a bond resolution ratifying and confirming a bond resolution dated and duly adopted on August 1, 2022, authorizing the issuance of \$9,900,000 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing water treatment plant site and replacement of water mains throughout and in and for the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, on May 6, 2024, duly adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of an additional \$3,738,180 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the aforesaid project; and

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be a Type I Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which it has been determined will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is \$14,293,180, an increase of \$655,000 over that previously authorized; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of an additional \$655,000 bonds of said Village for such specific object or purpose to pay a portion of the cost thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying additional costs of the construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing water treatment plant site and replacement of water mains throughout and in and for the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued an additional \$655,000 bonds of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is now determined to be \$14,293,180, which specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at said maximum estimated cost, and that the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

- a) by the issuance of the \$9,900,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted on February 6, 2023 ratifying and confirming a bond resolution dated and duly adopted on August 1, 2022;
- b) by the issuance of the additional \$3,738,180 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted on May 6, 2024; and
- c) by the issuance of the additional \$655,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for said specific object or purpose, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar, except to the extent the maximum estimated cost of said specific object or purpose shall exceed \$14,293,180.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations therefor. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Village Treasurer shall deem best for the interests of said Village, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Village Treasurer shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Village Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Village. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized, at the Village Treasurer's sole discretion, to execute a project finance agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Health and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Village in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. Upon this resolution taking effect, a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby confirmed that said specific object or purpose has been determined to be a Type I Action and said status shall be confirmed in said legal notice of estoppel.

Section 13. This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

_____	VOTING	_____

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the 665,000 additional BOND for the completion of the water project.

Motion by:

Second:

Vote:

Resolution 96-2024-25
MITCHELL HOLLOW SPEED

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the posting of the speed limit into the village before (prior) to the home numbered _____.

Motion by:
Second:
Vote:

Resolution 97-2024-25
FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa approves the purchase a new boat for still water rescues.

Motion by:
Second:
Vote:

Resolution 98-2024-25
PROBATION APPROVAL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa approves the volunteer work of people on probation performing community work for the Village of Odessa. Larissa Henry would be our contact at 607-535-8171. She needs a list of types of work the people in the probation program can do in and around the village.

Motion by:
Second:
Vote:

Resolution 99-2024-25
JUSTICE AUDIT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa approves the date of _____ to have the board audit the village justice, per yearly protocol.

Motion by:
Second:
Vote:

TRUSTEE COMMENTS:

MAYOR COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at ____ PM by _____ seconded by _____.



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
NOVEMBER 3, 2025, 6:30PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes

Clerk-Treasurer None

DPW Superintendent Samuel Pierce

Trustee Pam Cicconi

Trustee Cynthia Emerson

Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee William Horner, Jr.

Fire Chief Adam Mahnke

Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: None.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Billie Jo Carnes, Kyle Snyder, Alissa Snyder

APPOINTMENTS:

Appoint Pamela P. Kely as an interim Clerk/Treasurer for the purpose of signing necessary documents for the village.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson

Second: Bill Horner, Jr.

Vote: All In Favor—Motion Carried

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: New house on Owen Place needs steps before occupancy. A new double wide is going in on Route 228. Baptist Church is all done.

DPW REPORT: Had first snow. Truck is switched to winter so no more leaf and brush pick up.

FIRE DEPT: The department had 36 calls in October, 20 of which were EMS. Stairway railing needs to be fixed by Sam. HE28 has no problems. HE 23 is going out for service. The ATV has a broken track that will need repair. Waiting on an estimate. Stick with the wheels for winter. In January 2026 reporting will change through the federal system. Grants may be available through Cornell.

PLANNING BOARD: No report.

CLERK

Resolution 99-2024-25
VOUCHERS—TABLED NO CLERK

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the November 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$_____.

Motion by:

Second:

Vote:

Resolution 100-2024-25
MINUTES—TABLED NO CLERK

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for October 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by:

Second:

Vote: A

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Phase 2 is 50% complete.
 - Vacri, JHA and Matco not being paid due to government shutdown.

- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report.

- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - NYS has acquired the remaining funds to complete the bridge.
 - Bridge set to be completed in 2027.
 - There is a year lead time for steel orders.

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Working Group meeting needs to be scheduled.

- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - We met with Chelsea Roberston. The study is in progress. Funds would be allocated to sidewalks and a playground.

- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
 - Branch Yard is open 24/7/365. Please use this respectfully.
 - Residents need to contact the village to get trees/large branches removed from the right of way
 - DPW Supervisor has begun schooling for water licensure. Class D is also needed for water system.

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- **Resolution 96-2024-25 -TABLED**
- **MITCHELL HOLLOW SPEED**

- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Trustees approves the posting of the speed limit into the village before (prior) to the home numbered ____.

- Motion by:
- Second:
- Vote:

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 101-2024-25
ADDITIONAL BOND FOR WATER SYSTEM

BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2025.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$655,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF ODESSA, SCHUYLER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE EXISTING WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS THROUGHOUT AND IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, on February 6, 2023 adopted a bond resolution ratifying and confirming a bond resolution dated and duly adopted on August 1, 2022, authorizing the issuance of \$9,900,000 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing water treatment plant site and replacement of water mains throughout and in and for the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, on May 6, 2024, duly adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of an additional \$3,738,180 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the aforesaid project; and

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be a Type I Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which it has been determined will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is \$14,293,180, an increase of \$655,000 over that previously authorized; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of an additional \$655,000 bonds of said Village for such specific object or purpose to pay a portion of the cost thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying additional costs of the construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing water treatment plant site and replacement of water mains throughout and in and for the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued an additional \$655,000 bonds of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is now determined to be \$14,293,180, which specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at said maximum estimated cost, and that the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

- a) by the issuance of the \$9,900,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted on February 6, 2023 ratifying and confirming a bond resolution dated and duly adopted on August 1, 2022;
- b) by the issuance of the additional \$3,738,180 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted on May 6, 2024; and
- c) by the issuance of the additional \$655,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for said specific object or purpose, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar, except to the extent the maximum estimated cost of said specific object or purpose shall exceed \$14,293,180.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations therefor. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Village Treasurer shall deem best for the interests of said Village, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Village Treasurer shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Village Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein

and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Village. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized, at the Village Treasurer's sole discretion, to execute a project finance agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Health and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Village in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. Upon this resolution taking effect, a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Acting Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby confirmed that said specific object or purpose has been determined to be a Type I Action and said status shall be confirmed in said legal notice of estoppel.

Section 13. This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Bill Horner, Jr. VOTING Yes

Cindy Emerson VOTING Yes

Pam Cicconi VOTING Yes

Kristine Gardner VOTING Yes

_____ VOTING _____

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the 665,000 additional BOND for the completion of the water project.

Motion by: Bill Horner, Jr.

Second: Pam Cicconi

Vote: All In Favor—Motion Carried

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: Will branches and grass still be picked up? Lights for the Food Pantry along the roadway—do they work? The new hours for the pantry are 9-11 am and 4-6 pm M-W-F and 4-6 pm on Th. The Library Board has alerted the Village Board that they have not been receiving their monthly reports. They stated emails were sent to Alissa, but they received no responses.

MAYOR COMMENTS: Morgan's mailbox got hit. Harold to fix it.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 6:57 PM by Pam Cicconi seconded by Cindy Emerson.



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF ODESSA
DECEMBER 1, 2025, 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dustin Carnes

Clerk-Chelsea Vondracek

DPW Superintendent Samuel Pierce

Trustee Pam Cicconi

Trustee Cynthia Emerson

Trustee Kristine Gardner

Trustee William Horner, Jr.

Fire Chief Adam Mahnke

Code Enf. Harold Russell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Joel Moore—There will be a Public Meeting on January 21 , 2026.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Billie Jo Carnes

APPOINTMENTS:

Appoint Chelsea Vondracek as Village Clerk effective December 1, 2025, and Becki Wheeler as Treasurer, effective November 17, 2025.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson

Second: Bill Horner, Jr.

Vote: All In Favor—Motion Carried

REPORTS

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Fire Inspections need to be done by the end of the year.

DPW REPORT: Brush lot was picked up this week. The salt spreader broke and will need repair.

FIRE DEPT: The department had 36 calls in November. None were fires. The Kids Christmas Party will be held on December 7, 2025. Santa will be there. The department will do a breakfast on Christmas Eve at 7 am.

PLANNING BOARD: No Report.

CLERK

Please note that the resolution numbers were never changed to reflect the new fiscal year in June 2025. Therefore, going forward the numbers will start from 1 and have the correct fiscal year of 2025-26.

Resolution 1-2025-26
VOUCHERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the December 2025 Vouchers in the amount of \$798,608.27.

Motion by: Bill Horner, Jr.
Second: Cindy Emerson
Vote: All In Favor—Motion Carried

Resolution 2-2025-26
MINUTES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves Minutes for October 2025, Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson
Second: Kristine Gardner
Vote: All In Favor—Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- **WATER PROJECT (50% Complete)**
 - Roof is on the building.
- **CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY**
 - Nothing to report.
- **COTTON HANLON BRIDGE PROJECT**
 - NYS has acquired the remaining funds to complete the bridge.
 - Bridge set to be completed in 2027.
 - There is a year lead time for steel orders.
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT DISTRICT**
 - Was a working group meeting held?
 - A Public Hearing will be held at the OMCS Auditorium on January 21, 2026 at 6 pm.
- **WALKABILITY GRANT**
 - We met with Chelsea Roberston. The study is in progress. Funds would be allocated to sidewalks and a playground.
 - Dustin will check on this.
- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
 - Branch Yard is open 24/7/365. Please use this respectfully.
 - Residents need to contact the village to get trees/large branches removed from the right of way
 - DPW Supervisor has begun schooling for water licensure. Class D is also needed for water system.
 - **Resolution 96-2024-25 -TABLED**
 - **MITCHELL HOLLOW SPEED**
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Trustees approves the posting of the speed limit into the village before (prior) to the home numbered _____.

Resolution 3-2025-26
BOND RESOLUTION

44079-2-501

BOND RESOLUTION
(SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM)

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, held at the Village Hall, in Odessa, New York, in said Village, on December 1, 2025, at 6:30 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dustin Carnes, and upon roll being called, the following were

PRESENT: Mayor Dustin Carnes, Trustees Kristine Gardner, Bill Horner, Jr., Cindy Emerson

ABSENT: Pam Cicconi

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Cindy Emerson, who moved its adoption, seconded by Trustee Kristine Gardner, to-wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 1, 2025.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$655,000 BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF ODESSA, SCHUYLER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE EXISTING WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND REPLACEMENT OF WATER MAINS THROUGHOUT AND IN AND FOR SAID VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, on February 6, 2023 adopted a bond resolution ratifying and confirming a bond resolution dated and duly adopted on August 1, 2022, authorizing the issuance of \$9,900,000 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing water treatment plant site and replacement of water mains throughout and in and for the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for said Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, on May 6, 2024, duly adopted a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of an additional \$3,738,180 bonds of said Village to pay the cost of the aforesaid project; and

WHEREAS, said capital project has been determined to be a Type I Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which it has been determined will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is \$14,293,180, an increase of \$655,000 over that previously authorized; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the issuance of an additional \$655,000 bonds of said Village for such specific object or purpose to pay a portion of the cost thereof; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the specific object or purpose of paying additional costs of the construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing water treatment plant site and replacement of water mains throughout and in and for the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, including site improvements, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, there are hereby authorized to be issued an additional \$655,000 bonds of the Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the maximum estimated cost of such specific object or purpose is now determined to be \$14,293,180, which specific object or purpose is hereby authorized at said maximum estimated cost, and that the plan for the financing thereof is as follows:

- a) by the issuance of the \$9,900,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted on February 6, 2023 ratifying and confirming a bond resolution dated and duly adopted on August 1, 2022;
- b) by the issuance of the additional \$3,738,180 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to bond resolution dated and duly adopted on May 6, 2024; and
- c) by the issuance of the additional \$655,000 bonds of said Village authorized to be issued pursuant to this bond resolution;

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that to the extent that any grants-in-aid are received for said specific object or purpose, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar, except to the extent the maximum estimated cost of said specific object or purpose shall exceed \$14,293,180.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is forty years, pursuant to subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, calculated from the date of issuance of the first obligations therefor. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the serial bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Village of Odessa, Schuyler County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such

obligations becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property in said Village a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such obligations as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The powers and duties of advertising such bonds for sale, conducting the sale and awarding the bonds, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, who shall advertise such bonds for sale, conduct the sale, and award the bonds in such manner as the Village Treasurer shall deem best for the interests of said Village, including, but not limited to, the power to sell said bonds to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation; provided, however, that in the exercise of these delegated powers, the Village Treasurer shall comply fully with the provisions of the Local Finance Law and any order or rule of the State Comptroller applicable to the sale of municipal bonds. The receipt of the Village Treasurer shall be a full acquittance to the purchaser of such bonds, who shall not be obliged to see to the application of the purchase money.

Section 7. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the serial bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue serial bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of such Village. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Village Treasurer shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 8. The Village Treasurer is hereby further authorized, at the Village Treasurer's sole discretion, to execute a project finance agreement, and any other agreements with the New York State Department of Health and/or the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, including amendments thereto, and including any instruments (or amendments thereto) in the effectuation thereof, in order to effect the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose described in Section 1 hereof, or a portion thereof, by a bond, and/or note issue of said Village in the event of the sale of same to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

Section 9. The power to issue and sell notes to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation pursuant to Section 169.00 of the Local Finance Law is hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents as may be prescribed by said Village Treasurer consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 11. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 12. Upon this resolution taking effect, a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper, together with a notice of the Village Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby confirmed that said specific object or purpose has been determined to be a Type I Action and said status shall be confirmed in said legal notice of estoppel.

Section 13. This resolution is adopted subject to permissive referendum.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Dustin Carnes VOTING Yes

Kristine Gardner VOTING Yes

Cindy Emerson VOTING Yes

Bill Horner, Jr. VOTING Yes

_____ VOTING _____

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 4-2025-26
RESOLUTION AND VOUCHER NUMBERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves starting Resolutions and vouchers with the number 1 going forward in the fiscal 2025-26 year, as the previous clerk failed to do this at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Be it also noted that prior to tonight’s meeting, all of the approved resolutions had the wrong fiscal year on them. From June 2025 forward, all approved resolutions should have had the year 2025-26. Since the resolutions were already approved with the years 2024-25 and the incorrect numbers on them and they have already been copied into the official minute book, they cannot be changed now.

Motion by: Cindy Emerson
Second: Bill Horner, Jr.
Vote: All In Favor—Motion Carried

Resolution 5-2025-26
WATER PROJECT
PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Village of Odessa has received funding from Rural Development for their Water Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to adjust the project budget items to more accurately reflect actual costs and;

WHEREAS, Rural Development requires the Village Board to authorize all changes to the Administrative Budget as shown on the Form E; NOW, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Odessa authorizes the following Budget modifications for the Project:

Miscellaneous	Decrease of	\$3,000
Single Audit	Decrease of	\$14,950
Net Interest	Increase of	\$143,912.21
Contingency	Decrease of	\$125,962.21

I, Chelsea Vondracek, Village Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Odessa, do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Odessa on December 1, 2025, by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY
Dustin Carnes, Mayor	X	_____
Pam Cicconi, Trustee	_____	_____ Absent
Cynthia Emerson, Trustee	X	_____
Kristine Gardner, Trustee	X	_____
William Horner, Jr, Trustee	X	_____

Resolution 6-2025-26
THALER AND THALER NEW RATES

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the 2026 rates given to the village by Thaler and Thaler of \$340 per hour for attorney and \$240 per hour for paralegal. A full copy of the agreement was emailed to each board member for review.

Motion by: Kristine Gardner
Second: Cindy Emerson
Vote: All In Favor—Motion Carried

TRUSTEE COMMENTS: There is an unsafe bus turn around on County Road 15. Would we contact Ken Thuston regarding this?

MAYOR COMMENTS: There will be a breakfast at the Bucket on December 6, 2025, with Santa. The Board could possibly run the concession stand at OM during a home game. Ask the community about donating food for families for Christmas.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 PM by Cindy Emerson, seconded by Kristine Gardner.