



**PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

February 10, 2026, 6:00 pm

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: David Marshall
Lisa Cove
David Wilkes
John Limbeck
Village Attorney: Jeffery Turner
Village Clerk/Treasurer: Dorothea Ciccarelli

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Cove to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

There were no conflicts to disclose.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The room then stood and recited the Pledge.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brianna O'Shea, 26 Boughton Avenue, reported that on Sunday, February 8, her mother-in-law was nearly struck by a speeding vehicle while crossing the crosswalk on Monroe Avenue. She stated the driver swerved at the last moment and struck utility poles at the end of the street. O'Shea emphasized the seriousness of the incident and urged the board to prioritize resident safety concerns over more trivial matters.

Katie Orem, 54 Sutherland Street, stated that, while pedestrian safety concerns resonated, she wanted to focus on village election dates and declining voter turnout. She expressed a preference for providing residents with options for when elections could occur, rather than a single board-recommended choice, and suggested that a November election might increase participation. She also proposed considering ranked-choice voting if permitted and noted that June elections may conflict with families' school-related commitments.



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Abby McCrae, 25 Washington Avenue, supported allowing village residents to vote on which month's elections would be held. She also expressed interest in ranked-choice voting and favored letting residents decide what works best for them.

Elizabeth Richardson Hamlin, 17 Sutherland Street, spoke in favor of including November as an option for the timing of the village election. She emphasized that her comments were focused on providing voter choice rather than advocating for a specific month. She stated that excluding November would remove a date that historically yields higher turnout, potentially limiting participation. She urged the board to include March, June, and November as options and allow residents to decide, noting that offering additional choices would promote transparency and public trust.

Alexandra Wilkes, 19 East Jefferson Road, advocated for additional resident input before finalizing the referendum to change the election date. She noted that winter canvassing was difficult and said the fairest approach would be to allow residents to choose the election date. As a working parent, she explained that November voting is more manageable than June, when school, vacations, and camps create conflicts. She emphasized that the decision should prioritize voter turnout and residents' preferences over social media discussion.

Peter Goodman, 91 South Main Street, supported November as an election option. He noted that many residents spend time out of town during other parts of the year, and that November is when the majority are present. He also cited summer commitments, such as military training, that could prevent participation in other proposed months.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

There were no comments or questions.

DPW REPORT

An update was provided regarding the bench donated by Rotary, which is set to be installed at the Monroe Avenue bus stop. Superintendent Cernis stated that it is waiting for another level of NYSDOT approval. There was also a follow-up question regarding an ice sheet that had formed on the sidewalk outside St. Louis School. The DPW will evaluate that area in the spring to see what is causing the issue.

Katie Orem, 45 Sutherland Street, asked about an icy patch of sidewalk in front of Sutherland High School and whose responsibility it was to clear it. It was stated that both the district and the village work on that spot, which is always challenging due to the snow drifting in that area.



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SUTHERLAND STREET ROAD PROJECT

Motion by Trustee Limbeck and seconded by Trustee Wilkes *to have the Village Clerk engage Villager Construction per their quote to reconstruct Sutherland Street.*

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Limbeck and seconded by Trustee Wilkes *to allow the Village Clerk to engage the Bond Attorney to set up the appropriate bond to fund the Sutherland Street project.*

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Bob Corby, 7 Washington Avenue, stated that the village had previously adopted a policy approximately 20 years ago that all curbs on village streets would be made of granite to force DOT, when it did projects in the village, to use granite curbing.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED LEGISLATION OF SIDEWALK SAFETY INITIATIVE: 6:30 pm

Motion by Trustee Wilkes and seconded by Trustee Limbeck *to open the public hearing.*

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Karen, Henrietta Resident, A 78-year-old cyclist who used the canal to visit Pittsford businesses. She doesn't always feel comfortable on the streets and asked for viable, safe alternatives if bikes are banned from sidewalks, suggesting road diets and bike lanes rather than leaving cyclists "hanging for a year or two."

Meredith Graham, 21 Northfield Gate, appreciated the effort but opposed blanket bans. She suggested dismount zones in busy areas make sense, but the rest of the village shouldn't have the same rules. She advocated for protected bike lanes first, then bike parking, then sidewalk bans.

Tara O'Brien, Brookside Lane, shared concerns about the 12-year age limit, worried about her 14-year-old, who bikes everywhere. She wouldn't let him ride on roads due to safety concerns and believed infrastructure needs to be in place first; she supported speed limits and enforcement of yielding instead.

Amanda Dwyer, 103 Sunset Boulevard, opposed pushing riders into streets without better infrastructure, noting Rochester allows sidewalk riding. She referenced a neighbor's father killed in a crosswalk and a 13-year-old hit-and-run victim in 2017, and called for education and communication first before legislation.

Charlie, 6 Denver Circle, stated that as a 13-year-old who often bikes through the village, they always slowed down when approaching people on the sidewalk, dismounting and walking in crowded areas like bridges. A suggestion was made of a 4-mph speed limit for bikers instead of putting them on roads.

Tron LeBlanc, 39 Woodhill Road, A cyclist who learned to bike in Chicago and worked on a campus dealing with student-pedestrian conflicts, emphasized that this is a design issue requiring continued work to keep all people safe and suggested eye-level signage to remind people to dismount.



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Tiffany Ketch, 15 Renfield Lane, rides an e-bike. She also emphasized that infrastructure and education should be addressed before moving to legislation.

A resident spoke about pedestrian safety and the challenges posed by e-assist bicycles. Drawing on his experience riding such vehicles, he noted that their increased speed and weight amplify risks to pedestrians, especially children or small adults. He emphasized that while pedestrians, cyclists, and others generally share sidewalks respectfully, collisions with e-assist bikes could cause serious injury. He raised concerns about enforcing speed limits and identifying violators, noting the lack of licensing or practical enforcement measures.

Alexandra Wilkes, 19 East Jefferson Road, as a pedestrian, said that sidewalk cycling is unsafe, especially on narrow walkways, and that it forces pedestrians into streets or lawns. She stated this is unfair and that bicycles, as vehicles, should not displace pedestrians. She supported requiring cyclists to dismount in pedestrian areas, emphasized the need for consistent rules, and noted that all users should feel safe. She added that, as a parent, she would teach her children to choose safer routes or walk their bikes when needed.

Katie Orem, 54 Sutherland Street, commented that she prioritized sidewalks and pedestrian infrastructure over road repairs, expressing a willingness to allocate funding to sidewalks, bike lanes, and related improvements rather than to street maintenance. She noted poor sidewalk conditions near her home, including a lack of sidewalks, and frustration that planned improvements had not been implemented despite being highly prioritized.

Rachel Samual, a Town of Pittsford resident, expressed concern about maintaining safe access to the village, noting reliance on the canal for travel due to unsafe road conditions. She emphasized the need to balance safety for both pedestrians and cyclists, supported education on safe cycling behavior, and highlighted risks for children riding in roadways without sufficient infrastructure. She cautioned against policies that could limit residents' access to the village.

Stephanie Siro Toten, a resident of Jefferson Road, opposed the proposed law prohibiting sidewalk cycling for those over age 12, stating it would reduce safety by forcing riders into traffic and discouraging biking, including school commuting. She emphasized differences among cyclists, noting that less confident riders, children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities often rely on sidewalks for safety. She raised concerns about dangerous traffic conditions and intersections, highlighted equity and access issues, and questioned the feasibility of enforcement. She advocated alternative solutions, such as infrastructure improvements, traffic calming, and safety education, and urged rejecting the proposal in favor of more comprehensive safety measures.

Peter Goodman, 91 South Main Street. Asked who would enforce the new law if adopted. It was stated that Monroe County Sheriff's Office, DPW, Code Enforcement, or possibly even a seasonal hire could handle enforcement.

Renee Stetzer, 34 Monroe Avenue, supported efforts to improve pedestrian safety but urged the board not to prohibit sidewalk cycling until safe bike infrastructure is in place. She emphasized the need for streets that feel safe for all ages and encouraged continued investment in infrastructure, traffic calming, and enforcement of reckless behavior before considering a ban.

Resident, 17 Northfield Gate, please construct safe, protected bike lanes before moving riders off the sidewalk. This is imperative for safety across the board.



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Elizabeth Richardson Hamlin, 17 Sutherland Street, emphasized the need to address the root causes of safety issues and advocated for a holistic approach to improving pedestrian and cyclist safety. She supported reallocating funding from road paving to sidewalk improvements, citing accessibility challenges for wheelchair users and pedestrian safety concerns. She noted she did not feel safe riding in the street and highlighted the need for infrastructure that accommodates users of all ages and abilities.

A Resident requested that infrastructure improvements be addressed before banning sidewalk cycling, noting that many students and residents rely on bicycles for transportation. She emphasized the need for equitable and safe options.

Larissa Lockia, resident, echoed the need for improved infrastructure and education before banning sidewalk cycling. She stated she had not felt unsafe on sidewalks but had experienced safety concerns when crossing streets.

Peggy Caraberis, 81 South Main Street, echoed previous comments, citing experience as a long-time resident and former trustee, noting past bicycle fatality and pedestrian safety concerns. She opposed requiring cyclists to use public highways, citing enforcement issues.

Motion by Trustee Wilkes and seconded by Trustee Limbeck to close the public hearing.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

The board thanked the public for taking the time to share their opinions and agreed to table the legislation and schedule a workshop for further discussion.

MASS NOTIFICATION RESIDENT POLICY

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Cove to adopt the mass notification resident policy as presented.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

REFERENDUM FOR CHANGE OF ELECTION DATE

Tabled until next meeting.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL APPLICATION PERMIT

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Limbeck to adopt the special permit application as amended.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Trustee Cove asked to see a list of when the sunset period ends and a list of all rentals.



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Peggy Caraberis, 81 South Main Street, asked whether owner-occupied church and rentals are permitted under the code, as she didn't see them in the application.

It was stated that a box for the owners' primary residence was included on the permit.

LOCAL LAW FOR TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Limbeck to move the Local Law for the Tax Cap Override to a public hearing on February 24, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

VILLAGE CLERK/TREASURER REPORT

VILLAGE OF PITTSFORD

**Abstract # 025
Summary by Fund**

02/06/2026
15:58:51

Code	Fund	Prepays	Unpays	Totals
A	GENERAL FUND		33,689.10	33,689.10
CL	REFUSE DISTRICT		29,200.80	29,200.80
G	SEWER FUND		2,148.93	2,148.93
HA	SOUTH & WOOD STREET PROJECT		3,675.00	3,675.00
Total:			68,713.83	68,713.83

Motion by Trustee Cove and seconded by Trustee Marshall to approve the bill pay as presented.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Wilkes and seconded by Trustee Cove to approve the December financials as presented.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Wilkes and seconded by Trustee Cove to approve the budget transfers as presented.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Limbeck and seconded by Trustee Cove to initiate a refund on a sewer bill to a resident who had received an incorrect water bill from the Monroe County Water Authority.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.



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MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Cove and seconded by Trustee Limbeck *to approve the meeting minutes for October 28, 2025, as presented.*

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Limbeck and seconded by Trustee Wilkes *to approve the meeting minutes for November 13, 2025, as presented.*

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – absent, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Marshall and seconded by Trustee Cove *to approve the meeting minutes for November 19, 2025, as presented.*

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – absent, Limbeck – absent. Motion passed.

MEMBER ITEMS/LIASION REPORTS

Trustee Limbeck stated that the planning board was still trying to figure out parking requirements for a proposed pizza place at 5 South Main Street.

Trustee Marshall asked when parking fees would be brought back to the board for discussion. The Village Clerk stated that the Village Attorney was still reviewing it and would bring it back after he finished.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Cove *to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.*

Vote: Plummer – yes, Marshall – yes, Cove – yes, Wilkes – yes, Limbeck – yes. Motion passed.

Laura Donk, Recording Secretary