

REGULAR MEETING
DOLGEVILLE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025
6:00P.M.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Mary E. Puznowski
TRUSTEES: Robert P. Dyer
Robert Gridley
Brian Randall
Marilyn Williams

ATTORNEY: Karl Manne-absent

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Tammy L. Chmielewski

ATTENDED: Charlotte Robotham, Scott Fitzgerald, Sharon Baisley, Philip Green, David Jaquay, Andrew Drumm, Lloyd Hall, Philip Klosner, Amber Kraszewski, Amy Mowers Neal Winkler.

Mayor Mary E. Puznowski at Village Hall called this Regular Meeting of the Dolgeville Village Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

***Public Hearing
Local Law # 2-2025
Establishing and
Imposing Sewer Rents***

By Trustee Williams

Motion to open the public hearing @ 6:00 p.m. - Local Law # 2-2025 Establishing and Imposing Sewer Rents. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

The increase for sewer is 4%.

By Trustee Randall

Motion to close the public hearing @ 6:02 p.m. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Solar on Earth

Scott Fitzgerald of Solar on Earth came before the board on the following:

Scott explained the “credits” received based on the particular solar program and the amount of energy you use. The credit will show up on your normal utility bill, lowering your overall cost. You can receive a discount of between 5-10%. The term of the contract is 25 years; and you can cancel for free with a 180-day notice.

***Public Hearing
Local Law #3-2025
Establishing and
Imposing Water Rents***

By Trustee Williams

Motion to open the public hearing @ 6:16 p.m. - Local Law # 3-2025 Establishing and Imposing Water Rents. Sec. Trustee Dyer. Ayes all.

The increase in water is 4%.

Will the increase help with the water quality (testing)? The cleaning of the reservoir and regular maintenance is paramount in our results and keeping us in compliance with our quarterly sampling results.

Will the increase help pay for water meters (village received a grant)? A portion of the increase could be used to assist with grant funds to complete the project as needed.

By Trustee Randall

Motion to close the public hearing @ 6:20 p.m. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Regular Meeting

By Trustee Randall

Motion to open regular meeting @ 6:21 p.m. sec. Trustee Dyer. Ayes all.

***Appointments – D.H.A.
Resolution # 138-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Motion to appoint Barbara Schwartz to the Dolgeville Housing Board to fill the term of Robert Maxwell. Term expires at the Annual Meeting April 2029. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Motion to appoint Gloria Martin to the Dolgeville Housing Board to fill the term of Barbara Gillen. Term expires at the Annual meeting 2030. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

***Approval of
Meeting Minutes***

By Trustee Randall

Motion to approve and place on file the meeting minutes of August 18, 19 & September 2, 2025, with a correction. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

***Abstract of
Audited Vouchers
Resolution # 139-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk be and hereby authorized to sign the Abstract of Audited Vouchers from the following funds for the amount specified:

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS
AUGUST 18, 2025

TRUST & AGENCY FUND \$ 16,090.42

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS
AUGUST 25, 2025

GENERAL FUND	\$ 9,710.25
SEWER FUND	\$ 56,264.41
WATER FUND	\$ 3,253.48
MAIN STREET SEWER	\$ 1,515.13
CENTER PARK	\$ 796.50

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

TRUST & AGENCY FUND \$ 10,265.04

ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

GENERAL FUND	\$ 33,550.28
SEWER FUND	\$ 5,307.84
WATER FUND	\$ 52,632.16
TRUST & AGENCY FUND	\$ 21,000.00
CAPIT AL MAIN ST. SEWER	\$ 212,006.48
CAPITAL N. MAIN HOMES	\$ 69,093.84

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

Village Engineer

Active Projects

Center Park Rehabilitation – EPF Parks Grant #EPF-182340 & NY Forward

- On August 18, 2025, the Village Board of Trustees adopted Resolution #126-2025 authorizing final design, bidding, and construction administration services with Saratoga Associates. This contract covers all remaining design updates, pre-bid and construction-phase support services required for project delivery.
- The Village is working with Saratoga Associates to revise the project's Attachment B-3(A) capital-based budget. The revised amendment reflects a simplified contract format required by NYS Parks and consolidates match funds into each budget category. Predevelopment costs have been confirmed at \$123,919.02 and will remain unchanged, as that amount has already been reimbursed. Additional coordination is underway to confirm administrative elements and the final construction budget.

- As a reminder, Parks has indicated that December 31, 2026, will be the final eligible completion date under this grant. Construction must be completed (and all reimbursements submitted) before that date.
- The consultant is currently preparing updated cost estimates for the construction scope. A revised quote for the splash pad feature has been requested from the intended supplier (Vortex), and the Village is considering breakout pricing for this element to allow for potential private or alternative funding. A donor has expressed early interest, and a final price will support fundraising conversations.
- Next steps:
 - Finalize and submit revised Attachment B-3(A) budget amendment to NYS Parks
 - Obtain updated splash pad quote from Vortex and incorporate into bid alternates
 - Advance final drawings and specifications for bidding (anticipated Fall 2025)

Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

- Sewer main installation between MH-65 and MH-17 has been completed. Crews have now begun work south of MH-65, where shallow bedrock has caused slower progress. Despite subsurface challenges, Carver Construction opted to maintain the original invert elevation at MH-65, foregoing a proposed revision to raise it.
- Active coordination continues at the Beaver Brook culvert crossing with NYSDOT and BP Excavation. Work at this site was accelerated to accommodate NYSDOT's construction schedule.
- The realignment of the Village water main beneath the Beaver Brook culvert was identified as an issue that ended up needing immediate coordination with NYSDOT and NYSDOH. Following concerns raised by the Village over a lack of prior notice and review, full design plans were requested and submitted. After review, NYSDOH confirmed that the proposed work qualifies as a “replacement in kind,” thereby not requiring formal DOH approval, provided all testing, disinfection, and installation standards are met. The Village has stipulated that thrust blocks must be installed per the original design, regardless of the use of restrained joints.

NYSDOT has committed to meeting all AWWA and DOH requirements. The Village Water Treatment Operator has been consulted, and the contractor has been directed to complete pressure testing, flushing, and bacteriological sampling in full accordance with state standards. Work on the realignment was completed by September 5, 2025.

- Field inspections determined that all sewer lateral bends must use long-radius fittings. Carver has been directed to revise and resubmit the associated details accordingly.

- An EPA site visit is tentatively scheduled for September 22, 2025. Barton & Loguidice is preparing project documentation for the visit.
- Pending Change Orders:
 - COR #9902 (N. Main water issues) – under B&L review
 - COR #9903 (N. Main connection) – revisions requested
 - COR #9908-02 (open cut across Beaver Brook – credit) – under review
 - COR #9909 (additional CCTV work) – approved; change order pending
- A pre-paving coordination meeting is being scheduled. NYSDOT will have daily onsite presence during the restoration phase.
- Next meetings:
 - Onsite: September 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM – Village Hall
 - Virtual: September 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM – Zoom

Water Meter Replacement Project – GIGP Grant Award

- On August 18, 2025, the Village Board passed a formal resolution to accept the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) award from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC).
- The next step is to receive and review the official grant agreement from EFC. Once received, the Village will begin internal planning discussions to determine the most effective use of the awarded funds.
- As part of this planning phase, the Village will evaluate how much of the work can be completed in-house to maximize cost efficiency and align with local operational capacity.

North Main Street Waterfront Park – GRG Grant Project

- A public information meeting was held on September 2, 2025, to review the preliminary design for the North Main Street Waterfront Park project and receive public input. The project is supported by a \$1.75 million GRG grant with a required 10% local match (approx. \$195,000). Highland Planning and Colliers led the presentation and Q&A session.
- The proposed park design includes accessible pathways, swing gardens, a pavilion with electric service, fishing access, solar lighting, a small play area, and parallel parking along North Main Street. The design is intentionally flood-resilient, in accordance with FEMA site restrictions (no permanent foundations are included, and the shoreline will not be elevated).
- Public feedback focused on concerns regarding historical flooding, sediment buildup, potential ice jams, insurance impacts, and long-term maintenance. Clarifications were provided regarding FEMA

restrictions, coordination with NYSDOT's bridge replacement project, and opportunities for in-kind contributions to satisfy local match requirements.

- Next steps include further coordination with FEMA and grant administrators, refinement of the construction scope, and final decision-making regarding acceptance of the grant and local match commitments.

***Center Park Rehabilitation
Revised Budget/Contract
EPF Contract # 182340
Resolution # 140-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Motion authorizing Mayor Mary E. Puznowski sign the Center Park Rehabilitation Revised Budget/Contract EPF # 182340 as presented. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

Will the revised contract include a full structure pavilion? **Yes.**

Next step is to meet with Stephen and the State (NY Forward).

***Village Engineer
Monthly Report***

By Trustee Randall

Motion to approve and place on file the September 2025 Village Engineer report as submitted. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Public Comment

Construction Update

Village Board will meet with the Main Street contractors regarding various site requests, including detour signs for the winter season.

Department Heads

WRRF

WWTF Chief Operator Amy Mowers came before the Board with the following:

WRRF Monthly Report

By Trustee Randall

Motion to approve and place on file the August 15, 2025 – September 10, 2025; WRRF report as submitted. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Police Department

Officer-In-Charge Philip Klosner came before the Board with the following:

Speed Detector

Village is requesting a quote for a speed detector. The police department will reach out to the county for assistance.

Police Monthly Report

By Trustee Williams

Motion to approve and place on file the August 2025 Police report as submitted. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Water Plant

Water Plant Operator Neal Winkler came before the Board with the following:

Water Monthly Report

By Trustee Dyer

Motion to approve and place on file the September 15, 2025 water report as submitted. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Philip Green came before the Board with the following:

11-13 Van Buren Street Update

11-13 Van Buren is listed as tax-exempt by resolution of the County of Herkimer. The County does this with properties that do not pay their taxes, and they cannot sell at the County land auction for whatever reason.

Please note: the owner of record is responsible for the property maintenance (codes violations) until further notice.

The village will consult with their attorney on how to proceed with orders to remedy.

Code Enforcement Monthly Report

By Trustee Randall

Motion to approve and place on file the 8/18/25 – 9/14/25 Code Enforcement report as submitted. Sec. Trustee Dyer. Ayes all.

D.P.W.

D.P.W. Superintendent David Jaquay came before the Board with the following:

Plowe Park

Stump removal will begin @ Plowe Park after Carver's done in the area.

***Auctions Internation Bid Awards
Resolution # 141-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Randall sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Motion to accept auction bids as received sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Sewer Fittings
2013 Ford Taurus Sedan
2022 GMC Savanah Bus

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

D.P.W. Monthly Report

By Trustee Gridley

Motion to approve and place on file the September 2025 D.P.W. report as submitted. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Planning Board

N/A

Treasurer

Village Treasurer Amber Kraszewski came before the Board with the following:

***Expenditures,
Encumbrances, and
Appropriations***

By Trustee Williams

Motion to place on file the Statement of Expenditures, Encumbrances, Appropriations for the period ending 8/31/25. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Balance Sheet

By Trustee Williams

Motion to place on file the Balance Sheet for the period ending 8/31/25. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Old Business

***North Main Street
Waterfront Park Grant
(GRG)***

A townhall meeting was held on September 2, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. – Dolgeville Clinic to discuss the North Main Street Waterfront Park Grant and other items as needed.

Guests were given a brief presentation by Liz Podowski King, Sara Constantineau, and Nate regarding potential project ideas. A major concern is the 10% match the village would have to provide and the early estimate is approximately \$ 195,000.00.

Mayor - The village could create a budget for the project from our General Fund (would not have to bond) and pay for it over time (5 yrs.) and request extensions.

The village employees could do some of the work (in-kind services). We could add a fourth employee and have 2 two-man teams. The village could rent trucks.

The timing of this project aligns with the bridge project.

The project addresses flood mitigation and creates a quality-of-life environment.

The State would not grant an award that would put people in jeopardy. Previous public informational hearings created story boards and collected items of interest for the community for this grant application submittal. The village paid \$ 4,000.00 for the grant application.

Reminder - it has taken the village almost 8 years (due to Covid) to start the Main Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project and the Center Park pavilion (going out to bid again this fall).

Public Comments:

The village does not have the proper equipment.

Funding this project creates more burden on the taxpayers and is not necessary at this time.

There doesn't seem to be public interest in a park project in this area (attendees' consensus). There are concerns regarding the current burim and any modifications (lowering it).

Would the return/declination of the grant penalize the village for future projects?

Attendees suggested finishing other parks (Center and Plowe).

Mayor Puznowski made a motion to move forward with the project. If the village has another big flood, we have no grant to fix it.

The Board previously adopted the following:

***North Main Street
Waterfront Park
\$ 1,750,000 – GRG
2253 Project
6000-07-00
Mayor Authorization
To Execute Green
Resiliency Agreement
Resolution # 96-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Dyer sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Motion to decline the North Main Street Waterfront Park – GRG Project at this time. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – June 16, 2025

***North Main Street
Waterfront Park
\$ 1,750,000 – GRG
2253 Project
6000-07-00
Pledging Local Matching
Funds***

The current program includes (10% = \$ 194,444.00 – breakdown – up to \$ 70,000 in kind services, \$ 124,444.00 from the Village's General Fund, Capital Reserve, bond proceeds or other lawful sources).

***North Main Street
Waterfront Park
\$ 1,750,000 – GRG***

**# 2253 Project
6000-07-00
Pledging Local Matching
Funds
Resolution # 97-2025**

The following resolution offered by Trustee Dyer sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Motion to decline the North Main Street Waterfront Park – GRG Project at this time. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – June 16, 2025

Mayor Mary E. Puznowski wants to go on the record that she is in favor of the project and not in agreement with declining the grant at this time and would like the board to rescind the previous resolutions.

September 15, 2025 – the Board did not rescind the above resolutions as adopted on June 16, 2025.

***Agreement Between
V.O.D. & T.O.M. to
Provide Police Protection***

The village will take no-action at this time until a meeting is set between the municipalities.

***C.T. Male Change Order
1 Technical Services
Project # 24.4766
Environmental Engineering/
Compliance Asst. Services
Proposal dated 8/28/25
\$ 10,000.00 Increase
Resolution # 142-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Dyer sec. Trustee Williams. Ayes all.

Motion authorizing Mayor Mary E. Puznowski sign Technical Change Order # 1 – Project # 24.4766 in the amount of \$ 10,000.00 increase (now \$ 62,200.00) as submitted. Sec. Trustee Williams. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

New Business

***Check Reconciliation
Resolution # 143-2025***

By Trustee Williams

Motion to place on file the check reconciliations as presented. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

Center Park Restoration - 5441 Balance - \$ 7,737.16	8/1/25-9/1/25
D.P.W. - 3068	No report/update
Economic Development - 8330 Balance - \$ 149,413.91	8/1/25-9/1/25
Fink Creek - 5458 Balance - \$ 55,392.06	8/1/25-9/1/25
General Fund - 8233 Balance - \$ 199,515.26	8/1/25-9/1/25
General Fund Savings – 5177 Balance - \$ 1,696,726.14	8/1/25-9/1/25
Helterline Park – 5185 Balance - \$ 3,664.69	8/1/25-9/1/25
Housing Rehabilitation – 8322	No report/update
Main St. Sewer Improvements – 5466 Balance - \$ 62,836.63	8/1/25-9/1/25
N. Main St. Homes – 5474 Balance - \$ 201,310.56	8/1/25-9/1/25
Police Vehicle – 3118	No report/update
Sewer Savings – 5193 Balance - \$ 365,287.17	8/1/25-9/1/25
Spohn’s Disposal – 3043	No report/update
Trust & Agency – 8225 Balance - \$ 1,961.15	7/1/25-9/1/25
Unemployment – 5201 Balance - \$ 37,444.12	8/1/25-9/1/25
Waste Water Savings – 5219 Balance - \$ 136,621.40	8/1/25-9/1/25
Water/Sewer – 8349 Balance – \$ 10,100.24	7/1/25-9/1/25
Water Capital Reserve – 5227 Balance - \$ 18,122.02	8/1/25-9/1/25
New York Forward – 6423 Balance - \$ 0.00	8/1/25-9/1/25

Water Fund Savings – **5235** 8/1/25-9/1/25
Balance - \$ 66,040.26

N. Main St. Waterfront Park – **5722** 8/1/25-9/1/25
Balance - \$ 79.45

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

***Payroll Certification
Resolution # 144-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

WHEREAS, Amber Kraszewski hereby submits for certification the following payroll period of 8/2/25-8/15/25 in the amount of \$ 43,912.34 be approved for payment from the appropriation authorized by the Village of Dolgeville Board of Trustees.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

***Payroll Certification
Resolution # 145-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

WHEREAS, Amber Kraszewski hereby submits for certification the following payroll period of 8/16/25-8/29/25 in the amount of \$ 40,706.04 be approved for payment from the appropriation authorized by the Village of Dolgeville Board of Trustees.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

***Records Management
Disposition Report
Resolution # 146-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Randall sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Motion to approve the Records Management Disposition Report dated September 10, 2025, as submitted. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

Comp Alliance Workers'

Comp. Recommendations Report

The village received a recommendations report dated 9/10/25. The village will remedy (an advisory recommendation) the one item on the report and advise Comp Alliance the current status update.

Trick or Treat

Village Trick or Treat is scheduled for October 31st – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Attorney

N/A

***Local Law
3-2025 Establishing
And Imposing Water
Rents - Adoption
Resolution # 147-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2025

A Local Law of the Village of Dolgeville establishing and imposing water rents in the Village of Dolgeville and amending Local Law # 4-2024.

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dolgeville as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

Unit. A structure or parcel of real property served by the Village of Dolgeville water system, or other applicable designation herein related to the use of such water.

Dwelling Unit. An apartment or house with living facilities intended for use by a single family.

SECTION 2. Establishment of Water Rents

- A. The Village hereby establishes and imposed water rents for the use of the water system or any part or parts thereof applicable both to users located within the Village and to users located outside the Village, whether within special use districts or otherwise, and establishes and imposes such water rents as an annual charge on all real property located within the Village and being served by such water system.
- B. Water rents will be charged in accordance with class of use as specified herein, inclusive of pro-rata use charges if

a unit is being utilized in a multiple manner.

C. The amount of such water rents are fixed as follows:

1. Residential Properties. Annual water rents for residential properties and churches within the Village shall be assessed at the rate of \$256.88 per dwelling unit to which water is actively connected. Such rent shall be payable without regard to occupation or vacancy.
2. Small Commercial Properties. Except as set forth in section 3, infra, annual water rents for commercial properties within the Village shall be assessed at the rate of \$318.24 per unit to which water is actively connected. Any residential dwelling unit within a commercial property shall be charged a separate water rent at the residential rate.
3. Special Uses. The following are identified as "Special Uses" and shall pay water rents in the amounts stated, subject to the provisions of Section 3, infra.:

Farms: \$ 5.36 per head of livestock per year
Emergency Wholesale \$ 5.36 per day
Non-potable use \$ 5.36 per 300 gallons

Gehring Tricot Miltex	\$ 50,689.60
Helmer Wood Products	\$ 2,028.00
J & M Car Wash, LLC	\$ 2,247.44
Rawlings Sporting Goods	\$ 1,958.32
Dolgeville Central School	\$ 3,134.56
Tumble Forms	\$ 1,176.24
Flocast	\$ 955.76
Laundromats 0-8 machines	\$ 806.00
Laundromats 9-16 machines	\$ 1,609.92
Laundromats 17+ machines	\$ 2,415.92

4. Outside Users. Annual water rents for users outside of the Village shall be assessed at the rate of \$318.24 per dwelling unit and \$418.08 per commercial property.

SECTION 3. Special Rates

The Dolgeville Department of Public Works shall be the designated fill station for outside area resident who are temporarily out of water (Class 9 users). There will be no charge

for the first thirty (30) day period in a calendar year. After this (30) day gratis period, there will be the above-described five dollar (\$5.36) charge for a maximum of three hundred (300) gallons of water per day. The designated fill site will only be available during working hours of the Department of Public Works unless prior arrangements are made at the Village Clerk's office. The Village reserves the right to deny this service to outside area residents during periods of water shortage which affect Village users.

Class 10 water purchasers for non-potable use shall pay a charge of five dollars (\$5.36) for each three hundred (300) gallons of water purchased. The Village reserves the right to deny this service during periods of water shortage.

A fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) will be due for having water shut-off and for having water turned on at the user's request.

A fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be due and paid before water is turned back on after being turned off because of non-payment of rent.

SECTION 4. Water Year

For the purposes of this Local law, water rents for users in classes 1 through 5, shall be billed on a quarterly basis with said billings being made on August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1. Water users in class 3 shall pay the appropriate fee to the Village Clerk before drawing water at the Village water fill station. A receipt for this payment shall be shown to the attendant before water is drawn.

SECTION 5. Collection of Water Rents

Water rents shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the due date thereof.

SECTION 6. Penalties

Penalties for late payment or non-payment of water rents are hereby fixed at a rate of ten percent (10) which may be amended from time to time upon resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dolgeville.

SECTION 7. Lien for Water Rents

Unpaid, or delinquent, water rents shall constitute a lien upon the real property within the Village served by the water system to the

extent as set forth in Section 11-1118 of the Village Law of the State of New York Unpaid, or delinquent, water rents for outside of village real property served by the water system shall constitute a lien upon such real property in accordance with any judicial judgement that may be rendered for non-payment.

SECTION 8. Collection of Delinquent Water Rents

The Village may enforce the collection of delinquent water rents by any method authorized by Article 11 of the Village law of the State of New York or other applicable law.

SECTION 9. Pro-Ration of Rents for Cancelled Service

In the event a property owner lawfully ceases or terminates water service to the premises during the rent period, the water charge shall be pro-rated by the Village Clerk on a monthly basis to the month of termination.

SECTION 10. Correction of Errors

If any owner of real property on which water rent is imposed deems himself aggrieved because such real property is not served by the water system, or for an error which has been made in computing such water rent, he may file an application for a refund for all or part of such imposed water rent. Such application shall be presented to the Village Board of Trustees with a recommendation in relation thereto. The Village Board of Trustees may refund all or part of such water rent.

SECTION 11. Water Meters.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Dolgeville may, by subsequent resolution, require that all water to various types and classes of users shall be measured through meters. Such a resolution shall be made by the Board only after a public hearing has been held thereon with at least fifteen (15) days notice to the public.

The following regulations shall apply to each water service where meters are specifically ordered by the Board:

- A. When the Board makes a determination that on a certain date all village water provided to a certain type and class of user will be supplied and sold by measurement only, then and thereafter all water used by such customers shall be metered.
- B. The Village shall provide all water meters and the

installation and maintenance thereof shall be a charge to the consumer.

- C. If a meter is out of order and fails to register, the consumer will be charged at the average consumption as shown by the meter when in order.
- D. At the written request of a consumer, the Village will test the meter supplying the premises of said consumer. If the meter on testing is found to be registering over three (3) percent more water than actually passes through it, no charge will be made for the test; otherwise a charge as defined in a Village fee schedule to cover the cost of removing, testing and resetting the meter will be made.
- E. No seal placed by the Village for the protection of any meter, valve or other water connection shall be tampered with or defaced. If the seal is broken, the Village reserves the right to remove and test the meter at the customer's expense.
- F. Where, after installation, damage to any meter is caused by the negligence of the consumer, the charge for renewing or repairing of same shall be at the expense of the consumer. Tampering with any meter shall be a misdemeanor and punishable as provide for Unclassified Misdemeanors in the Penal Law, or other applicable law, of the State of New York.

SECTION 12. Separability

The invalidity of any section, clause, or provision of this Local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local law, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

SECTION 13. Repeal of Prior Laws

Local Law No. 4-2024 and any other prior law, rule or regulation inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect upon its filing with the Secretary of the State.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

***Local Law
2-2025 Establishing
And Imposing Sewer
Rents - Adoption
Resolution # 148-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2025

A Local Law of the Village of Dolgeville establishing and imposing sewer rents in the Village of Dolgeville and repealing Local Law # 3-2024.

Be in enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dolgeville as follows:

SECTION 1. Establishment of Sewer Rents

- A. The Village hereby establishes and imposes sewer rents for the use of the sewer system or any part or parts thereof applicable both to user located within the Village and to users located outside the Village, whether within special use districts or otherwise, and establishes and imposes such sewer rents as an annual charge on the real property within the Village using such sewer system.
- B. The amount of such sewer rents are fixed as follows:
1. Residential Properties. Annual sewer rents for residential properties within the Village shall be assessed at the rate of \$606.32 per dwelling unit. Such rent shall be payable without regard to occupation or vacancy. For purposes of this section a dwelling unit is defined as an apartment or house with living facilities intended for use by a single family.
 2. Small Commercial Properties. Except as set forth in section 3, infra, annual sewer rents for commercial properties within the Village shall be assessed at the residential rate as a single dwelling unit. Notwithstanding, any residential dwelling unit within a commercial property shall be charged a separate sewer rent.
 3. Large Commercial Properties. The following are identified as “Large Commercial Properties” and shall pay sewer rents in the amounts stated:

Gehring Tricot Miltex	\$	76,160.24
Helmer Wood Products	\$	3,138.72
J & M Car Wash, LLC	\$	2,502.24
Rawlings Sporting Goods	\$	3,233.36
Dolgeville Central School	\$	5,192.72
Flocast	\$	1,808.56

Laundromats 0-8 machines	\$	1,302.08
Laundromats 9-16 machines	\$	2,515.76
Laundromats 17+ machines	\$	3,733.60

4. Outside Users. Annual sewer rents for users outside of the Village shall be assessed at the rate of \$668.72 per dwelling unit or per commercial property.

SECTION 2. Sewer Year

For the purposes of this Local law, sewer rents for users in all classes shall be billed on a quarterly basis with said billings being due on August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1.

SECTION 3. Collection of sewer rents

Sewer rents shall be paid within thirty (30) days after the due date thereof.

SECTION 4. Penalties

Penalties for late payment or non-payment of sewer rents are hereby fixed at a rate of ten percent (10) as currently established and may be amended from time to time by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dolgeville.

SECTION 5. Lien for sewer rents

Sewer rents shall constitute a lien upon the real property within the Village served by the sewer system to the extent as set forth in Section 452 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 6. Collection of delinquent sewer rents

The Village may enforce the collection of delinquent sewer rents by any method authorized by Section 452 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 7. Pro-Ration of Rents for Cancelled Service

In the event a property owner lawfully terminates sewer service to the premises during the rent period. The sewer charge shall be pro-rated by the Village Clerk on a monthly basis to the month of termination. If service to a dwelling is terminated, a minimum of a single user sewer charge will remain until such a time the sewer is legally disconnected, capped at the street and inspected by the sewer inspector.

SECTION 8. Correction of Errors

If any owner of real property on which a sewer rent has been imposed deems himself aggrieved because such real property is not served by the sewer system or an error has been made in computing such sewer rent. he may file an application for a refund or all or part of such sewer rent. Such application shall be verified by him and shall set forth the amount of refund sought and the grounds therefore. Such application shall be presented to the Village Board of Trustees with his recommendation in relation thereto. The Village Board of Trustees may refund all or part of such sewer rent.

SECTION 9. Separability

The invalidity of any section, clause, or provision of this Local law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local law, which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

SECTION 10. Repeal of Prior Laws

Local Law No. 3-2024 and any other prior law, rule or regulation inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. Effective date.

This Local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of the State of New York.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

Appointment - Code Enforcement Officer Resolution # 149-2025

The following resolution offered by Trustee Randall sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Motion to appoint Steven D. Elwood – Code Enforcement Officer effective January 1, 2026, upon retirement of current Code Enforcement Officer Philip Green effective December 31, 2025. The term will expire at the Annual Meeting April 2026. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

Executive Session

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Motion to enter executive session @ 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

The following resolution offered by Trustee Randall sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Motion to adjourn executive session and reconvene regular meeting @ 7:55 p.m. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

***Civil Service List – No Action
Resolution # 150-2025***

The following resolution offered by Trustee Williams sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

The Board agreed to take no-action on the Herkimer County Civil Service List dated September 9, 2025. Sec. Trustee Randall. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

ADOPTED – September 15, 2025

Future Meetings

Regular Meeting October 20, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. – Village Hall.

Adjournment

By Trustee Gridley

Motion to adjourn regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. Sec. Trustee Williams. Ayes all.

Mayor

Village Clerk

