

SPECIAL MEETING
DOLGEVILLE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 28, 2026
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

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

ATTORNEY: Karl Manne

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tammy L. Chmielewski

ATTENDED: Amy Mowers, Neal Winkler, Amber Kraszewski.

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

***GIGP SEQR
Water Meter Installation
Project
Negative Declaration
Resolution # 41-2026***

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Dolgeville Board of Trustees (hereinafter the “Board”) has received a proposal for the Water Meter Installation Project (hereinafter the “Project”), which involves the installation of approximately 840 new water meters and a fixed base network meter reading system throughout the Village’s existing water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located within the Village of Dolgeville, Herkimer County and Fulton County, New York, and encompasses the Village’s entire municipal water service area; and

WHEREAS, the Project is being funded, in part, through a Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC), CFA Application #109192, in the amount of \$664,000, with a local match of \$362,172, for a total estimated project cost of \$1,026,172; and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the installation of water meters at existing water service connections serving 683 residential, 51 commercial, and 3 industrial properties, along with associated fixed base network data collection equipment, and does not involve new construction of buildings or structures, significant

ground disturbance, or modifications to the water source or treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Project and has classified the Project as an “Type II Action” pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, and the regulations promulgated thereunder at 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

WHEREAS, the Board has declared itself Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQRA environmental review of the Project, and no other Involved Agency has objected to such designation within the prescribed time period; and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been prepared for the Project and has been reviewed by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the action and the relevant environmental impacts as set forth in the Short EAF, including the criteria for determining significance set forth in 6 NYCRR Section 617.7(c); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts based on the following considerations:

1. The Project involves the installation of water meters at existing service connections within existing buildings and at existing curb stops. No new buildings, structures, or facilities will be constructed.
2. The Project will not result in a substantial adverse change to existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, nor will it result in a substantial increase in solid waste production.
3. The Project will not result in the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, nor will it substantially interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species.
4. The Project will not impair the environmental characteristics of any Critical Environmental Area.
5. The Project is anticipated to have a positive environmental impact by reducing water consumption, identifying leaks within the distribution system, conserving water resources from the Cold Brook Reservoir, and reducing operational demands on the Village’s water and wastewater treatment facilities.
6. The Project will not impair the character or quality of important historical, archaeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character. The Village has initiated

consultation with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) through the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS).

7. The Project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.

8. The Project will not result in a substantial change in the use or intensity of use of land, including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources.

9. The Project will not create a hazard to human health.

10. The Project does not involve an action which is in conjunction with any other actions or a sequence of actions which, together, may have a significant environmental impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Dolgeville, as Lead Agency, hereby issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617, determining that the Water Meter Installation Project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Village Clerk to file a copy of this Negative Declaration in accordance with the requirements of 6 NYCRR Section 617.12, and to distribute copies to all Involved Agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

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***Mayor to Execute Water
Meter Installation GIGP
2328 Project # 6000-08-00
Agreement Authorization
Resolution # 42-2026***

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC") has awarded a Green Innovation Grant (GIGP #2328) to the Village of Dolgeville to fund the Water Meter Installation Project; and

WHEREAS, EFC requires that the governing body of the grant recipient designate an Authorized Representative, by title, to execute the Grant Agreement,

submit disbursement requests, and otherwise act on the Village's behalf in connection with said project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds it in the best interest of the Village to accept this grant and proceed with the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mayor of the Village of Dolgeville is hereby authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the Village, the Green Innovation Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto, and to sign all other documents, forms, and requests required by EFC for the administration and implementation of the Water Meter Installation Project.
2. The Mayor is further authorized to certify project costs, sign disbursement requests, and take any and all actions necessary to fulfill the Village's obligations under the Grant Agreement.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

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***Pledging Local Match Funds
for the Water Meter Installation
Project (GIGP # 2328 Project #
6000-08-00
Resolution # 43-2026***

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

WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation ("EFC") has awarded a Green Innovation Grant in the amount of Six Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$664,000) to the Village of Dolgeville (the "Village") to support the Water Meter Installation Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the Project is One Million Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$1,026,172); and

WHEREAS, the Green Innovation Grant program requires the Village to provide a local match equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of eligible project costs, which equates to Two Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars

(\$221,333); and

WHEREAS, the total local share required to complete the Project, including costs in excess of the grant award, is estimated to be Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$362,172); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the local share may be satisfied through documented in-kind services provided by Village forces, including labor and equipment from the Department of Public Works, engineering and technical services, and Water Department administrative oversight, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$126,000); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to affirm that the Village will furnish the balance of the local share, estimated to be Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$236,172), from the Village Water Fund, bond proceeds, or other lawful sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Village of Dolgeville hereby pledges a total local share of Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$362,172) toward the Water Meter Installation Project, to be provided as follows:
 - a. Up to \$126,000 in documented in-kind services and materials furnished by Village forces; and
 - b. Approximately \$236,172 in cash from the Village Water Fund, bond proceeds, or other lawful sources, as determined by the Village Treasurer.
2. The Mayor and the Village Treasurer are authorized to transfer, appropriate, or otherwise make said funds available as required by the Green Innovation Grant Agreement and to document the in-kind contribution in accordance with EFC guidelines.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

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***Water Service Laterals
Main Street Rehab.***

The Village needs to address water lines before new blacktop while installing sewer lines on the Main Street Rehab. Project.

Discussions with Jason (B & L) – eligible costs due to contractor work. We will not have enough money for the original project if

we do items outside of the original project of \$ 7.2 million. The Village would have to go out for financing. Let the contractor notify if they find something and we can address the issue at that time. We also need to note lead/copper issues.

Treasurer does not agree with proposal regarding financing. EFCSRF covers 0%. Our max bond amount is \$1.5 million. We are trying to amend @ 6 months. We do not have enough money for original project.

Center Park Inspections

The Village needs an inspector for the Center Park project every day. Saratoga Associates is just the architect for the project.

The Village will contact Saratoga Associates and set up a ZOOM meeting to address the following issues:

Project budget to include inspections/inspector.
Atlantic testing option/costs and any other companies.
State funding availability.

***Fink Creek Watershed
Drainage System Ext.
Request # 130884
4472DR-PW # 00636
Resolution # 44-2026***

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

Motion authorizing Mayor Mary E. Puznowski sign the Project/Grant Time Extension Request for the Fink Creek Watershed Drainage # 130884 – 4472DR – PW # 00636. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams
NAYS: None
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Village Hall Porch Roof

Village received one quote from Lawrence Construction – \$ 18,500.00. Village will check with contractor to see if the quote is still valid.

***Code Enforcement Fee
Schedule***

Continue working of fee schedule as required.

Water Plant Operator

Village will decide on the new Water Plant Operator within the next week.

***SPO Contract
Resolution # 45-2026***

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

Motion authorizing mayor Mary E. Puznowski sign the SPO Contract with Dolgeville Central School as to the terms presented. Sec. Trustee Williams. Ayes all.

AYES: Trustees Dyer, Gridley, Randall, Williams

NAYS: None

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Pop Warner Shed

Village will wait to plan on the Pop Warner shed located in the project area (Center Park).

Codes

Issues on Spencer Street.

Adjournment

By Trustee Dyer

Motion to adjourn special meeting at 7:07 p.m. Sec. Trustee Gridley. Ayes all.

Mayor

Village Clerk