

Village of Margaretville
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
March 24, 2026
5:00PM

The regular meeting of the Village of Margaretville Board of Trustees held at Gottfried Building 773 Main Street, Margaretville, NY. The following members were in attendance:

John C. Hubbell	Mayor
David Budin	Trustee
Iris Mead	Trustee
Jeffrey Warren	Trustee
Sarah Hubbell	Trustee

Public Attendance: Cris Ortiz, Michael Hochman, Beth Bush, Diane Munro, Karen and Butch Williams, Eleanor Preiss, Connie and John Gebert, Michael Doyle, Avi Rosentalis, Liz Walsch, Robin Williams, Regina Hernandez, and Dr. Doyle.

All unanimous votes are with the mayor not voting unless otherwise noted

Mayor Hubbell called the regular village meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Village Board Minutes for February 17, 2026

Trustee Warren motioned to approve previous minutes. Trustee Mead seconded. All in favor.

Westchester Medical Presentation:

With the support of OASAS and Delaware County Opioid Settlement Funding, WMCHealth is opening a Comprehensive Outpatient Program (Alternative Location) on Margaretville's Hospital Campus in response to the needs of the community and as an expansion of the recovery, prevention, and treatment work they have undertaken since 2019. Currently, residents in our area must travel 44 to 96 miles to access the closest COP where they can receive medication supported recovery, telehealth, peer support, individual and group counseling for a range of addictions from opioid use disorder, alcohol use disorder, tobacco cessation, or gambling support. The OASAS licensed outpatient treatment program will serve both individuals with substance use and their family members who seek support. The rates of substance use in the region remain high, with local EMS Data showing over 60 substance and alcohol related calls since January 2025 and SUNY Delhi survey of the Catskills region revealing that 1 out of every 5 respondents knew someone struggling with substance use.

Trustee Warren suggested purchasing a Zero Turn mower for the DPW. Treasurer Bush said there is \$5,000.00 budgeted for equipment, however the purchase of the mower would be spread

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over four (4) different areas. If there are any changes to the budget, please let her or the mayor know before April 7th.

Approval of the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget, Tax Cap Override, and the Organizational Meeting on April 7, 2026, at 5:00pm

Trustee Budin motioned to approve the Public Hearing. Trustee Mead seconded. All in favor.

RESOLUTION #03242026-3 VILLAGE BOARD ADOPTING LOCAL LAW TO
OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AS ESTABLISHED IN
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-c

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2011, the New York State Legislature enacted Chapter 97 of the NYS Laws of 2011, hereinafter referred to as the "General Municipal Law §3-c"; WHEREAS, General Municipal Law §3-c expressly authorizes local governments to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of the total voting power of the governing body (in this case, the "Village Board of trustees");

WHEREAS, the Villages Attorney has prepared a proposed Local Law to override the Tax Levy Limit FOR Fiscal Year 2026 as Established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed and modified the proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 as Established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board at a regular meeting held on March 24, 2026 accepted the proposed Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 as Established in General Municipal Law §3-c for consideration, scheduled a public hearing for said proposed law, and authorized and directed the Village Clerk to publish notice of said hearing; and

WHEREAS the Village Board will hold a public hearing on a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 as Established in General Municipal Law §3-c on April 7, 2026, at 5:10 pm at the Village Hall, at which time interested persons will hear concerning the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed law is ready for consideration by the Village Board; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 as Established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to, within 20 days following adoption of Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2026 as Established in General Municipal Law §3-c, file one copy of

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said Local Law in the Village of Margaretville Clerk's Office and one certified copy in the Office of the Secretary of State.

WHEREUPON, the Resolution was put to a vote and all were in favor:

After reading the resolution the motion was made by Mayor Hubbell and seconded by Trustee Budin. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Cris Ortiz is requesting use of the pavilion for art neon glass work classes early fall and displaying his work during the Christmas holiday. The pavilion use was approved but he needs to reserve his dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Pavilion Uses:
Field Day 6/28/26 – 7/5/26
Girl Scouts 9/19/26 – 7:00pm – 10:00pm

Trustee Warren made a motion for the use of the pavilion. Trustee Hubbell seconded. All in favor

- b. Liquor License: DFW 768 Main St. Application

Trustee Warren made a motion to let them apply for the licenses. Trustee Budin seconded. All in favor.

FYI:

The Annual Drinking Water 2025 Report will go out in next month's bill.

Brush Policy for 2026

Trustee Warren made a motion to approve the Brush Policy. Trustee Mead seconded. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- b. Food Trucks: The Town treats them as Seasonal Restaurant permit on private property. The property owner would get the permit. The state requires trucks to have a 150' radius around the truck. Food truck season is approaching. Definition of a Seasonal permit needs to be defined so we have guidelines. That would be through Zoning.
- c. The LFA determined what can be worked on regarding issues with water in and around Swart and Orchard Streets. This work allows us to apply for a \$50,000 grant which would be used on a study to work on these issues. This would allow Southern Tier 8 to apply, and we would match \$5,000, which is 10% but it wouldn't be in this year's budget.
- d. FYI Comprehensive plan survey has been reviewed, and a Comprehensive Plan meeting will be held at Union Grove Distiller on Thursday, March 26th at 5:00pm with

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representatives from the town and both villages. The meeting will include breakout groups focused on each of the primary areas of concern.

- e. FYI April 2nd, Thursday, 4pm – 7pm a Community Connection with NYSEG and their customers.
- f. Water charges. We will finalize it next month. We are adjusting charges for our meters. No more just changing out the frost plug, you change the whole meter. We were charging \$100 but the cost is about \$350.00. It will be \$350.00 for every single freeze.

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**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING TAX COLLECTION DUTIES
TO THE VILLAGE TREASURER**

At the annual meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Margaretville, held at Village Hall, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York on the ___ day of April, 2026, the following resolution was offered and seconded:

WHEREAS, pursuant the Real Property Tax Law, the Village Treasurer is charged with the duties of tax collector; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief, the tax collection duties were transferred to the Village Clerk, pursuant Real Property Tax Law §1438; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees now seeks to transfer the tax collection duties back to the Village Treasurer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1438, the Village Board of Trustees hereby revokes the transfer of tax collection duties to the Village Clerk and thereby restores the tax collection duties to the Village Treasurer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, Noreen LaBonte, do hereby certify that I am the Village Clerk of the Village of Margaretville and that the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Margaretville at a meeting thereof held at Village Hall, 773 Main Street, Margaretville, New York on the ___ day of April, 2026. Said resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mayor John C. Hubbell	<u>Yea</u>
Trustee David Budin	<u>✓</u>
Trustee Jeff Warren	<u>✓</u>
Trustee Iris Mead	<u>✓</u>
Trustee Sarah Hubbell	<u>✓</u>

Dated: April __, 2026

Village of Margaretville Seal

Noreen LaBonte, Village Clerk
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Mayor motioned for Resolution for Tax Collection Duties from Clerk to Treasurer. Seconded by Trustee Warren. All in favor

Pay Bills:
Invoices #230 - #252

Adjourn Meeting

Mayor Hubbell made a motion to close the meeting at 6:46pm. Trustee Hubbel seconded. All in favor.