

Village of Margaretville
Village Board Meeting
Following Public Hearing
4:57pm
5/19/26

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

John C. Hubbell	Mayor
David Budin	Deputy Mayor, Trustee
Sarah Hubbell	Trustee
Jeffrey Warren	Trustee

Public Attendance: Joan Lawrence-Bauer

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.

Approve the April 21, 2026, meeting minutes.

Trustee Hubbell motioned to approved previous minutes. Trustee Budin seconded. All in favor

Open to the Public:

Paul Weil: Businesses and vendors of last year 150th Anniversary Block Party are interested in making it an annual event. We would like to start this year and keep it the same weekend and same Saturday as last year (July 25th) if possible, for several reasons because of the spacing of events throughout the summer from Memorial Day through Cauliflower Festival. Also, because Andes has their Andes Day on the 1st Saturday of every August that's the following week. Those couple of weeks in August tend to be a little slower in terms of retail. If it's at all possible to squeeze it in this year. I already amended the vendor map from last year because all the vendors want to participate again and we were going to keep it simple and just repeat the process. However, we would not have to do the photo because it's a little more complex. I will reach out to the Historical Society, Diane, if she wants to be involved again that would be great. So, I am here to present, I am not officially in charge of anything.

Joan Lawrence-Bauer: What time will it be?

Paul Weil: Last year it was 4:00 – 7:00pm, they asked if we could make it longer, 3:00 – 7:00pm.

Joan Lawrence-Bauer: Margaretville Rotatory Club is already having a block party that night at the pavilion with two bands and two food trucks and cornhole from 6:00-9:00pm. You bring them to the street and then they can go there. It could be great.

Paul Weil: We all saw how many came last year. They want to be involved again. It's about residents and visitors and everyone has a chance to celebrate. The retail stores are going to stay open. Kria open 7 days a week July – August. Six days a week, Memorial Day through Labor Day. Saturday stays open as long as people are around.

Mayor Hubbell asked Joan and Paul if they wanted to get together. Once you get into the promotion part, I will get you in touch with Delaware County, Sofia Picco. She will push it.

Mayor asked anything else from the public?

New Business:

Pavilion Use: FCCLA June 19th, Rotary Club July 25, Joan Lawrence-Bauer Birthday Party July 19

Trustee Hubbell making a motion to approve. Trustee Warren seconded. All in favor.

Water Bills and Tax Warrant was approved

Budget Transfers basically is Beth moving money around so all accounts are in the black as opposed to several were in over and others were 0 so we moved the money around. Just a side note, last year a lot of expenses went through here, we received \$124,171.87 from Chips Highway Program which most that was mainstream. \$61,950 from FEMA for our repairs that happened at the end of town.

Mayor Hubbell made a motion to approve Budget Transfers as requested. Trustee Warren second. All in favor

Information: DPW on their way to Halcottsville, hit a deer. The truck is still usable. The estimate for repair is \$8,166.02.

In closed in your packed is a **request to split the cost of a water leak**. The request was denied.

The village board will offer the resident two options: paying quarterly payments of \$265.00 for six months or \$88.34 for 18 months.

Trustee Warren made the motion. Trustee Budin seconded. All in favor

FYI the village is **named in a lawsuit** as well as Delaware County, someone falling at 520 Main Street back in Feb. when we got this case it was the first we knew anyone fell.

Next month, you can have a **meeting** if Dave will take it over again, I will be at a meeting in Hamilton that night, or we can put it off until Thursday, June 18th. It up to the board how you want to deal with it. The meeting is on the 16th. I will be gone from the 15th through the 17th. The village board agreed to have the regular meeting.

The meeting I am going to is Technical Assistance Grant through NYS Thriving Communities which is put on by NYSDOT. We're seeing where we can go with it and what we can get out of it. It's mostly technical assistance. Although there is a small amount of money for certain projects that may or may not be able to work out. There is still a lot of fluid stuff in the program itself. I would like to tell you we're going to get this or get that, but I don't know yet. We are going to have to wait and see. The other Grant Program that we have been with is DWSP2 Drinking Water Source Protection Program through DOT. We're having a final meeting to submit it to the state. It's a comprehensive plan for water. Not a lot transpires unless it's a huge change. It's information for planning and village boards. We were able to get both town and village water systems tied in through this program. Easiest way to explain it is if someone wanted to put a factory on East Hubbell Hill, the planning board should be aware, it could affect the water in Halcottsville because of ground water and how it works out. We have maps that show where our water comes from and how long it takes to get there. Here in the water shed we don't have to worry too much because we are never going to get a factory. The planning board should be aware what is being purchased and developed to protect the water. We have been working on this for the past 2 years. Finally, it is getting submitted.

The **NY Forward 4.5 million** which were just awarded. Even though we submitted a group of projects, everyone must re-apply. I had three meetings with the Department of State. I submitted a list of 8-10 names, they select from the list for the local planning committee along with 2 (two) people from the Department of State, 2 (two) people from a consulting firm which already have toured our village and currently work with the State. Those 4 (four) people along with our committee group will pick the plans and how much each will get. It's all kind of fluid yet. Technically, it hasn't started and officially it hasn't been released because they are still in the process of awarding. Two other regions must get their awards before they can say go. We hope to start by June. We will see. Anyone interested in presenting a project can reach out to the village and we can send them a pdf of the outline, or they can come in and go through a rough idea of what is necessary to qualify. There is a section in the packet about small projects.

Short discussion on municipal water system hookups.

SUMMER HELP; Matthew Antonette started May 18th

Trustee Hubbell made the motion to approve summer help. Trustee Warren seconded. All in favor.

Water letter to the residents – Base plates for our water meters due to freeze ups.

We're going to replace entire meters. Cost is \$75. Is going to be about \$300. Per meter

and we generally replace the same places every year. It's going to get expensive. Due to frozen pipes, water meter replacement will result in the resident being responsible for cost of meter plus \$75.00 labor. 2nd occurrence during the same season, cost of meter plus \$75.00 labor, plus \$100.00 fee. Cost of meter will be based on market value.

Pay Bills: #277 - #298

***Mayor Hubbell made a motion to close the Village Board Meeting at 6:06pm.
Trustee Hubbell seconded. All in favor.***