

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Village of Mount Morris
May 26, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, County of Livingston, State of New York, was held at Village Hall, 117 Main Street, Mount Morris, New York, on May 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor Kelly Bacon
Trustee Mark Torcello
Trustee Kelly Richardson
Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Torcello
Village Attorney Elijah McWhinney

ABSENT:

Trustee Beth Shea
Trustee Tim Bryant

ALSO PRESENT:

Police of Chief Jeff Wilcox, Superintendent of Public Works Chris Young, Code Officer Tim Dunham, Joshua Bacon, Tracy Kenney, Gretchen Saunders, Ann Hunt, Debbie Yencer, Tammy DiSalvo, Jolynn Joy from Be Well Mount Morris, Jen Young and Brandon Smith

Mayor Bacon called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney McWhinney went over the introduction Local Law #3 “Amending Chapter 59 of the Village Code of the Village of Mount Morris to Modify the responsibilities for dog care and medical expenses.” explaining the primary purpose of these changes is to put the expense responsibility of seized dogs to the dog owner and not the Village.

Attorney McWhinney had prepared a resolution for an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Mount Morris for the lease and operational responsibility of the Town wide water and sewer systems. He explained the Town had changed the language of the agreement from a transfer of ownership to a lease, explaining this allows the Town to avoid having to go through the mandatory referendum requirement, so the Town is proposing to do a lease instead of a transfer, however he has not seen an updated version of the agreement and encouraged that the Village see a final copy before signing the agreement.

After discussion the board decided to table this resolution until they receive the signed agreement from the Town of Mount Morris.

The board also discussed the updated agreement with the Town for court use services and court officers.

Mayor Bacon invited Jolynn Joy and Brandon Smith to present information regarding design plans for an entry area for the new sign at Bellamy Park.

Jolynn Joy from the Genesee Valley Health Partnership, explained she is a part of the Be Well Mount Morris group doing initiatives promoting wellness in the community. She shared that at their meeting in August 2025 an idea was discussed about funding a sign at Bellamy Park that invites and welcomes to the park where the Be Well initiatives of Move More, Eat Better, Stress Less are promoted. She was able to get funds through GVHP for a sign, but the other piece is the landscaping and surrounding space of the sign. Brandon Smith explained his background in landscape design and construction and when he and Kelly applied for the grant through the County Historian it was to tie in historical significance in the project so the plant material chosen has historical meaning – purple golds and whites for a connection to Mary Seymour Howell and women’s suffrage, choosing a tree to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the nation that is native to the area and has indigenous history and references to historical connections, and other details, emphasizing that this is more of a living monument and living reflection of our village and history, and will unify the existing flag pole, boulder with 1939 plaque, and Christiano star.

Discussion was had regarding how to fund the project and possible donations.

Jolynn also shared with the Board plans for Be Well to apply for funding from the upcoming round of the Solar Ridge Share the Sun funding, detailing that she would be applying for funds to support new playground equipment at Bellamy Park.

RESOLUTION 103.26

APPROVAL OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PENDING GRANT FUNDS

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

On a motion from Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Richardson:

Resolved to authorize Be Well of Mount Morris to apply for grant funding for new upgraded playground equipment for Bellamy Park awarded through Share the Sun funding.

RESOLUTION 104.26

APPROVAL OF FUNDS FOR UPGRADES TO BELLAMY PARK

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

On a motion from Trustee Richardson second by Trustee Torcello:

Resolved to pay a \$1500.00 down payment for the landscaping entry at Bellamy Park, using \$1000.00 from A6989.4 grants and \$500.00 from A1620.1 building services.

Community member Ann Hunt expressed she would like to donate toward this project and was very impressed with the design.

RESOLUTION 105.26

APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL SALES

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

On a motion from Trustee Richardson second by Trustee Torcello:

Resolved to approve alcohol service/sale at Bellamy Park for Glory Day on June 13, 2026, contingent upon the New York State paperwork completed.

Mayor Bacon stated that at the last meeting the board had approved her appointment of two new members to the Joint Town & Village Planning Board, David DiPasquale and Johnna Schrier, which are joint Town/Village appointments. The Town Board didn't appoint David DiPasquale and did appoint Johnna Schrier.

RESOLUTION 106.26

APPROVAL TO AMEND MOTION #84.6

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

On a motion from Trustee Richardson second by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

Resolved to amend the motion and appoint Johnna Schrier to the Joint Town and Village Planning Board with her appointment term ending 2-10-2030.

Mayor Bacon proposed David DiPasquale for appointment to the Joint Town and Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION 107.26

APPROVAL TO APPOINTMENT

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

On a motion from Trustee Richardson second by Trustee Torcello:

Resolved to appoint David DiPasquale to the Joint Town and Village Zoning Board of Appeals with his appointment term ending 5-31-2031.

RESOLUTION 108.26

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

On a motion from Trustee Torcello second by Trustee Richardson:

Resolved to make the following transfer:

Decrease A2705 donation \$595.00

Increase A1620.4 building cont. \$595.00

This is for the PTNY Grant funding that has remaining funds and Partners for Progress decided with the Village and approval from PTNY to use those funds for an additional trash receptacle for the Main Street Business District.

With no further items from the board, public comment was opened.

Gretchen Saunders asked about the burned house on Grove Street and the property on Hopkins Street talked about on Facebook. CEO Dunham gave updates on both properties. Gretchen suggested sending text messages for water breaks and other water issues.

Tracy Kenney spoke about the speeding in the Village and asked what is being done to deter that. Chief Wilcox addressed her comments and the increased patrol of traffic enforcement. She also asked about installing cameras at the water treatment plant.

Tammy DiSalvo asked if anyone knew what the loud explosion noise was by Chapel Street Saturday afternoon. Superintendent Young was able to find that it was due to a transformer.

Mayor Bacon stated next meeting is June 9th.

RESOLUTION 109.26

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

On a motion by Trustee Richardson, second by Trustee Torcello:

Resolved to enter Executive Session regarding employee/personnel.

RESOLUTION 110.26

APPROVAL TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Richardson seconded by Trustee Torcello the following resolution was

ADOPTED – AYE 3

ABSENT 2

Resolved to exit Executive Session.

With no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Bryant and seconded by Trustee Richardson to adjourn the meeting at **9:05 PM**.