

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 13, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, County of Livingston and the State of New York was held at the Village Hall 117 Main Street, Mount Morris, New York on January 13,2026 at 6:00 PM.

**PRESENT:**

Kelly Bacon	Mayor
Elizabeth Shea	Trustee at 6:15 PM
Tim Bryant	Trustee
Kelly Richardson	Trustee
Mark Torcello	Trustee
Lisa Torrcello	Clerk/Treasurer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chief of Police Jeff Wilcox, Street Superintendent Chris Young, Ann Hunt, Gretchen Saunders, Jen Young, Tracy Kenney, Cathie Gehrig, Danny Brewer, Bob Brill, Terry Soto, Rebecca Johnson, Anna Johnson, Amber Gath, Joette Zangerle, Joanne Bartoltti, Deb Yencer, Debbie Buchanan, Kaylee Leone, Tyler Lange, Margaret Cullen- Akin, Gina Smith, Brian Hill, Dana Passamonte Jr., Sue Agte, Roy Agte, John Warner, Lauren Berger, Robert Yencer, Sara Jo Yencer, Joe Rawleigh Jamie Gregg, Chris Wheat, Judith Claprod, Angela Munto

Mayor Bacon called the meeting to order and asked everyone to rise for the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Bacon stated that this was a special meeting regarding the increase of water rates.

Mayor Bacon provided hand outs regarding the water rate increase along with information regarding the water treatment plant improvement project

Trustee Shea said that we never rescinded the motion from April when the board motioned to raise the water rates by \$32.50. Mayor Bacon explained that the board amended the motion.

The board allowed for time for the public to ask questions of the board and Superintendent Young regarding water rates, how people are charged, how meters are read, and water budget

No board action was taken.

6:30 PM-

Mayor Bacon stated that there was a public hearing regarding Local Law #1-2026.

**RESOLUTION 1.26**

**VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS**

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 257.25 ENTITLED: “RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026 ENTITLED ‘AMENDING CHAPTER 59 (“ANIMALS”), ARTICLE III (“DOGS”) SECTION 59-15 (“PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES”) OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS CODE”**

Adopted: January 13, 2026

The Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris met at a regular board meeting at the Village Offices of the Village of Mount Morris located at 117 Main Street, Mount Morris, New York on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 13, 2026, commencing at 6:30 P.M., at which time and place the following members were:

Present:	Mayor	Kelly Bacon
	Trustee	Tim Bryant
	Trustee	Kelly Richardson
	Trustee	Elizabeth Shea
	Trustee	Mark Torcello

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board is considering the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2026 entitled “Amending Chapter 59 (“Animals”), Article III (“Dogs”) Section 59-15 (“Penalties for Offenses”) Of the Village of Mount Morris Code” to amend the fee schedule for penalties regarding dog licensure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris set a public hearing on the proposed adoption of said local law on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 at 6:30 P.M., at which time all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law are scheduled to be heard and due deliberation shall be had; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, due to a procedural error, passed Resolution 257.25 to adopt the proposed local law on December 9, 2025, prior to the scheduled public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, wishing to correct such error, shall rescind Resolution 257.25 in its entirety and shall hold the public hearing regarding the local law as scheduled.

**NOW ON MOTION OF** Mayor Kelly Bacon which has been duly seconded by Trustee Richardson, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, that Resolution 257.25 is hereby rescinded in its entirety; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, that is shall hold the public hearing regarding the local law as scheduled.

Mayor Bacon asked the public if anybody would like to speak.

Mr. Chris Wheat asked why the penalties were so low. Mayor Bacon stated that these amount were on recommendation from the village attorney.

With no more questions Mayor Bacon left the public hearing opened.

The discussion regarding water rate increases continued.

## **RESOLUTION 2.26**

### **APPROVAL OF CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING**

On a motion from Mayor Bacon second by Trustee Bryant the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolve to close the public hearing on Local Law #1-2026 amending Chapter 59 (animals), Article III (dogs) section 59-15 (Penalties for Offense) of the Village of Mount Morris Code

## **RESOLUTION 3.26**

### **VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026 ENTITLED  
“AMENDING CHAPTER 59 (‘ANIMALS’), ARTICLE III (‘DOGS’)  
SECTION 59-15 (‘PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES’)  
OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS CODE”**

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Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, all Board Members, having due notice of said meeting, and that pursuant to Article 7, §104 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and due and proper notice of the time and place whereof was given as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board is considering the adoption of Local Law No. \_\_\_ of 2025 entitled “AMENDING CHAPTER 59 (‘ANIMALS’), ARTICLE III (‘DOGS’), SECTION 59-15 (‘PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES’) OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS CODE” in order to update the penalties for offenses for violations of Chapter 59, Article III of the Village Code to provide appropriate deterrence and a revised fine structure for second and subsequent offenses of such Article; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris held a public hearing on the proposed adoption of said local law on the 13 day of January 2026 at 6:30 P.M., at which time all interested parties and citizens for or against the proposed law were heard and due deliberation having been had; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris recognizes that this local law is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(36), and therefore SEQR review will not be required as there are no adverse environmental impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board believes it to be in the public interest to adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2026 to amend Chapter 59, Article III, Section 59-15 of the Village Code; and

**NOW ON MOTION OF** Mayor Bacon which has been duly seconded by Trustee Richardson, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Village Board of the Village of Mount Morris, that it is in the best interests of the Village to adopt the proposed Local Law entitled “AMENDING CHAPTER 59 (‘ANIMALS’), ARTICLE III (‘DOGS’) SECTION 59-15 (‘PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES’) OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT MORRIS CODE”, and the same is hereby adopted; and be it further

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to enter the adoption of said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting, to file the law in the Office of the Village Clerk, and to file the law with the Secretary of the State of New York pursuant to Section 27 (L) of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

The board continued to allow for the public to ask questions of the board and Superintendent Young regarding water rates, how people are charged, how meters are read, and water budget  
No board action was taken.

## **RESOLUTION 4.26**

### **APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolve to approve the following abstract:

**Abstract #24**

GENERAL	\$86082.77	390-394
WATER	\$7867.05	205-208
SEWER	\$8219.18	159-161

**ABSTRACT # 25**

GENERAL	\$281,732.41	395-431
WATER	\$12,256.14	289-302
SEWER	\$8558.12	211-221
CAPTIAL- WATER		

**ABSTRACT # 26**

GENERAL	\$44,576.67	432-457
WATER	\$26,980.86	224-242
SEWER	\$15,945.72	175-187
Capital water	\$99,484.00	21-22

**RESOLUTION 5.26**

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

On a motion from Trustee Bryant second by Trustee Shea the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolve to approve the following payment for the water treatment project to STC Construction in the amount of \$71,820.00

**RESOLUTION 6.26**

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolve to approve the following payment for the water treatment project to Concord Electric Corp. in the amount of \$27,664.00

**RESOLUTION 7.26**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolved to approve the following minutes of December 9, 2025

Motion by Trustee Torcello seconded by Trustee Richardson to increase/decrease the general fund budget as follows:

Increase A2416 (rental of equipment-other government)	\$24,000.00
Increase A2701 (refund of prior year)	\$10,500.00
Decrease A1170 (franchises)	\$5,000.00
Decrease A1230 (Treasurer Fee)	\$1,000.00
Decrease A1520 (Police Fee)	\$800.00
Decrease A2001 (park & recreational charges)	\$3,500.00
Decrease A2110 (Zoning Fee)	\$2,000.00
Decrease A2260 (court officers)	\$1,000.00
Decrease A2501 (business permits)	\$1,000.00
Decrease A3001 (state aid, revenue sharing)	\$961.00
Decrease A3089 (state aid, other)	\$4,096.00
Decrease A2555 (building permits)	\$10,643.00
Decrease A2610 (fines & forfeits)	\$4,500.00
Increase A5112.2 (chips)	\$65,387.00
Increase A3501 (state aid, chips)	\$65,387.00
Increase A2655 (sale of equipment)	\$6,105.00
Increase A9785.6 (installment debt, principle)	\$6,105.00

Motion by Mayor Bacon seconded by Trustee Torcello to decrease the water fund budget as follows:

Decrease F9730.7 (ban, interest)	\$61,000.00
Decrease F2140 (water meter sales)	\$61,000.00

Motion by Trustee Bryant seconded by Trustee Torcello for the following budget transfer in the sewer fund:

<b>From</b>		<b>Amount</b>		<b>To</b>		<b>Amount</b>
G9010.8	State Retirement	\$8,350.00		G8130.4	Sewer Treatment	\$8,350.00

#### **RESOLUTION 8.26**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolved to allow Mayor Bacon to sign the agreement with Hach.

#### **RESOLUTION 9.26**

#### **APPROVAL OF HIRING OF EMPLOYEE**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolved to approve to hire Tim Ferrara as a part time police officer effective 1-17-2026 at a rate of pay of \$27.75/hr.

Board discussed that out of the three firm proposals received for the TAP grant the highest score rating was to MRB.

#### **RESOLUTION 10.26**

#### **APPROVAL OF MRB AS TOP FIRM FOR TAP GRANT PROPOSAL**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolved to select MRB to do the pre application for the TAP grant if the grant is pursued.

Mayor Bacon will contact MRB and gather additional information regarding the process and cost.

Mayor Bacon proposed adding the youtube link to the village website for additional accessibility to the livestream right from the website and including a disclaimer to explain that sometimes there are technical issues beyond our control but we will do our best to keep the services streaming and correct issues when they come up.

#### **RESOLUTION 11.26**

##### **APPROVAL OF YOUTUBE LINK ON WEBSITE**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Shea, Richardson, Torcello

Resolved to add a link to the YouTube live streaming channel to the village's website.

Discussion regarding the mayor report, going over budget items and planning for the upcoming budget cycle

#### **RESOLUTION 12.26**

##### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea, Richardson

Resolved to go into executive session discussing contracts and employees.

#### **RESOLUTION 13.26**

##### **APPROVAL TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion from Mayor Bacon second by Trustee Bryant the following resolution was

**ADOPTED** Ayes 5 Bacon, Bryant, Torcello, Shea, Richardson

Resolved to come out of executive session.

With no further business motion by Trustee Bryant and second by Trustee Richardson to adjourn.