

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: MARCH 2, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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ROLL CALL

Present:

- Mayor Martin
  - Trustee Forlano
  - Trustee Ruggiero
  - Trustee Machado
  - Trustee Rice
  - Pam Ruyack Village Clerk
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 2, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Mayor entertains motion to accept the minutes from the March 2, 2026 meeting. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

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ABSTRACTS

General Fund: \$71,553.00

Water Fund: \$22,166.41

Sewer Fund: \$72,683.53

Mayor entertains motion to accept the abstracts as read. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

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## MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Noted the welcome return of daylight during evening meetings.
- Reported attending several virtual meetings with Dutchess County regarding recent states of emergency related to extreme cold and snow.
- County travel advisories during storms were successful with no major accidents.
- Attended Trivia Night supporting Friends of Blodgett Library; it was a great event and encouraged attendance at future events.

Mayors and Supervisors Association Meeting (March 3)

Several water grant meetings

- Women's Safety Training scheduled for April 7 at 6 PM in Van Wyck Hall. Presented by Town of Poughkeepsie Police, Village of Fishkill Police, and Dutchess County Sheriff's Office. Free and open to the public.
- Activities Committee meeting scheduled for Friday at 6 PM at the library. Volunteers welcomed. Planning underway for Rev250 events.
- Discussion of block party: tentative dates May 30 (rain date May 31). Times discussed: Saturday May 30, 6-10 PM, Sunday May 31, (Rain Date) 2- 6 PM To be further addressed by the Activities Committee. Trustees invited to email suggestions.

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## PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 12-MONTH MORATORIUM (VCBD)

Mayor entertains motion to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed 12-Month Moratorium in the V CBD District. So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

Public comments included:

- Resident Ann LaGoy (Town of Fishkill) spoke in favor of the moratorium, citing concerns about zoning west of Jackson Street and potential redevelopment impacts.
- Attorney Kenneth M. Stenger, counsel for Jackson Crossing LLC, requested clarification of section 7A. Upon confirming that existing approved projects would not be affected, he raised no objection as long as language remains unchanged.

Hearing no further comments, the Mayor entertains a motion to close the Public Hearing, so moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

## COUNTY REFERRAL

Dutchess County Department of Planning responded that the proposed law is a matter of local concern.

Mayor entertains motion to adopt Local Law 1 for the 12 Month Moratorium in the V CBD District. So moved Trustee Machado, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, all in favor, aye, carried.

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TAX REFUND – SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT REVIEW (SCAR)  
Property: 1252 Hopewell Avenue (Pinebrook / 1252 Hopewell LLC)  
Village refund amount: \$166.60

Mayor entertains motion to approve tax refund for 1252 Hopewell Avenue (Pinebrook/1252 Hopewell LLC), So moved Trustee Forlano, seconded Trustee Ruggiero, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried.

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#### COMMITTEE FORMATION – MORATORIUM REVIEW

- Next step is formation of a review committee. Mayor will present members at next meeting.
- Trustees requested a county representative; Planner Tara (County Staff) to be contacted.
- Discussion regarding effective date: Moratorium becomes active upon filing with Secretary of State (approximately 7 days). Clarification to be researched regarding exact time-of-day enforcement.

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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT UPDATE

- Trustee Machado reported submitting a Homeland Security grant application with Treasurer Stephanie Pendleton and Danny Burke.
- Request is for 35 new multiband radios; total request approx. \$186,000.00
- Old radios may have limited resale value due to outdated, single-band technology.
- Village will be updated when grant status is known.

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#### OTHER BUSINESS

State of The County address scheduled for March 3 at 4:30 PM; livestream available.

Discussion on vacancies: Activities Committee always seeking volunteers.

Next meeting is Monday March 23, 2026.

Trustees requested improved formatting for water-system reporting; updated documents will be emailed prior to next meeting.

Safe Streets Grant Committee has been formed.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor entertains motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved Trustee Machado, seconded Trustee Rice, discussion, none, all in favor, aye, carried. 6:30 PM

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Pam Ruyack  
Village Clerk