

Present: Trustee Ron Langdon
Trustee Sharon Trimm
Kyle Jackson
Jim Alexander
Barb Langdon
Ellie Shannon
Matt Schaertl
Don Miller
Brad Hixson
Alexander Colburn
Amy Alexander, Recording Clerk

Trustee Langdon opened the Village Board Meeting at 6:00 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were prepared beforehand by the Village Clerk-Treasurer and on motion by Trustee Langdon, seconded by Trustee Trimm, voted and carried unanimously to accept as prepared and placed on file. Motion was made by Trustee Trimm, seconded by Trustee Langdon, voted and carried unanimously to accept the January 2025 Trial Balance (Edmunds), Bank Statement (CNB), Revenue/Expenditure Analysis (Edmunds).

Motion was made by Trustee Trimm, seconded by Trustee Langdon, voted and carried unanimously to audit and approve the following bills for payment and all budget transfers:

02/12/25	Abstract #9	\$88,749.09 (#12321-12355)
	General	\$43,344.47
	Water	\$5,859.66
	Sewer	\$39,544.96
	Abstract #9a	\$13,462.33 (#12356-12361)
	General	\$13,462.33
	Water	\$300.00
	Sewer	\$80.00

Board Items:

DPW Supervisor Kyle Jackson gave updates on current DPW activities. These updates included replacing sidewalk plow blade with a rubber blade, maintenance on trucks, repair water break on Maple Avenue, one of the salters is not working, barriers are all set up on Water St. to narrow road to one lane, all laborers attended leak detection training. Resident Brad Hixson and Trustee Trimm gave compliments to Kyle and the DPW crew for maintaining the roads this winter.

Motion was made by Trustee Langdon, seconded by Trustee Trimm and carried, to approve the new Fire Department member Mike Benson.

The following resolution was offered on motion of Trustee Trimm, seconded by Trustee Langdon and carried:

RESOLUTION 1-2025
REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS OVER 65
VILLAGE OF SHORTSVILLE, NY
FOR THE 2025-2026 TAX YEAR

RESOLVED, AND BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Shortsville, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Real property owned by one or more persons, one of who is sixty-five years of age, or real property owned by husband and wife, one of who is sixty-five years of age or over shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifty per centum of the assessed valuation thereof.
- SECTION 2. No exemption shall be granted:
- a) if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property exceeds the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$29,700) for the twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the date of making the application for exemption. Where title is vested in either the husband or the wife, the combined income may not exceed such sum. Such income shall include Social Security and Retirement Benefits, interest, dividends, rental income, salary or earnings, and income from self-employment, but shall not include gifts or inheritance; and
 - b) unless the title of the property shall have been vested in twenty-months prior to the date of making application for exemption; and
 - c) unless the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and
 - d) unless the real property is the legal residence of, and is occupied in whole or in part by the owner or by all of the owners of the property.
- SECTION 3. As allowed by Section 467D of the New York State Real Property Tax Law, a sliding scale income level will be allowed as follows:

Annual Income		Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation
\$24,000 or less		50%
\$24,000 -- but less than \$25,000		45%
\$25,000 -- but less than \$26,000		40%
\$26,000 -- but less than \$27,000		35%
\$27,000 -- but less than \$27,900		30%
\$27,900 -- but less than \$28,800		25%
\$28,800 -- but less than \$29,700		20%
\$29,700 -- over		00%

- SECTION 4. Application for such exemption must be made by the owner, or all of the owners, of the property, on forms to be furnished by the Town of Manchester Assessor, and shall furnish the information and be executed in the manner required or prescribed in such forms, and shall be filed in the office of the Town of Manchester at least ninety days before the day of filing the final assessment roll.
- SECTION 5. Any conviction of having made any willful false statement in the application for such exemption shall be punishable by a fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars and shall disqualify the applicant from further exemption for a period of five years.
- SECTION 6. This resolution will remain effective until it is amended by resolution of the Village Board of Shortsville, NY from said date.

Trustee Trimm spoke to the board about the process for using village property for events and the need for communication with the Village. Trustee Trimm talked about having the village send letters out to community groups to express the need for communication and approval prior to events taking place. Trustee Trimm made a motion, seconded by Trustee Langdon and carried, to send letters to the community groups.

Trustee Langdon made a motion, seconded by Trustee Trimm and carried, to set the date for the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law 1-2025 titled A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established by General Municipal Law §3-c for March 5, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Village Hall.

Trustee Langdon made a motion seconded by Trustee Trimm and carried, to move the March 2025 Regular Board Meeting to March 5, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M. due to not having a quorum on the regularly scheduled 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Resident Brad Hixson had a question for the board regarding the Bridge NY grant funding. He was curious how current political situation on the federal level would affect our grant funding. It was explained to Mr. Hixson that our grant is funded at the state level and it should not have an impact. It was also explained that the village has already started to receive reimbursement from the state for the Bridge NY project.

There was no further business to come before the board, so the meeting was adjourned by motion of Trustee Langdon, seconded by Trustee Trimm and carried at 6:22 P.M.

Amy Alexander
Village Clerk-Treasurer