Mayor Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerald Seymour Jr., Trustees: Marcia Rafte, Douglas Bailey, Dawn Collins, and Ellen Bowe

Others: Fire Chief Symon Sumner, Village Clerk/Treasurer Debbi Waxenfeld, Attorney Joseph Frateschi, Town of Lenox Council Dominick Perretta, Residents Carol and Bill Colvin

Motion by Trustee Bailey, seconded by Trustee Collins, to approve the attached meeting minutes of the May 27, 2025, meeting. All in favor

Public Comment

None

Village Attorney

Joseph Frateschi did not have anything to report.

Financial Report/ Clerk's Concerns

Debbi Waxenfeld provided the board with the May bank statements, Operating Statements and the monthly bills. Debbi asked for a motion to pay the bills presented for the remainder of May and June. Ellen Bowe makes a motion to approve and pay all the bills presented tonight and Dawn Collins seconds the motion. All in favor – motion carried. Debbi let the board know that she is working on updating the accounting system for the year-end and is working with Cathi Williams to get this completed. It will take a little time to get this done.

Debbi also let the board know that she had a discussion with Community Bank regarding our website. We are looking to update with a premier website that is for municipalities. They were supposed to send materials prior to the meeting but hadn't yet. It was discussed that we shouldn't have to pay a monthly fee, so we will try to negotiate if there is one.

Event Committee

Debbi Waxenfeld expressed that the Village wide lawn sale was a success. The advertising brought in a lot of traffic. We had 17 people sign up.

The Summer Wave will be July 27th at 3pm. Debbi advised the board that Canastota has several events coming up.

Fire Department

Chief Symon Sumner advised the board that it was a quiet month. There had been 12 calls, 3 were structure fires. The number of individuals showing up for the calls has increased and our response time is averaging 4 minutes. Year to date there have been 64 calls.

The washing machine invoice was received, and he will be picking up the machine this weekend. Symon let the board know that he is working on updating some procedures that seem to be incomplete or missing. Symon advised that the fire department would like to sell the fire trailer as it has not been used in a very long time. He would like to use the proceeds to buy a skid unit. A motion was made by Ellen Bowe to sell the fire trailer as is. Dawn Collins seconded the motion, all in favor.

A motion was made by Marcia Rafte to purchase a new skid unit with the proceeds from the sale of the fire trailer. Douglas Bailey seconded the motion, all in favor.

Town of Lenox

Dominick Perretta let the board know that the town is still working on tiny houses. There are questions regarding the size and number of people that can reside in the houses. He advised that on June 9th there is a public hearing.

Infrastructure

Jerry advised that the on-demand hot water heater should be completed next week. Still waiting for the parking lot to be fixed. Calls have been made to fix the broken step in front of the village office and the door in the fire department.

Mayor's Comments

1. Annual NYCOM Meeting – Jerry attended. He spoke about a FOIL class that he attended. There was a lot of talk regarding the elections for mayor's staff and some legislation changes.

2. OCWA -Jerry was able to get information from Oneida regarding our water contract. He is still working with OCWA to get more information.

3. Sidewalk plowing – a discussion was had regarding getting quotes on the plowing for the upcoming season. Marcia also inquired about purchasing our own equipment.

4. End of year figures – Preliminary figures show that we had a surplus, but we are awaiting the final audit.

5. June 24 vote – Jerry reminded the board that there are primary elections on June 24th and all should try to vote.

6. E360 - Debbi and Jerry to attend a training session to learn how to use the website and to review the information.

Trustee's Comments

Doug asked if there were any updates regarding the new pizza restaurant.

Correspondence

Debbi advised that we have started receiving tax payments.

Motion by Trustee Bowe, seconded by Trustee Bailey, to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. All in favor.

Next meeting is July 1, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Waxenfeld Clerk/Treasurer