

VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Annual Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Eli Gabuzda, at 6:30pm. In the absence of the Village Moderator, the Chair of the Board, Eli Gabuzda, served as Moderator for the meeting.

Article 1: To see if the voters of the village will approve the borrowing of up to \$280,000, to be repaid over an eight-year term, to finance the paving of Main and Elm Street from Orchards Street to Water Tower Road.

Cindy Weed made a motion to approve Article 1. Seconded by Julie Wright.
Article 1 Passed Unanimously.

Article 2: To see if the voters of the Village will approve borrowing up to \$50,000, to be repaid over a five-year term, with \$12,500 funded through the General Fund, for the purchase of an administrative vehicle to be used by the Village Manager and other authorized personnel as needed.

Karen Jacobs made a motion to approve Article 2. Seconded by Cindy Weed.
Lengthy discussion about anticipated use and need for an administrative vehicle.
Article 2 Failed Unanimously

Article 3: To see if the Village will approve the amount of \$12,500.00 on the Grand List for the purpose of upgrading sidewalks.

Cindy Weed made a motion to approve Article 3. Seconded by Sandra Lovelette.
Discussion on current sidewalk savings balance that will be used this year for Pearl Street sidewalk from Church Street to the Park-n-Ride.
Article 3 Passed Unanimously.

Article 4: To see if the Village will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation.

Cindy Weed made a motion to approve Article 4. Seconded by Sandra Lovelette
Discussion regarding what Franklin Country Industrial Development Corporation does and how it benefits the village. Village Manager, John Dasaro provided a brief overview and advantages.
Article 4 Passed by a majority vote.

Article 5: To see if the Village will vote the sum of \$500.00 for holiday lighting in the downtown area.

Cindy Weed made a motion to approve Article 5. Seconded by Sandra Lovelette
Article 5 Passed Unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for patriotic banners in the downtown area.

Sandra Lovelette made a motion to approve Article 6. Seconded by Jim Mckinstry.
Discussion about the 2026 being the 250th anniversary of the United States of America and adding a couple of banners in celebration. There were concerns expressed about whether \$500 would be sufficient.
Karen Jacobs made a motion to amend Article 6 with an appropriation sum of \$1000 for patriotic banners in the downtown area. Seconded by Sandra Lovellette.
Approval of Amendment to Article 6 Passed Unanimously.
Article 6 Passed as amended Unanimously.

Article 7: To see if the Village will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,500.00 for an equipment replacement fund.

Jim Mckinstry made a motion to approve Article 7. Seconded by Ellen Stanley
Questions regarding current balance of equipment fund and what qualifies as equipment vs. vehicles.

Article 7 Passed by a majority vote.

Article 8: To see if the Village will vote on a budget on the Grand List to cover the 2026 Village General Fund Budget for operating expenses of \$910,103, of which \$801,313 shall be raised by taxes and \$108,790 by non-tax revenues.

Ellen Stanley made a motion to approve Article 8. Seconded by Sandra Lovelette.

Discussion regarding the removal of Article 2; administrative vehicle from the operating expenses amount. It was determined that the \$3000 would be the expensed amount for 2026, reducing the operating expenses to \$907,103. There would also need to be an additional \$500 added from the increase of Article 6; patriotic banners; bringing the operating expense to \$907,603. The reduction of the operating expense would reduce the amount to be raised by taxes to \$798,813.

Cindy Weed made a motion to approve the amended Article 8 with the Village General Fund Budget for operating expenses of \$907,603, of which \$798,813, shall be raised by taxes and \$108,790 by non-tax revenue. Seconded by Karen Jacobs

Approval of Amendment to Article 8 Passed Unanimously.

Article 8 Passed as amended Unanimously.

Article 9: To see if the Village will authorize the necessary use of surpluses within departments provided those funds stay with the department of origin.

Discussion of surpluses, if there has been any in the past. This would authorize the board to keep those funds in a savings account to only be used within the originating department.

Karen Jacobs made a motion to approve Article 9. Seconded by Jim Mckinstry.

Article 9 Passes by a majority vote.

There being no other business, Rachel Lamoureux made the motion to adjourn. Second by Sandra Lovelette. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Stanley

Staff Accountant

These minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Board Meeting on March 31, 2026.