

Village of Scottsville  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 6:30 pm  
Wheatland Municipal Building  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order** Mayor Maggie Ridge called the April 8, 2025 Village of Scottsville Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Present: Maggie Ridge, Mayor  
Wayne LaVair, Deputy Mayor  
Charla Domina, Trustee  
Andy Fraser, Trustee

Absent: Randall Hess, Trustee

Also Present: Paula Parker, Treasurer  
Kenny Bohn, DPW  
Lauren Baron, Attorney  
Anne Hartman, Clerk  
Approx. 6 residents

**Approval of Minutes**

**Village Board Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday, March 11, 2025*

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair to approve the minutes of the *Tuesday, March 11, 2025 Village Board Meeting* as submitted.

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

*Tuesday, March 18, 2025*

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair to approve the minutes of the *Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Budget Meeting* as submitted.

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

**Public Before the Board**

Ruth Thompson, 26 Scott Crescent: 13 Main St, is that a vape store? Is this what we want in our Village? Response – he has all permits required, CDB cannot be regulated, it is a protected crop. It is not marijuana. Sidewalk from Main St. to Legion property and the curve along Scott Crescent needs attention. Asphalt piled behind 39 Main St. That may be a violation of the DEC being so close to the creek. Code Enforcement Officer is aware. It is not affecting the creek. The millings will be used to repair the parking lot.

**Public Hearing – Tax Cap Override**

*Mayor Ridge opens public hearing at 7:00 pm by reading the notice published in the Sentinel.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village of Scottsville Board of Trustees on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm to consider Property Tax Cap Local Law #3-2025 to Override the Tax Cap Levy Limit established in the General Municipal Law 3c for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Budget.

The Proposed Local Law can be reviewed at the Village of Scottsville Office, in the Wheatland Municipal Building, 22 Main Street, Scottsville, NY during regular business hours.

Treasurer Paula Parker gave an overview of the Tax Cap. First component is growth, how much did our assessed value go up in the past year? Determined by the Town Assessor, changed by new buildings and business. Second is inflation; the rate of inflation or 2%, whatever is less. This year, about \$12,970 is our tax cap this year. That's the 2%. That is not enough to meet our needs. The budget is \$12,530 over the tax cap. Two large expenses are driving the increase. First is the New York State Retirement System. All full-time employees must participate in the NYS Retirement. The state regulates our cost of retirement. The second is Health Insurance, we are too small to join a health insurance trust to reduce costs. We must buy from the community pool at a higher rate. Total increase is 5%, which includes the 2% tax cap. Based off the assessed value, the tax rate increase will be 3.5%, which equates to .16 per 1,000 or \$16 per 100,000. This law is passed every year, in the past four years we have not gone over the tax cap. This year we are dealing with an increase in costs across the board. Go to the Comptroller's website to learn more.

*Public Comment open at 7:09 pm*

Ruth Thompson, 26 Scott Crescent Opposed to increasing the tax cap. We all have to live within our means and consider necessities vs. wants. Should look at the extras that can be cut to stay under the tax cap. SummerFest, flowers on Main St, and bands are not a necessity. Where are those people who want to see these events funded?

Julie Bowers, 24 Scott Crescent Opposed, we all need to live within our means.

Tony Gallo, 11 Scott Crescent People are tired of the burden of taxes, take a close look and separate need from wants.

*Public comment closed and Board comment opened at 7:27 pm.*

Mayor Ridge: Also, garbage, recycling and environmental fees have gone up, we are very limited on disposal. And the sales tax revenue is coming in lower. Will vote for the tax cap override because it is a safety net. There are a lot of projects coming down the pike, including work to Main St. We are looking at grants to do some of these projects, but grants are not guaranteed.

Trustee Fraser: Your comments have been heard, we hear from people on the street, Main St is deteriorating, and we are looking into grants to alleviate the burden. Every line of the budget we thoughtfully went through adding and subtracting, I believe it is important. Our Treasurer Ms. Parker did a great job with presenting, communicating and comparing the last five years. Employee raises were based on COLA. Confident this law should be passed. We all live here; we are part of this community. We are advocating on your behalf; the Board has forgone raises to keep the budget in check.

Deputy Mayor LaVair: When preparing the budget, we listen to what people feel the community needs and what brings value. Community events are necessary for community development and increase morale and make the community strong. Trying to revitalize these events to get more people involved in the community to keep it growing. We are doing the best we can and keeping the tax payer in mind.

*Board Comment and Public Hearing closed at 7:41 pm.*

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair to adopt Local Law 3-2025 authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

### **Public Hearing – 2025-2026 Budget**

*Mayor Ridge opens public hearing at 7:42 pm by reading the notice published in the Sentinel.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Scottsville Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing at the Wheatland Municipal Building, 22 Main Street, Scottsville, NY on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm to consider approval of the proposed 2025-2026 Budget.

A copy of the Tentative Budget is available on the Village website [www.scottsvilleny.org](http://www.scottsvilleny.org).

*Public Comment open at 7:42 pm*

Ruth Thompson, 26 Scott Crescent: Those people that want the extra events are not even here. I don't think those things should be coming out of our budget when we can't afford them and need to take care of the basics. Those people complaining on Facebook could support these events, help organize and fundraise. In my house, if it is not something that will benefit everyone, we don't do it right now.

*Public comment closed and Board comment opened at 7:45 pm.*

Trustee Fraser: I think it is a good budget.

*Board Comment and Public Hearing closed at 7:46 pm.*

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair to approve the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 as submitted.

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

### **Treasurer – Paula Parker**

*Pay Bills:*

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair and seconded by Mayor Maggie Ridge to approve payables as listed on the AP Check Register Report through April 8, 2025 and prepaid bills with General Payables totaling \$87,975.57.

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

Treasurers Report:Expenses:Overspent Lines March 2025 Why?

A.8510.4	Community Beautification	2,099.94	Flower baskets/pot
A.1420.4	Legal - Contractual	7,500.00	Cover legal fees to YE
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,599.94</b>	

**Suggested Budget Appropriations/Transfers**

<u>Account Code</u>	<u>Descriptions</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>
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**Transfers for above noted accounts:**

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>TO COVER ABOVE ACCOUNTS:</b>		
A.8510.4	Community Beautification	<b>4,500.00</b>	
A.1420.4	Legal – Contractual	<b>7,500.00</b>	
A.5110.2	Streets - Equipment flower baskets/pots		\$ 2,500.00 for
A.5110.4	Streets – Contractual flowers		\$ 2,000.00 for
A.1990.4	Contingency Fees		\$ 7,500.00 Legal
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,000.00</b>

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair and seconded by Mayor Maggie Ridge to approve the budget transfers as listed above from the April 2025 Treasurers Report to cover for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

**Department Reports****DPW – Kenny Bohn**

Asked MCSO to patrol Johnson Park

Sidewalk repair done

Leaf box painted

Waiting for blacktop plants to open to start roadwork

Once weather breaks we will do the roof on the salt barn and cover the walls with new plywood

Hire DPW

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair to advertise to hire one full-time CDL Laborer at \$20.60-24.60 an hour depending on qualifications and experience.

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

#### Apartments Recycling Totes

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Trustee Andy Fraser to impose a fee of \$100 per recycling tote at the apartment complexes.

**Vote:** *Carried (4-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

#### **Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer**

##### **Building Dept:**

##### **Ongoing Permits**

711 North Rd.- New chiller units have been moved to the roof top to help reduce noise.

15 Rochester Street- Insulation inspection completed, next step will be drywall.

711 North Rd – Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the new east side addition. Space will be occupied, and equipment will be moving in as we speak.

##### **Permits Issued:**

39 Main Street – Commercial addition

101 West Cavalier – Fence permit

##### **Closed Permits:**

8 Chili Ave- Fence

16 Grenadier- Generator

##### **Upcoming Permits:**

Working with a homeowner on Diana Drive for a possible addition (No new info on this project.)

Meeting with homeowner on Beckwith Ave for possible front porch addition. Permit application had been sent to the homeowner. Currently waiting on plans.

Resident on North Rd would like to put up a temporary farm stand. A special use application has been sent to the homeowner; a variance would be needed if they wish to continue.

Barking dog complaint regarding a dog on Rochester Street. I have made two visits, and the dog outside does not bark at me but there are other dogs in the area that bark. I cannot confirm the addresses. This seems to be an ongoing neighbor issue.

##### **PB/ZB:**

Nothing currently

##### **HB:**

Permit for driveway widening at 27 Rochester. Waiting for Cert of Appropriateness application to come back. Homeowner aware of the process.

##### **Code Enforcement:**

Oatka Hotel-Working with Lauren on setting up court date. The owner has been served an appearance ticket.

Parking Issues are still ongoing and monitoring Main Street.

Parking on lawns has been brought to my attention and currently following up residents.

Electrical/Tenant issues ongoing at North Rd Apartments. (Tenant and landlord dispute)

Unsafe deck letter has been sent to a resident on Main Street. Missing overhang support post.

13 Main Street – Multiple flashing signs of new business. Spoke with the owner and he removed them. Reminded owner only two lighted window signs are allowed per code.

##### **Fire Marshal:**

New business inspection at 13 Main Street. No violations at time of inspection. The owner has all proper state licensing for convenience stores.

39 Main Street inspection set regarding second floor egress concerns.

Parade permit issued for Memorial Day parade. FD and MCSO to take care of traffic.

I Will be out of town 4/11-4/20. I will have my phone and access to email.

**Clerk – Anne Hartman**

Newsletter

MS4 Stormwater Reporting

Johnson Park Village Employee and Retiree Use – add to May meeting agenda

Johnson Park Pavilion Rental Refund Policy

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair to adopt the Johnson Park Pavilion Refund Policy as submitted/amended.

**Vote:** *Carried (4-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

McCarthy Tent Rental for SummerFest

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair and seconded by Trustee Andy Fraser to authorize the Mayor to sign the McCarthy Tents and Events quote in an amount of \$2,272,50 for rental of a tent, stage, skirting and delivery for SummerFest.

**Vote:** *Carried (4-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

**Trustee Updates:**

**Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair – DPW**

Add to DPW report – sewer flushing done and working on updating maps to show where pipes have been flushed, burst and lined.

Talked to Forestry Board about trees that are destroying the sidewalks.

**Trustee Andy Fraser – Grants and Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals**

Planning Board discussed the signs on Main St.

**Trustee Charla Domina – Procurement and ARPA**

**Trustee Randy Hess – Historic Commission**

**Mayor's Reports - Maggie Ridge**

Met with engineer from MRB to discuss a site plan for improvements to Main St. It is a complicated project due to working with the state and businesses. Easements need to be acquired. The Forestry Board will consider well-behaved trees that will not destroy the sidewalk.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update: When we are ready, GVFLPC will come in to put the finishing touches on the plan.

Attended the County recycling Advisory Committee  
Getting quotes for playground equipment.

### **Old Business**

Maple St/Ave  
Short Term Rentals

### **New Business**

Historic District Mailing  
First Amendment Auditor  
Memorial Day Parade May 26

### **Arbor Day Proclamation**

*Whereas*, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

*Whereas*, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

*Whereas*, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

*Whereas*, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

*Whereas*, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

*Whereas*, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

*Whereas*, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

*Now, Therefore, I, Maggie Ridge*, Mayor of the **Village of Scottsville**, do hereby proclaim

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**, as **Arbor Day** in the **Village of Scottsville**, and I urge all citizens to **celebrate Arbor Day** and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further*, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**Motion** made by Mayor Maggie Ridge and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair

**Vote:** Carried (4-0)

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

**Executive session**

**Motion** made by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair and seconded by Mayor Maggie Ridge to enter into executive session at 8:34 pm to discuss a particular employee matter.

**Vote:** *Carried (4-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

**Motion** made by Trustee Andy Fraser and seconded by Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair to adjourn executive session and return to regular session at 8:43 pm.

**Vote:** *Carried (4-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

**Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Trustee Charla Domina and seconded by Mayor Maggie Ridge to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:43 pm.

**Vote:** *Carried (4-0)*

Mayor Maggie Ridge	AYE	Deputy Mayor Wayne LaVair	AYE
Trustee Randy Hess	ABSENT	Trustee Andy Fraser	AYE
Trustee Charla Domina	AYE		

Respectfully submitted by:



Anne Hartman  
Village Clerk