

**VILLAGE OF COHOCTON  
MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 15, 2025**

The monthly meeting of the Cohocton Village Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm, at the Village Office, 17 South Main Street, Cohocton.

Present were: Mayor Sandy Azzi, Trustees: Mat McCarthy, Kathy Gray Josh Schumacher and Al Lewis. Also present were: Elizabeth Russell (via Teams), Chuck Cagle, Maintenance Supervisor Bill Waggoner, Ronald Towner and Village Clerk Ashley Adams.

Mayor Azzi opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Azzi led the Pledge to the Flag.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Schumacher, to approve the September 17, 2025 Village Board meeting minutes. All in favor. The motion carried 5-0.

**Reports:**

Code Enforcement: Chuck presented.

Street and Water Department: Bill presented.

Planning Board: Board reviewed.

Historian: No report was provided.

The motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lewis to approve the monthly reports as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

**Old Business:**

The board discussed the ongoing issue of misuse of the brush drop off area. Trustee McCarthy presented the board with a copy of rules and regulations that the Village of Wayland have in place. The street committee (McCarthy & Schumacher) will be looking into what rules and regulations need to be put in place for Cohocton.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to have Clerk Adams relevy the unpaid 2025-2026 Village taxes to Steuben County. The motion carried 5-0.

The board reviewed the quote from Cummins Sales & Service on a renewal service plan for the generator. A motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Lewis to renew with Cummins for a 5 year service plan. The motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Adams let the board know that PESH Core Training for 2026 will be offered at the Village office on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 9:00 am for all that can attend. If you cannot attend a certificate needs to be sent in to the office showing that the training was taken.

### **Resolution #2/2025**

Be it resolved, that the Village of Cohocton has designated Wednesday, March 18, 2026 for the 2026 Village election date due to a holiday on Tuesday Motion made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Schumacher. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to hold the 2026 Village Election at the CDC building at 71 Maple Ave, from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Trustee McCarthy brought up to the board about moving trustee and mayor terms from 2 years to 4 years. Attorney Russell confirmed that all that would need to be done is a resolution and permissive referendum and be in effect at least 30 days prior to an election. Board has decided to table a decision until next month's meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

The village received a letter from Jesse Prieto, Deputy Chief of Staff, of New York's 23rd Congressional District on behalf of Congressman Nicholas A. Langworthy asking local communities to join the fight to stop Governor Kathy Hochul's ban on natural gas and propane. The board reviewed the letter.

### **Resolution #3/2025**

Be it resolved, that the Village of Cohocton has agreed to join in on the Nick Langworthy Energy Choice Act. Motion made by Trustee McCarthy, seconded by Trustee Schumacher. Motion carried 5-0.

### **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY'S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS**

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration's climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the the Village of Cohocton strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Cohocton urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

**Public Comment:**

None at this time.

**Audit Abstract/Line Item Transfer/Adjustment Report:**

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Schumacher authorized the clerk to pay the abstracts as audited:

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| Abstract 5 | General Fund: | Vouchers 65-79 | Totaling | \$6,343.40  |
|            | Water Fund:   | Vouchers 25-33 | Totaling | \$11,709.16 |

**Line Item Transfer/Adjustments:**

None at this time

Motion carried 5-0.

**Audit:**

A motion was made by Trustee Gray, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the audit books for

September 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

**Board Concerns:**

None at this time.

A motion was made by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Gray to adjourn the monthly board meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

**Ashley Adams**  
**Village Clerk-Treasurer**

**Prepared October 16, 2025**