

**“PLEASE TURN CELL PHONES OFF PRIOR TO START OF MEETING.
THANK YOU”**

Welcome to the Village of Wappingers Falls monthly regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees today Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 6:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE:

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINS. EACH):

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Village Clerk

- Authorization to Pay Bills as per Approved Warrants
- Approval 47th Annual Joseph McDonald/Bill Crusie Memorial Run, Saturday, June 6, 2026

Finance Treasurer - Treasurer Pendleton

Police - Commissioner Fisher

Legislative - Tr. Chiumento

Highway/Water - Superintendent Nicholas

Fire - Chief Freer

Building Department - Building Inspector Dao

Lake – Mayor

Safety/Security - Village Clerk

Recreation - Tr. Tyliczszak

Court - Tr. Niznik

Cobbler Building - Tr. Vanca

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Hiring Michael Orefice as a Part-Time Police Officer and Connor McSorley and Raquan White as Part-Time Police Dispatchers
- Traffic Control Measures on East Main Street - T. Niznik
- Water Board recommendation to terminate Senior Water Rate and request to Village Board to set a Public Hearing
- NYSDOT Traffic Study Request - T. Tyliczszak

RESOLUTIONS:

Consent Agenda

- Resolution No. 3226 of 2026 Hiring Michael Orefice as a Part-Time Police Officer and Connor McSorley and Raquan White as Part-Time Police Dispatchers
- Resolution Hiring Deputy Court Clerk (PT)
- Resolution Introducing Local Law No. ___ of the Year 2026, Amending Chapter 148. Water

Non-Consent Agenda

OTHER MATTERS:

VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Legal advice regarding

- Water Board Personnel
- Ethics Complaint
- Employee Compensation
- Bus Ticket Prosecutions
- Employee request to carryover two vacation days for two months – Tr. Niznik

ADJOURNMENT:

**VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS
LOCAL LAW NO. ___ OF THE YEAR 2026**

A Local Law entitled “Local Law No. ___ of the Year 2026, Amending Chapter 148. Water”.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls as follows:

Section-I: TITLE.

This Local Law shall be known and cited as Village of Wappingers Falls Local Law No. ___ of 2026 entitled “Local Law No. ___ of the Year 2026, Amending Chapter 148. Water”.

Section-II: LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls hereby enacts this Local Law with the intent to amend various sections and subsections of Chapter 148. Water including abolishing the Board of Water Commissioners as it is currently constituted and redefine the Board of Water Commissioners to be the Village Board of Trustees; amending procedure for sending water bills and notices; and the process and penalties for annual inspections of backflow protection devices.

Section-III: AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 148. WATER.

§ 148-1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The following regulations shall be considered a part of the contract with every person or body, dwelling unit, commercial establishment, institutional facility, etc., supplied with water from the public water supply of the Village of Wappingers Falls. The Board of Water Commissioners, as defined herein, shall enforce the regulations now or hereafter made in every legal manner.

§ 148-2 is hereby amended to change the following definitions to read as follows:

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Village Board of Trustees shall be the Board of Water Commissioners and shall exercise all supervision over the Village Water System including its production system (wells), storage system and distribution system, service lines and meters wherever located.

SERVICE/SERVICE PIPE or SERVICE CONNECTION

All pipe fittings, valves, etc., connecting the water main with the consumer. It shall include the corporation to the curb valve, and all piping to the valve immediately inside the premises before the meter.

WATER MAIN

The distribution pipe(s) and attachments of every kind and nature conveying water along the streets, highways, and/or rights-of-way in the Village.

§ 148-3.B and C are hereby amended to read as follows:

- B. From the curb shutoff to the premises, no trench shall be opened for any purpose with reference to the water system without a permit from the Building Department, with approval of the Water Department, covering the particular job in question. Fees shall be charged with the fee schedule in effect at that time.
- C. In the opening of the street, for the construction of a new water service connection or connection under the authority of a permit issued by the Building Department with approval of the Water Department, an

experienced and bonded plumber will be held responsible for such trench even though the work may be performed by some other person or party. The opening of the street shall be by permit issued by the Superintendent of Highways with proper insurance and security in place and bond or cash equivalent. Any work done within the street from the main to the curb valve will be inspected by the Water Operator and the Superintendent of Highways prior to backfilling. If the contractor performing the work fails to do so to the satisfaction of the Water Operator and/or the Superintendent of Highways, the Village shall be authorized to perform the work, and the cost incurred by the Village to perform the work shall be assessed to the individual property owner pursuant to section 148-19.

§ 148-5.B is hereby amended to read as follows:

- B. Each individual property shall have its own separate service connection. Two separate properties shall not be connected off one individual service connection. A commercial or multi-use property shall have only one properly-sized service connection, except where a separate fire line is required.

§ 148-19.A is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. All water rents or other lawful charges in connection with the water system shall be a lien upon the real estate where such water is supplied. The Board of Water Commissioners and/or the Village Board of Trustees shall have the power to prescribe penalties for the violation of any of its rules, which penalties, if not paid when imposed, shall constitute a lien upon the premises in like manner as unpaid water rents.

§ 148-20 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Board of Water Commissioners will send all bills and notices to the titled owner of the real estate where the water is supplied. All bills and notices will be sent to the property address or an address requested by the owner in writing to the Water Clerk. All unpaid water rents and other lawful charges in connection with the water system shall be a lien upon the real estate where such water is supplied. Owners are thus responsible for any delinquency in the matter of payments by tenants and others.

§ 148-29 is hereby amended to change the introduction paragraph to read as follows:

The Mayor of the Village of Wappingers Falls, on being advised by the Board of Water Commissioners, the Operator/Water Department or the Village Engineer that an emergency exists, is authorized to limit, restrict and otherwise control the use of Village water upon the terms and conditions as he, in his sole discretion, shall deem best for the general welfare and may immediately impose prohibitions and/or restrictions as to the use and withdrawal of Village water by any person for any or all of the following purposes:

§ 148-34.A is hereby amended by deleting the definition of Commissioner in its entirety.

§ 148-35.A(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

When the auxiliary water supply may be contaminated, the Board of Water Commissioners may order the Village water supply protected by an air gap separation or an approved reduced-pressure-principle flow prevention device installed at the service connection.

§ 148-35.D is hereby amended to read as follows:

Non-hazardous to hazardous. In the event a facility is rated non-hazardous and on such a date becomes hazardous, notification of at least 30 days shall be given to the Board of Water Commissioners before the change takes place. Protection by the use of a protective device as required on hazardous substances must be installed.

§ 148-35.E is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sewage treatment plant and pumping station. At the service connection to any sewage treatment plant or sewage pumping stations, the Village water supply shall be protected by an air gap separation. The air gap shall be located as close as practicable to the service connection, and all piping between the service connection receiving tank shall be entirely visible. If these conditions cannot be reasonably met, the Village water supply shall be protected with an approved reduced-pressure-principle backflow prevention device, provided that this alternative is acceptable to both the Board of Water Commissioners and the County Health Officer. A final decision in this matter shall be made by the State Health Department.

§ 148-35.F(6)(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Protection: determined by the Board of Water Commissioners upon review of engineering drawings of the system.

§ 148-36.B is hereby amended to read as follows:

Conflicts. Whenever two or more conditions exist on any premises for the correction of which different protective devices are required in this Chapter, the consumer shall be required only to install the protective device which, in the opinion of the Board of Water Commissioners and County Health Officer, affords the maximum protection to the Village water supply.

§ 148-37 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The consumer on whose premises any protective device is installed shall have each such device inspected annually. If inspections disclose repeated failures in the operation of any device, the Board of Water Commissioners may require more requested inspections.
- B. Each device shall be repaired, overhauled or replaced at the expense of the consumer whenever it is found to be defective. Records of such test, repairs and overhauls shall be kept and a copy of such records forwarded to the Water Department Clerk on an annual basis. The Board of Water Commissioners shall have the duty of determining that the inspections required herein are performed properly. If, following demand thereof, the consumer fails to have any of the inspections made as required herein or to make the above-described records available, the consumer shall pay the fine shown in the schedule, which may be amended by the Board of Water Commissioners by resolution. Said fine may be enforced as set forth in § 148-19 of this Chapter. In addition to the remedies set forth above, the Board of Water Commissioners may discontinue the delivery of water as set forth in this Chapter for non-compliance with this section.

§ 148-38.B is hereby amended to read as follows:

- B. Delivery of water to the premises of any consumer may be discontinued by the Board of Water Commissioners, if any protective device required by this Chapter has not been installed, inspected, tested and maintained or is defective or has been removed or bypassed.

§ 148-38.C(1) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (1) Delivery of water shall be discontinued immediately and without notice to the consumer if the Board of Water Commissioners or County Health Office determines that:
 - (a) The Village water supply is being contaminated or is in immediate danger of contamination;
 - (b) A protective device required by this Chapter has not been installed or is defective or has been removed or bypassed; and
 - (c) The consumer cannot immediately be located.

§ 148-38.C(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (2) Delivery of water shall not be resumed until any protective device required by this Chapter, and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners, has been properly installed or until conditions at the consumer's premises causing the contamination or danger or have been abated or corrected to the satisfaction of the Board of Water Commissioners and County Health Officer.

§ 148-38.D(1)(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (c) The date on which the delivery of water will be discontinued, which shall not be fewer than 15 nor more than 90 days following the date of delivery of mailing of the notice. The Board of Water Commissioners may grant the consumer an extension of an additional period not to exceed 90 days if it determines the consumer has exercised due diligence but has been unable to comply with the notice within the time originally allowed.

§ 148-38.D(3) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (3) Once discontinued, delivery of water shall not be restored until any required protection device has been installed and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners or until the conditions at the consumer's premises creating the need for a protective device have been abated or corrected to the satisfaction of the Board of Water Commissioners and the County Health Officer.

§ 148-38.E is hereby amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of making any inspections or discharging the duties imposed by this Chapter, the Board of Water Commissioners and County Health Officer shall have the right to enter upon the premises of any consumer. Each consumer, as a condition of the continued delivery of water to the premises from the Village water supply, shall be considered as having stated their consent to the entry upon their premises by the Board of Water Commissioners, and or their agents, and County Health Officer for the purposes stated herein.

§ 148-39 is hereby amended to read as follows:

All presently installed prevention devices, which do not meet the requirements of this section, but were approved devices for the purposes described herein at the time of installation, and which have been properly maintained, shall except for the inspection and maintenance requirements under § 148-37, be excluded from the requirements of these rules so long as the Board of Water Commissioners is assured that they will satisfactorily protect the Village's water supply. Whenever the existing device at the present location requires more than minimum maintenance which constitutes a hazard to health, the unit shall be replaced by a backflow prevention device meeting the requirement of this Chapter.

Section-IV: SEVERABILITY.

- A. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision(s) of this law invalid, in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid, and all other provisions of the law shall continue to be separately and fully effective.
- B. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the application of any provision of this law to any building, other structure or tract of land to be invalid, in whole or in part, the effect of such decisions shall be limited to the person, property or situation involved in the controversy, and the application of any such provision to any other person, property or situation shall not be affected.
- C. The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity, or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability, shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls that this Local Law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part thereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section V: NUMBERING FOR CODIFICATION.

It is the intention of the Village of Wappingers Falls and it is hereby enacted that the provisions of this Local Law shall be included in the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls, that the sections and sub-sections of this Local Law may be re-numbered or re-lettered by the Codifier to accomplish such intention; the Codifier shall make no substantive changes to this Local Law; the word "Local Law" shall be changed to "Chapter", "Section" or other appropriate word as required for codification; and any such rearranging of the numbering and editing shall not affect the validity of this Local Law or the provisions of the Code effected thereby.

Section VI: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will conduct a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the 24th day of June, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled “Local Law No. ____ of the Year 2026, Amending Chapter 148. Water”.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the purpose and intent of the proposed Local Law is to amend various sections and subsections of Chapter 148. Water including abolishing the Board of Water Commissioners as it is currently constituted and redefine the Board of Water Commissioners to be the Village Board of Trustees; amending procedure for sending water bills and notices; and the process and penalties for annual inspections of backflow protection devices.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the enactment of the aforesaid Local Law is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(33) and is otherwise exempt from environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) or pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the proposed Local Law are available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: _____, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

**VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS
VILLAGE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. ____ of 2026

**RE: RESOLUTION INTRODUCING “LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF THE YEAR 2026,
AMENDING CHAPTER 148. WATER”**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls (“Village Board”) enacts this Local Law with the intent to amend various sections and subsections of Chapter 148. Water including abolishing the Board of Water Commissioners as it is currently constituted and redefine the Board of Water Commissioners to be the Village Board of Trustees; amending procedure for sending water bills and notices; and the process and penalties for annual inspections of backflow protection devices; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board determines that the proposed Local Law is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(33) and is otherwise exempt from environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) or pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Village Board hereby introduces for consideration its adoption of proposed “Local Law No. ____ of the Year 2026, Amending Chapter 148. Water”, in the form annexed hereto.
3. The Village Board hereby determines that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II action as defined in 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(33) and is otherwise exempt from environmental review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) or pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.
4. The Village Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing regarding the proposed adoption of the annexed Local Law for 7:00 P.M., on the 24th day of June, 2026, to be held at Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York, and the Village Clerk is directed to post a Notice of Public Hearing in the form annexed hereto in the Village’s official newspaper, and on the sign board maintained by the Village Clerk in Village Hall not less than ten (10) days prior to said public hearing date.

Motioned By: _____

Seconded By: _____

The foregoing was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Kevin Huber	_____	_____
Rick Cerino - Trustee	_____	_____
Don McCormick - Trustee	_____	_____
Jennifer Niznik - Trustee	_____	_____
Rosemarie Vanca - Trustee	_____	_____
Ryan Chiumento - Trustee	_____	_____
John Tyliszczak - Trustee	_____	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York
May 27, 2026

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

I, John Karge, Clerk of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Village Board of Trustees at a meeting duly called and held at the Village Hall on May 27, 2026 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, this _____ day of May 2026.

John M. Karge, Village Clerk