

**“PLEASE TURN OFF 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, September 9, 2026, 7PM.

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE:

Mayor Huber, Trustee McCormick, Trustee Chimento, Trustee Niznik, Trustee Cerino, Trustee Vanca, Trustee Tyliszczak, Village Attorney Lindars.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA:

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

VILLAGE CLERK

- Approval Regular Village Board Mtg. Minutes 8/12/26
- Approval Second Monthly Village Board Mtg. Minutes 08/26/26
- Authorization to Pay Bills as per Approved Warrants

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Dutchess County office for the aging, public informational meeting. Tr. Vanca

RESOLUTIONS:

Consent Agenda

- Connor McSorley as one of the 39-hr HELP Dispatchers.
- Authorizing The Village Of Wappingers Falls To Obtain Financing And Authorizing The Expenditure Thereof For The Purchase Of A Police Vehicle
- Supporting The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Proposed Cleanup Plan For The Wappinger Creek Superfund Site And Urging Comprehensive Ecological And Public Access Restoration, Fishing Advisory Warning Signage, And Addressing Hudson River Pcb Impacts

Non-Consent Agenda

- Appointment of Steve Maher as Water Board Alternate.
- Appointment of Joseph Nicholas as Water Board Alternate.

OTHER MATTERS:

VILLAGE BOARD COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ambulance Service contract proposal.

REGULAR SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

**VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS
VILLAGE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO.:

4626/2026

Hiring Connor McSorley as an Hourly Police Dispatcher.

WHEREAS, Police Commissioner David Fisher has requested that the Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls hire one hourly (up to 39 hours per week) police dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Fisher has identified a candidate for hire as an hourly police dispatcher and has advised the Board that he meets all Civil Service and related requirements to be hired as an hourly police dispatcher.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts the resignation of Connor McSorley as a part-time police dispatcher, effective **7/30/26**, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby appoints Connor McSorley as an hourly (up to 39 hours per week) police dispatcher, **effective 7-30, 2026**, with no change in CSEA Salary Schedule Job Group, Step, hourly rate of pay or other terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the Village/CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, and subject to all applicable Dutchess County Civil Service Rules; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk-Treasurer is directed to accordingly adjust payroll and personnel records and the Mayor and Village officials are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

Motioned By: Trustee Vanca

Seconded By: Trustee Cerino

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

	Yea	Nay
Kevin Huber – Mayor	_____	Absent
Rick Cerino – Trustee	___X___	_____
Don McCormick – Trustee	___X___	_____
Rose Vanca – Trustee	___X___	_____
Jen Niznik– Trustee	- ___X___	_____
Ryan Chiumento – Trustee	___X___	_____
John Tyliszczak – Trustee	___X___	_____

Dated: July 29, 2026
Wappingers Falls, NY

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

NOTE:

Approve rescinding Resolution No.4626 / 2026 Hiring Connor McSorley as an Hourly Police Dispatcher. (HELP Slot)

Motion by Trustee Vanca to rescind Resolution No.4626 / 2026 Hiring Connor McSorley as an Hourly Police Dispatcher. (HELP Slot). Per legal advisement. Second by Trustee Niznik. Carried.

**VILLAGE OF WAPPINGER FALLS
VILLAGE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. ____/2026

**RE: SUPPORTING THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S
PROPOSED CLEANUP PLAN FOR THE WAPPINGER CREEK SUPERFUND SITE
AND URGING COMPREHENSIVE ECOLOGICAL AND PUBLIC ACCESS
RESTORATION, FISHING ADVISORY WARNING SIGNAGE, AND ADDRESSING
HUDSON RIVER PCB IMPACTS**

WHEREAS, the Wappinger Creek has significant value to our community for recreational, environmental, historical and economic value, including numerous public access sites for paddling, Greenway trails and paddling; and

WHEREAS, the tidal portion of the Wappinger Creek downstream of the falls is a designated Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat, important for species including striped bass, river herring, American eel, largemouth bass and smallmouth bass; and

WHEREAS, nearly two centuries of industrial operations along the tidal portion of Wappinger Creek downstream of the falls left a persistent toxic legacy of contaminants in creek sediments, including heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), cyanide, pesticides, and dioxin/furans; and

WHEREAS, testing by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has concluded that these contaminants do not pose a risk to people who paddle or wade in this portion of the creek, but do pose a significant health risk to those who catch and eat fish from this area; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to post additional New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) signage to adequately warn anglers that fish caught in the tidal portion of Wappinger Creek pose a health risk and should not be consumed; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) completed a portion of the remediation of contamination bordering the creek from 2013 to 2015 and thereafter referred the remaining remediation of contaminated creek sediments to EPA for further action under the federal Superfund program; and

WHEREAS, EPA has proposed an \$88 million interim cleanup plan to excavate and remediate approximately half the tidal creek to dredge heavily contaminated creek sediments and remove streambank soils; and

WHEREAS, the EPA is not currently proposing to remediate contaminated sediments near the mouth of Wappinger Creek due to concerns that they could be re-contaminated by PCBs from the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, the remediation is not designed or expected to affect Wappinger Lake or other upstream portions of Wappinger Creek; and

WHEREAS, Riverkeeper supports the remediation plan by EPA, and is urging EPA to thoroughly restore aquatic habitats and public access following the remediation, to ensure fishing health advisory signage is improved, and to expeditiously address the portion of the creek affected by Hudson River PCBs; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wappingers Falls shares the core environmental priorities articulated by Riverkeeper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The recitations set forth above are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.
2. The Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls hereby formally declares its full support for the EPA's proposed Superfund cleanup plan for Wappinger Creek.
3. The Village urges the EPA and NYSDOH to work with local landowners at public access points to ensure that fish consumption advisory signage is posted.
4. The Village urges the EPA, NYSDOH and NYSDEC to incorporate the following priorities into the design and implementation of the remedial plan:
 - **Habitat Restoration:** Ensure dredging operations are timed, to the extent possible, to avoid disruption to aquatic species, and implement a comprehensive habitat restoration plan to restore the ecology of the creek following the remediation;
 - **Public Access:** Preserve, to the extent possible, existing public access during the remedial project, and restore public access following the project; and
 - **Addressing Hudson River PCBs:** Ensure the Wappinger Creek remedy accounts for cumulative contamination impacts tied to the broader Hudson River, and address contaminants found in creek sediments near the Hudson River expeditiously.
5. The Village encourages residents to support the cleanup by sending written comments to EPA by September 21, 2026, by writing to Emily Wong, the site's Remedial Project Manager, at wong.emily@epa.gov or by U.S. mail to Emily Wong, 290 Broadway, New

York, New York 10007; or by sending a letter via Riverkeeper's website at <https://engage.riverkeeper.org/clean-up-wappinger-creek>.

6. The Village Clerk is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Ms. Wong, the Regional Administrator of the NYSDEC for Region 3, NYSDOH's Center for Environmental Health, New York State Assembly Member Didi Barrett, New York State Senator Anil Beephan Jr., U.S. Representative Pat Ryan and U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

Motion made 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: September 9, 2026
Wappingers Falls, NY

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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 September 9, 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 September 2026.

John M. Karge, Village Clerk