

Board of Trustees  
Village of Black River, New York



Agenda

Regular Meeting

October 5, 2020

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of minutes of the 9/14/20 regular meeting.
- Public Comment.
- Code Enforcement Report & review of related correspondence.
- Superintendent's Report.
- Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- Police Department Report.

Correspondence Received:

Correspondence Sent:

New Business:

- A) Public hearing sewer budget
- B) November meeting date
- C) Approve water/sewer bill adjustments

Unfinished Business:

- Reports from Standing Committees.
- Reports from Special Meetings.
- Authorize payment of bills; adjournment.

Village of Black River  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
September 14, 2020

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Mayor Decillis called the regular meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Corey Decillis  
Trustee Francis Dishaw  
Trustee Randy Lake  
Trustee Gary McCullough  
Superintendent Les Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer Kristin Williams  
Police Chief Steve Wood

A motion was made by Trustee Dishaw, seconded by Trustee McCullough to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting. Mayor Decillis abstained from the vote. The motion was carried.

Public Comment: Pat Gaines, President of the Black River Fire Department, was present to discuss a resolution that is required by the lending company that BRFD is using for the purchase of the truck. The resolution certifies that the fire department is a tax-exempt entity.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Dishaw to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the Black River Fire Department resolution (see attached) be adopted.

The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Decillis	Yes
Trustee Dishaw	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Lee Carpenter stated that he has done some research on village banners that could be paid for by local businesses to include their advertisements on the bottom. The board agreed that Mr. Carpenter could do further research and present it to the board at a future date. Mr. Carpenter asked if there have been any new developments with the Stebbins property. Mayor Decillis stated that he had spoken with Ed Olley recently and Stebbins is still planning on giving the property to the village. Mr. Carpenter expressed his concerns regarding property maintenance issues in the village.

Mayor Decillis appointed Bonnie Proven to fill the unexpired term that was vacated when he became mayor.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Williams stated that lead and copper sampling has been completed, he stated that the DPW worked with LeRay on paving, they trimmed the recently purchased lots on LeRay St., he stated that there are 34 meters that didn't transmit during this reading cycle. Superintendent Williams stated that Cazenovia Equipment has a used plow that fits the Bobcat the he would be interested in purchasing.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Trustee McCullough to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that Superintendent Williams be authorized to purchase a used plow for the Bobcat skid steer in the amount of \$800. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Decillis	Yes
Trustee Dishaw	Yes
Trustee McCullouch	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Superintendent Williams stated that the 2010 Mack truck just passed inspection but will need springs next year. He stated that the pumps had stopped at the Rt. 3 pump station and that Maple St. pumped for 14 hours to fill the reservoir Superintendent Williams stated that he has concern that there are three homes being adding to the water system on Hadley Rd. The board discussed the parking lot adjacent to the Hennessey property on Maple St. The board agreed to send a letter to the landlords whose tenants have been parking there.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that the Carthage Central School District called regarding Wi-Fi access for students. She stated that the village has guest Wi-Fi access with a separate password that they could utilize. The board was agreeable. Clerk-Treasurer Williams asked the board for clarification regarding payment for a sewer grinder pump that was replaced at a residence on E. Remington St. it was decided that the village would pay the bill and as stated in the Rt. 3 Sewer Board agreement the Superintendent shall be notified of any issues with grinder pumps or other sewer equipment.

Police Department Report: Police Chief Wood stated that the Mayor of West Carthage has implemented a plan to form a coalition of villages in order to develop a joint plan for the NY State required police reform.

Correspondence Received: The board reviewed a letter from the Black River Fire Department regarding their fund raiser.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullouch, seconded by Trustee Dishaw to approve the envelope drive fund raiser for the fire department. The motion was carried.

New Business: Sean and Betsy Hennessey owners of 102 Maple St. were present to update the board on their plans for the building. Mrs. Hennessey stated that they have obtained gap funding through Watertown Savings Bank and the Development Authority of the North Country. She stated that she has met with the Planning Board and forwarded their recommendations to the architect. The board reviewed an agreement between the Hennessey's and the village regarding the grant Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that the attorney had reviewed the contract and the section that he was concerned about has been removed.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullouch, seconded by Trustee Dishaw to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the agreement between the Sean and Betsy Hennessey and the village be signed by Mayor Decillis. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Decillis	Yes
Trustee Dishaw	Yes
Trustee McCullouch	Yes
Trustee Lake	No
Trustee Proven	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Logan Eddy, member of the Town of Rutland Board, was present to discuss the Town's water district. He stated that the board has discussed the possibility of asking the village to take the operations and maintenance of the water from the Development Authority of the North Country. It was agreed that Mayor Decillis, Trustee McCullough and Superintendent Williams would meet with Mr. Eddy and another Town Board member for preliminary discussions.

Superintendent Williams stated that there has been dog waste on village property and that staff has witnessed tenants from 106-108 LeRay St. and 113 Public Square allowing their dogs to roam around on village property unattended. It was decided that letters would be sent to the owners of both properties to remind them that the village has a dog waste law.

The board discussed the Rt. 3 sewer board budget proposal.

A motion was made by Trustee Dishaw, seconded by Trustee McCullough to hold a public hearing on October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment on an increase in the sewer capital charge fixed rate from \$276 to \$283 per EDU. The motion was carried.

Mayor Decillis stated that he was contacted by the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding a possible tree grant. The board agreed that he should get more information.

A motion was made by Trustee Dishaw, seconded by Trustee Lake to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolved**, that the following abstracts of audited vouchers be approved: interim abstract dated 8/12/20 in the amount of \$41,070.92 (General Fund: \$3,324.31 Water Fund: \$1,444.02 Sewer Fund: \$36,302.59) interim abstract dated 8/31/20 in the amount of \$12,110.46 (General Fund: \$11,804.56 Water Fund: \$305.90) and regular monthly abstract dated 9/14/20 in the amount of \$46,465.82 (General Fund: \$39,746.70 Water Fund: \$6,719.12) The motion was put to a vote as follows:

Mayor Decillis	Yes
Trustee Dishaw	Yes
Trustee McCullough	Yes
Trustee Lake	Yes
Trustee Proven	Yes

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Trustee Lake discussed changing recycling from the first and third Thursdays to every other Thursday in order to avoid times when there are three weeks in between pick-ups. The board agreed.

A motion was made by Trustee McCullough, seconded by Trustee Dishaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Williams  
Clerk-Treasurer

# BLACK RIVER POLICE DEPT

Incidents Reported From 09/01/2020 00:01 hrs. to 09/30/2020 23:59 hrs.

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Print Date: 09/29/2020

Print Time: 19:58:34

## Selection Criteria

ORI: BLACK RIVER POLICE DEPT

Date From: 09/01/2020 00:01

Date To: 09/30/2020 23:59

Sorted By: Incident Number

Incident Number	Incident Type	Status	Div/Pct	Reported	Wkday	Case #	Occurred On	Occurred To	Location Type	Reporting Officer
96	Dmv Suspension Or Revocati	ARREST - ADULT	EM	09/08/2020	Tue	20BR00520	09/08/2020 13:38	09/08/2020 13:42	STREET	CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701
97	Controlled Substance-Poss	ARREST - ADULT	BR	09/10/2020	Thu	20BR00524	09/10/2020 16:37	09/10/2020 16:38	STREET	CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701
98	Dmv Suspension Or Revocati	ARREST - ADULT	BR	09/14/2020	Mon	20BR00526	09/14/2020 16:29	09/14/2020 16:29	STREET	CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701
99	Dmv Suspension Or Revocati	ARREST - ADULT	EM	09/22/2020	Tue	20BR00539	09/22/2020 15:25	09/22/2020 15:27	STREET	CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701
100	Dmv Suspension Or Revocati	ARREST - ADULT	BR	09/25/2020	Fri	50BR00553	09/25/2020 10:55	09/25/2020 10:55	STREET	CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701

## UTT Report by Date

From 9/1/2020 to 9/30/2020

Date	Officer Name	Badge	Case Number	Section And Offense	Status	Location	Local Code
09/25/2020	WOOD S	01	C321CB9H77	1180A SPEED NOT REASONABLE & PRUDENT	7	S MAIN ST NEAR DORR FARM B	20BR00553
09/25/2020	WOOD S	01	C321CB9HFL	5112A2 AGGRAVATED UNLIC OPER-2ND DEG.	7	S MAIN ST NEAR DORR FARM B	20BR00553
09/24/2020	WOOD S	01	C321CB5VCC	37540B INADEQUATE OR NO STOP LAMPS	7	FACTORY ST @ KEYSER RD E/	20BR00547
09/24/2020	WOOD S	01	C321CB5R03	37540B INADEQUATE OR NO STOP LAMPS	7	FACTORY ST E/M	20BR00546
09/22/2020	WOOD S	01	C321CB0HJ1	5112A4 AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED OPERATION - 2ND DEG	7	8442 S MAIN ST E/M	20BR00539
09/22/2020	WOOD S	01	C321CB0H9Q	5091 UNLICENSED OPERATOR	7	8442 S MAIN ST E/M	20BR00539
09/22/2020	WOOD S	01	C321CB0GM3	1180C SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONE	7	8442 S MAIN ST E/M	20BR00539
09/15/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C98C5P	37540B INADEQUATE OR NO STOP LAMPS	7	SR 3 @ W REMINGTON ST BR	20BR00532
09/15/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C98D9X	37540B INADEQUATE OR NO STOP LAMPS	7	PEARL ST RD @ N MAIN ST BR	20BR00533
09/14/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C9504W	1180D SPEED IN ZONE	7	LERAY ST 200 BLK B/R	20BR00526
09/14/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C950J4	5112A4 AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED OPERATION - 2ND DEG	7	LERAY ST 200 BLK B/R	20BR00526
09/14/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C95LDT	5098 FLD/NOTIFY DMV CHANGE OF ADDRESS	7	SR 3 @ HUNTINGTON ST B/R	20BR00527
09/14/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C950SV	5111A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OP 3RD (MISD)	7	LERAY ST 200 BLK B/R	20BR00526
09/10/2020	WOOD S	01	0999C94PJ5	1180D SPEED IN ZONE	7	S MAIN ST NEAR DORR FARM	20BR00524
09/09/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C8LPNN	5098 FLD/NOTIFY DMV CHANGE OF ADDRESS	7	LERAY ST @ CHURCH ST EM	20BR00521
09/08/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C8H0SX	306B UNINSPECTED MOTOR VEHICLE	3	LERAY ST NEAR CHURCH ST EM	20BR00519
09/08/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C8HFHS	5111A AGGRAVATED UNLIC OP 3RD (MISD)	7	LERAY ST NEAR CHURCH ST EM	20BR00520
09/08/2020	WOOD S	01	C321C8HDW0	37512AB2 SIDEWINGS/SIDEWINDOWS/NON/TRASNPRNT	7	LERAY ST NEAR CHURCH ST EM	20BR00520

### Summary

Query returned 18 records.

**BLACK RIVER/EVANS MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MONTHLY REPORT  
September-20**

	B/R	E/M	TOTAL	Aug-20	Jul-20
ARRESTS -	3	2	5	1	1
COMPLAINTS -	16	13	29	30	29
VEHICLE STOPS -	16	23	39	37	37
TICKETS ISSUED -	9	9	18	30	9
ACCIDENT REPORTS -	0	0	0	3	0
PARKING VIOLATIONS -	0	1	1	3	2
MOTORIST ASSISTS -	0	0	0	1	0
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY -	2	5	7	11	18
ESCORTS -	0	0	0	2	1
VEHICLES TOWED -	0	0	0	3	1
PROPERTY CHECKS -	13	7	20	16	11
INCIDENT REPORTS -	4	3	7	6	11
DOMESTIC REPORTS -	0	0	0	1	0
OFFENSE REPORTS -	3	2	5	1	2
FOLLOW UP REPORTS -	7	4	11	0	2
CRIMES REPORTED -	0	0	0	0	3

**DAYS WORKED PER MONTH - 13/30 DAYS**

**GAS USED - 61 GALLONS**

**HOURS WORKED - 124 HOURS**

**MILES DRIVEN - 530 MILES**

**EXTRA DETAILS - Reform paperwork and training started. Phase 1**

**POLICE CHIEF, STEVEN C WOOD #2701  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
VILLAGE OF BLACK RIVER/EVANS MILLS NY**

*SC WOOD* #2701

