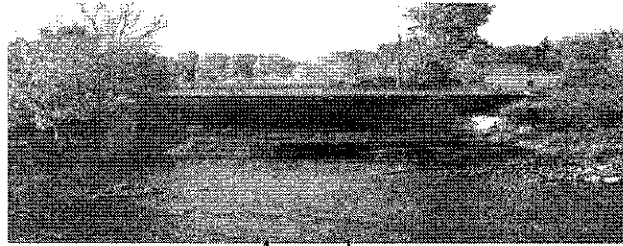


Board of Trustees
Village of Black River, New York



Agenda
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2023

- Call to order.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of minutes of the 10/2/23 regular meeting
- Public Comment.
- Police Department Report.
- Code Enforcement Report & review of related correspondence.
- Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
- Superintendent's Report.

Correspondence Received:

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| A) Charles Stafford | Re: A-1 Zone |
| B) Meghan Hernandez | Re: Azah property |
| C) DANC | Re: Thank you |
| D) Black River Fire Dept. | Re: Membership |

Correspondence Sent:

New Business:

- A) Approve water adjustments
- B) Discuss Code Enforcement Position
- C) Approve Tax Relevies

Unfinished Business:

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

Village of Black River
Board of Trustees
October 2, 2023
Regular Meeting

DRAFT

Mayor Dishaw called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Francis Dishaw
Trustee Bonnie Proven
Trustee Corey Decillis
Trustee Randy Lake

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Proven to approve the minutes of the 9/11/23 regular meeting. The motion was carried.

Mayor Dishaw opened the public hearings regarding the Rt. 3 Sewer Budget and the Water Use Law amendment at 6:03 p.m.

Clerk's Report: Clerk-Treasurer Williams stated that she had received a call from a company that is interested in purchasing the village's cell tower lease. The board asked Clerk-Treasurer Williams to get the amount that the company would offer and they will discuss it further.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Williams stated that there were only three meters that did not read, West Remington St. has been paved, cuts in the roads have been blacktopped, the NYS Dept. of Health reviewed the lead and copper results and determined that they were below the legal limit, they installed a new water line on Maple St., there has been no response from Rutland regarding adding houses to the water system, DANC said that they have 540 meters on the system, he tracked 147 man hours that the DPW worked on water during the month. He stated that Blair Supply is closing and that they usually rent a tap machine there when needed. He stated that they are selling their surplus equipment and the village could buy a tapping machine for \$1,800. He stated that he would not be purchasing a metering pump for \$1,700 that he had requested in the budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Lake to approve the purchase of the tap machine for \$1,800. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to close the public hearings at 6:35 p.m. The motion was carried.

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

Resolved, that the Rt. 3 sewer budget be adopted as presented. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

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

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee Decillis, seconded by Trustee Proven to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Water Use Law be amended to state that if a meter pit is deemed necessary by the Superintendent, the cost will be borne by the consumer. The consumer will pay current pricing for the required meter pit. The motion was put to a vote as follows:

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

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

Trustee Proven stated that there have been some tense meetings and presented some public meeting/hearing procedures. The board reviewed the procedures and agreed that they should be implemented.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Trustee Decillis to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the following abstract of audited vouchers be approved: interim abstract dated: 9/21/23 in the amount of \$39,305.60 (General Fund: \$13,967.92 Water Fund: \$49.22 Sewer Fund: \$25,288.46) and regular monthly abstract dated 10/2/23 in the amount of \$125,126.03 (General Fund: \$123,245.85 Water Fund: \$1,880.18). The motion was put to a vote as follows:

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

The motion was carried and the resolution duly adopted.

A motion was made by Trustee Lake, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to enter into executive session at 6:49 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person. The motion was carried.

The board exited executive session at 6:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Proven, seconded by Mayor Dishaw to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Williams
Clerk-Treasurer

**BLACK RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT
October-23**

	B/R		Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23
ARRESTS -	0		0	1	3
COMPLAINTS -	18		9	13	25
VEHICLE STOPS -	23		6	24	33
TICKETS ISSUED -	6		0	11	30
ACCIDENT REPORTS -	0		0	0	0
PARKING VIOLATIONS -	2		0	2	2
MOTORIST ASSISTS -	0		1	1	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY -	4		2	4	3
ESCORTS -	0		0	2	0
VEHICLES TOWED -	0		0	0	0
PROPERTY CHECKS -	4		3	2	19
INCIDENT REPORTS -	8		6	1	14
DOMESTIC REPORTS -	0		0	0	0
OFFENSE REPORTS -	1		1	3	3
FOLLOW UP REPORTS -	1		2	4	6
CRIMES REPORTED -	1		1	3	0

DAYS WORKED PER MONTH - 7/31 DAYS

HOURS WORKED - 50.5 HOURS

MILES DRIVEN - 253 MILES

EXTRA DETAILS - TRaCS update (ticket/accident form program), assisted WPD Academy with class.

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

SC WOOD #2701

UTT Report by Date

From 10/1/2023 to 10/31/2023

Date	Officer Name	Badge	Case Number	Section And Offense	Status	Location	Local Code
10/31/2023	WOOD S	01	SRV2HC02SD	1180D SPEED IN ZONE	4	SR 3 NEAR CESARIOS DENTAL	23BR00287
10/21/2023	WOOD S	01	SRV2H9WXd5	37535C UNSAFE TIRE	7	SR 3 @ HUNTINGTON ST	23BR00274
10/21/2023	WOOD S	01	SRV2H9WVL5	37535C UNSAFE TIRE	7	SR 3	23BR00273
10/11/2023	WOOD S	01	SRV2H8TWCG	4101 UNREGISTERED MOTORCYCLE	7	SR 3	23BR00256
10/11/2023	WOOD S	01	SRV2H8TVXJ	1180D SPEED IN ZONE	7	SR 3	23BR00256
10/11/2023	WOOD S	01	SRV2H8TCZ1	1110A DISOBEYED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	7	200M BLK S MAIN ST	23BR00224

Summary

Query returned 6 records.

BLACK RIVER POLICE DEPT

Incidents Reported From 10/01/2023 00:02 hrs. to 10/31/2023 23:59 hrs.

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Print Date: 11/01/2023

Print Time: 10:40:31

Selection Criteria

ORI: BLACK RIVER POLICE DEPT

Date From: 10/01/2023 00:02

Date To: 10/31/2023 23:59

Sorted By: Incident Number

Incident Number	Incident Type	Status	Div/Pct	Reported	Wkday	Case #	Occurred On	Occurred To	Location Type	Reporting Officer
182	Trespass	CLOSED - PROS. DE BR		10/25/2023	Wed	23BR00277	10/23/2023 17:53	10/23/2023 18:45	SCHOOL	CHIEF WOOD, STEVEN #2701

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Black River, New York 13612

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Village of Black River
107 Jefferson Place
Black River, NY 13612
Attn: Mayor Francis Dishaw

6/12/2023

Dear Frank:

We are in the process of reviewing, updating, and modifying the solar energy laws that we have in place. In our meeting last month, we were reviewing the various zones to see what the maximum amount of each landowner's property could be covered - one of our board members discovered that in the A-1 two family dwelling there was no maximum amount of coverage and that the other zones all had a maximum coverage of 30 percent. This discrepancy means that the lot owner in this particular zone would have an unlimited amount of coverage on their lots. In this case each lot owner in this zone could fill their property with solar panels, for example where other zones are limited to 30 percent coverage.

On this discovery, at our regular meeting of the Black River Planning Board last month, we passed a motion to propose to the Village Board recommending that a maximum of 30 percent ground cover be added to the code book for our A-1 two family dwellings zone.

This action would make this property zone lot coverage limit equalized with the other zones in our laws. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions on this.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Stafford, Chairman
Black River Planning Board

From: Meghan Hernandez <meghanfernandez@gmail.com>
Sent: 10 October, 2023 11:32 AM
To: clerktreasurer blackriverny.org
Subject: Property Concerns

Hello,

My name is Meghan Hernandez. My husband Luke Hernandez and I reside at 127 Rodgers Rd with our children.

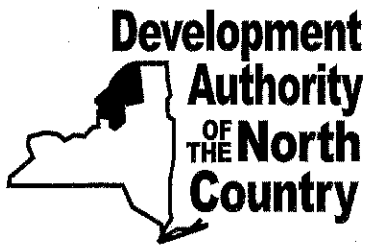
Recently, Mr. Benjamin Azah, the owner of the multi-tenant apartment home at 117 N Main St, approached my husband in our yard and mentioned that he was interested in potentially clearing some sort of path between N Main St and Rodgers Rd. My husband informed him this was not a possibility.

Days later we now see that Mr. Azah fully cleared the landlocked wooded area right up to our property line—did not leave a single natural boundary, what used to be a nice closed off clearing for us is now a completely open connection to N Main St with visibility to our property from that road.

We are concerned at these developments and would like to learn about Mr. Azah's intentions for this area. We understand that he also operates a 24-hour public coin laundromat in the multi-tenant home which does not make this any more comforting. We now have security concerns that we never had to think about.

Thank you for reading and I look forward to a response.

Sincerely,
Meghan Hernandez



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October 24, 2023

Mayor Francis Dishaw
Village of Black River
107 Jefferson Place
Black River, NY 13612

Dear Mayor Dishaw and Members of the Village Board:

On behalf of the Development Authority of the North Country – and many water users – I want to thank you for working with us and the Town of LeRay to provide water to the citizens of Pamela during the City of Watertown's unprecedented water crisis last week. Without this inter-municipal cooperation, many users outside of the city would also have found themselves without water.

By coming forward and offering to provide water to other communities, Black River's generosity really saved the day. The way the teams worked together to come up with a solution that would allow Pamela to continue to receive a water supply was nothing short of amazing. And it all started with your offer to provide water to a community in need!

Please know that we will be forever grateful to the Village of Black River for working with us to ensure that Pamela residents did not lose water.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Farone, Jr.
Executive Director

CC: Scott Allen, Supervisor, Town of Pamela
Margaret Murray, Board Chair, Development Authority of the North Country

Black River Fire Department, Inc.

P.O. Box 95

Black River, New York 13612

Established in 1891

November 3, 2023

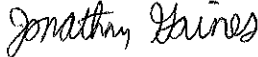
Dear Village Board of Directors:

The following individuals have applied to the Department for membership:

Bradley Smith 26368 Falcon Lane Evans Mills, NY 13637 (Eagle Ridge off Route 342)

An arson investigation and criminal background check have been completed. References listed on the application have been called. In addition, the individuals have met with an interview committee and have been approved.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Gaines, Secretary
BRFD

October 24, 2023

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acct.#</u>	<u>Water Credit</u>	<u>Sewer Credit</u>	<u>Total Credit</u>
Forte Management	02330	\$178.22	\$83.87	\$262.09

Total credit for Water Adjustments: \$178.22

Total credit for Sewer Adjustments: \$83.87

Total Water and Sewer Adjustments: \$262.09