

**THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
DECEMBER 13, 2023  
18:30:00/6:30:00**

At 18:30:00/6:30:00 MAYOR SOUVA CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER, THOSE IN ATTENDANCE RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PRESENT WERE: MAYOR MARK SOUVA

TRUSTEES: SHAREEF STOKELY, KIM VOGT, KERRY COLTON

CLERK: KIMBERLY AUGUSTINE

DPW: SUPERVISOR ROSS

GUESTS: GAIL ALEXANDER, SCOTT ALEXANDER, MATT COOPER, SCOTT DOYLE, MCKENZIE LEHMAN, MIKE ALTERI

ABSENT: PATTY BATES

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, TO APPROVE NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	ABSENT
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023**

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**COMMUNITY UPDATES**

**RACOG**

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RIVER AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## December 2023

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RACOG UPDATES

- **Infrastructure Roundtable**

We had 45 people at the roundtable workshop. It was a good turnout and something we are looking to replicate to some degree at the Local Government Conference.

- **Water/Wastewater Operator Licensing w/BOCES**

BOCES has backing from their Heavy Equipment Class and the advisory committee for that group. They are going to start drafting a curriculum for what it would look like.

- **Local Government Student Activity**

The NYS DOS is interested in having a local government student activity to learn about how local governments run. I had discussions with them about this at the infrastructure roundtable.

- **Fort Drum Intern**

Kaitlyn Valdez is interning with the commission and RACOG until November 9, 2023. We did attend CSP Exploration Day on October 20th, which is with prospective soldiers transitioning out of service.

- **Associate Circuit Rider**

Sent a description of the position to Fort Drum Employment Readiness, who looks for jobs for soldier spouses.

- **Membership**

RACOG will discuss the membership request for the town of Watson at the next RACOG board meeting.

- **Comprehensive Plans**

Town of Wilna, and the villages of Carthage and Deferiet held their first comp plan committee meeting on November 30th.



### UPCOMING

**Next RACOG Meeting**

January 24, 2024 @ 6:00 PM  
TBD

**Tug Hill Commission Local Government  
Conference**

May 1 - 2, 2024  
Turning Stone Resort

[Click Here](#)

**MetroCount 2023 Field Season Data  
Summary Available**

The Tug Hill Commission's MetroCount  
Traffic Counter 2023 Field Season Data  
Summary report is now available.

[Click Here](#)

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## TRAININGS

### • Newly Elected Officials Training

Topics to be covered include: conflicts of interest, codes of ethics and boards of ethics, financial disclosure requirements, typical town offices and their roles, oaths of office, and preparing for your first meeting. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers!

**Location:** Webinar

**Dates:** December 6, 2023 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Website/Registration:** [Click Here](#)

### • New Justices' Certification Course

The Office of Court Administration is offering an in-person "Taking the Bench Certification Course" for newly elected or appointed town and village justices.

**Location:** Crowne Plaza Albany-The Desmond Hotel, 600 Albany Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211

**Dates:** December 11 - 15, 2023 (First Session)

**Website/Registration:** [Click Here](#)

### • NYCOM Planning and Zoning Webinar

The NYS Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) planning and zoning webinar series continues Thursday, December 14, with PreExisting Nonconforming Uses: Understanding Vested Rights & What Local Governments Can Do to Regulate Them

**Location:** Webinar

**Dates:** December 14, 2023 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Website/Registration:** [Click Here](#)

### • Newly Elected Town Officials January Training Schools

The Office of the NYS Comptroller and the Association of Towns of New York State have scheduled two Newly Elected Town Officials Training Schools, January 10-12, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1111 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623 and again January 17-19, 2024, at the Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205.

**Location:** Multiple

**Dates:** January 10 - 12 and January 17 - 19 2024

**Website/Registration:** [Click Here](#)

## GRANTS

### • Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

the Division of Preservation and Access under the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) started accepting applications for its Preservation Assistance Grants (PAG) for Smaller Institutions program. This program aims to help small and mid-sized organizations preserve and manage humanities collections and to secure their integrity and significance to a wide audience.

**Due Date:** January 11, 2024

**Website:**

<https://www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions>

### • Companion Animal Projects

The NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets has two grant funding rounds available now through the Grants Gateway for capital projects necessary for the secure containment, health and adequate care of sheltered dogs and cats.

**Due Date:** January 29, 2024

**Website:** [Municipal](#) and [Non-For-Profit](#)

### • Urban and Community Forestry Grants

Applications are now open for a total of \$12.9 million for urban and community forestry projects through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

**Due Date:** January 31, 2024

**Website:**

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/urban-and-community-forestry/urban-and-community-forestry-grants>

### • Planning for a 2024-25 LGRMIF Grant Webinar

New York State Archives has scheduled a training event called "Ask Us Anything About Planning a 2024-25 LGRMIF Grant Application" for Thursday, December 7 from 10 to 11 a.m.

**Due Date:** December 7, 2023 - 10 to 11 AM

**Website:** [Click Here](#)

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## TRAININGS

- **NYPF Second Annual “Last Chance Training”**

The New York Planning Federation will provide a second annual “Last Chance Training” to help planning and zoning board members meet their annual four-hour training requirement.

**Location:** Webinar

**Dates:** December 2, 2023 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Website/Registration:** [Click Here](#)

- **Newly Elected Officials Training**

Topics to be covered include: conflicts of interest, codes of ethics and boards of ethics, financial disclosure requirements, typical town offices and their roles, oaths of office, and preparing for your first meeting. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers!

**Location:** Webinar

**Dates:** December 6, 2023 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Website/Registration:** [Click Here](#)

- **Cornell Local Roads Workshops**

Fall workshops are now available for registration.

**Location:** Different Locations

**Dates:** Various Dates

**Website/Registration:** [Click Here](#)

## GRANTS

- **Northern Border Regional Commission 2023 Catalyst Program**

The Catalyst Program is designed to stimulate economic growth and inspire partnerships that improve rural economic vitality across the four-state NBRC region.

**Due Date:** Unknown

**Website:** <https://www.nbrc.gov/content/Catalyst>

- **NYSDEC Launches Green Purchasing Communities Program**

The program provides an easy to administer green procurement program for local governments and provides the community with recognition for implementing it.

**Due Date:** Unknown

**Website:** Unknown

- **FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program**

Under the FAST NY Shovel-Ready Grant Program, Empire State Development will provide up to \$200 million in grants to prepare and develop sites to jumpstart New York’s shovel-readiness and increase its attractiveness to large employers, including high-tech manufacturing, particularly semiconductor manufacturing, interstate distribution and logistics businesses

**Due Date:** Unknown

**Website:** <https://esd.ny.gov/fast-ny>

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**DPW**

- 1.BLEW LEAVES AWAY FROM FRONT ENTRANCE OF VILLAGE OFFICE
- 2.HELP DALE CLARK LOCATE THE CURB STOP FOR THE CONCESSION STAND AT THE SCHOOL
- 3.RESET TIMER FOR VILLAGE PORCH LIGHTS
- 4.TOOK STATUE MOLDS TO THE WASTE WATER PLANT FOR STORAGE
- 5.POMERVILLE SEPTIC SERVICE PUMPED OUT THE WELL AT THE HIGH LIFT STATION
- 6.REPAIRED PIPE THAT FEED THE CHLORINE ANALYZER
- 7.MARKED OUT UFPO FOR COMMUNITY BOARD AT VILLAGE OFFICE
- 8.TOOK CARE OF UFPO FOR POLE REPLACEMENT ON DORAN ROAD
- 9.CLEANED OUT F-250
- 10.TOOK DOWN CORN STALKS AND FLOWERS FROM VILLAGE OFFICE
- 11.REPLACE LIGHTS ON SIX SNOWFLAKES AND GOT THE READY TO BE PUT UP
- 12.PUT FUEL TREATMENT IN BOTH THE GAS AND DIESEL TANKS FOR THE SEASON
- 13.BROUGHT DOWN SNOWFLAKES AND BANNERS FROM SEWER PLANT ALREADY TO BE PUT UP
- 14.RESUBMITTED THE LEAD AND COPPER RESULTS, HOMEOWNER CUSTODY SHEETS, AND  
THE LIST OF HOUSES WHERE WE TOOK THE SAMPLES TO D.O.H.
- 15.HAULED FROM THE SEWER PLANT TWO LOADER BUCKETS OF STONE FOR THE SIGN AT THE  
VILLAGE OFFICE
- 16.INSTALLED NEW FLAG AT THE BANDSTAND
- 17.PUT UP SIX SNOWFLAKES AND ALL THE BANNERS WITH THE HELP FROM TOWN OF  
DENMARK
- 18.NEW KUBOTA TRACTOR WAS DELIVERED
- 19.BROUGHT BOTH SNOWBLOWERS FROM THE PARK GARAGE TO VILLAGE GARAGE FOR  
INSTALLATION
- 20.SPARE SNOWBLOWERS IS IN THREE BAY SHOP
- 21.CALLED P&T TO HAVE THEM COME AND FIGURE OUT WHY WELL #5 IS TRIPPING
- 22.RAISED TRANSDUCER AT WELL #5 UP 25 TO 30 FT
- 23.BOTH PLOWS INSTALLED ON THE VILLAGES TRUCKS'
- 24.F-450 RELOCATED TO THE SEWER PLANT GARAGE FOR THE WINTER
- 25.SIEWERT EQUIPMENT SERVICED BOTH PUMPS AT THE HIGH LIFT STATION AND INSTALLED  
THE NEW PUMP CONTROLLER IN THE PANEL
- 26.SNOWBLOWED ALL VILLAGE SIDEWALKS
- 27.NEW KUBOTA TRACTORS FRONT LEFT TIRE WAS FLAT, IT PICKED UP A STAPLE WHILE  
DOING THE SIDEWALKS IN THE VILLAGE
- 28.SENT MONTHLY WATER REPORT TO THE D.O.H.
- 29.BROUGHT FROM THE PARK GARAGE TO THE VILLAGE OFFICE SANTA, REINDEER, AND THE  
ELVES
- 30.TOOK CARE UFPO FOR PUTTING AANKER ON ELECTRIC POLE ON COUNTY ROUTE 194
- 31.CHANGED OUT CHLORINE INJECTOR AT WATER PLANT
- 32.WELL #5 STILL TRIPPING OUT EVEN AFTER RESETTING THE LINE MAY NEED A NEW  
TRANSDUCER
- 33.PUT GARBAGE BARREL OUT AT THE BANDSTAND FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE  
LIGHTING
- 34.SET CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE BANDSTAND BACK UP, AS IT FELL OVER THIS PAST

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**WEEKEND**

- 35.CHECKED ELECTRIC HANDHOLES IN THE LAWN AT STODDARD WATER PLANT FOR ANY VISIBLE CHEWING ON THE WIRES AND THAT COULD BE CAUSING WELL #5 TO TRIP OUT
- 36.TOOK MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER SAMPLES TO CONVERSE LABS
- 37.RESTOCKED THE HYPO-CHLORIDE AT BOTH WATER PLANTS
- 38.SNOWBLOWED OUT THE VILLAGE HALL, BRIDGE, AND BANDSTAND SIDEWALKS
- 39.TOOK CARE OF UFPO FOR PUTTING IN A NEW POLE ON COUNTY ROUTE 194
- 40.ASSISTED SNOWBELT HOUSING STAFF AT MCNEIL APARTMENTS ON STODDARD STREET AS THEY HAD A PLUGGED SEWER LINE
- 41.EMPTIED BOTH DEBRIS BARRELS FROM INFLUENT RACK AT THE WASTE PLANT
- 42.RINSED OFF F-250 TO GET THE SALT OFF

TRUSTEE COLTON MENTIONED TO SUPERVISOR ROSS, THAT THE KUBOTA CAN USE A FOAM PRODUCT TO FILL TIRES, THAT PREVENT FLAT TIRES.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**

**SEWER PROJECT**

RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, STILL HAS TENTATIVE FINISH DATE OF MAY 1ST.  
THE VILLAGE BOARD IS WORKING WITH BOND COUNSEL, TO GET SECOND PAYMENT TO JOHN DUDLEY CONTRACTORS.

**WATER PROJECT**

THE BOARD ASKED VILLAGE ENGINEER COOPER, IF HE IS WILLING TO GO PASS THE 90-DAY HOLD ON WATER PROJECT; THE BOARD WANTS TO DIGEST WHAT BCA PRESENTED TO THE VILLAGE AND WHAT BARTON AND LOGUIDICE WANTS TO DO WITH THE WOODBATTLE PLANT.

**GUEST ENGINEER**

**BCA**

THEY SPOKE TO THE COST AND IMPLICATIONS THAT IT WOULD BE TO JOIN WITH THE TWIN VILLAGES WATER SOURCE.

ANY WATER THAT IS PUMPED FROM THE TWIN VILLAGES, WILL BE MIXED WITH STODDARD PLANT AND WOODBATTLE PLANT, IN THE COPENHAGEN WATER STORAGE TANK; THE TANK WOULD ACT AS A VESSEL FOR THE THREE DIFFERENT WATER SOURCES.

THE FIRM PRESENTED MANY SCENARIOS IN WHICH VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN COULD MOVE AHEAD WITH EITHER LOANS, GRANTS, ETC..

**COPENHAGEN CARES**

THE GROUP IS STILL COLLECTING MEMORY TREE BULBS, UNTIL DECEMBER 20TH.

CCS PLANS TO HAVE THEIR NEXT MEETING IN FEBRUARY 2024.

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**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

A VILLAGER WOULD LIKE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER McKEEVER, THAT THERE IS AN ABANDONED CAR BEHIND 9906 ST RT 12; OFF OF CENTER ST. THE HOUSE BEHIND THE SCHOOL, ON LOUD STREET, THE GARAGE IS FALLING IN.

MIKE ALTERI & MCKENZIE LEHMAN LEFT @ 19:51/7:51

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

RUTLAND FD

2023-24 CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED.

COPENHAGEN FD INC.

PAPERWORK HAS BEEN FILED, FORCING JUDGE PRESIDING OVER JUDGEMENTS, TO MAKE A DECISION.

**TOWN OF DENMARK**

SUPERVISOR DOYLE IS LOOKING TO START THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN FEBRUARY OF 2024. HE IS LOOKING FOR 2 BOARD MEMBERS AND 1 COMMUNITY MEMBER TO BE PART OF THE GROUP. THE POSITIONS NEED TO BE SOMEONE WHOM IS A FORWARD-THINKER, AND CAN MEET ONCE A MONTH. YOU CAN REACH OUT TO SUPERVISOR DOYLE, MICKEY DIETRICH OF RACOG, OR MATT JOHNSON.

SUPERVISOR DOYLE ASKED PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD TO DO THE FLOW RINGS RATINGS FOR 9 OF THE VILLAGE HYDRANTS THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE LIMITS.  
HE WAS GRANTED PERMISSION.

SUPERVISOR DOYLE LEFT @20:03/8:03

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

MAYOR SOUVA READ ALOUD A LETTER FROM SHARI SIMMONS.

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December 4, 2023

Village of Copenhagen Board and Mayor Souva,

I am once again asking for the village to provide electricity to the new pavilion area. After the recent Christmas event it is very disheartening to not be able to really light up that area. Having to depend on solar lighting in these dark gloomy days is not working. I could do so much more with some electricity for lighting. Decorating the bandstand was so easy and looks so great with the Christmas lights we were able to string up because of the use of electricity.

I also feel that this has also become a safety issue with the darkness we get so early this time of year. Safety is a major concern for people out and about on cold dark foggy winter nights. Crossing the road and walking around in the dark is an accident waiting to happen.

We have also been approached with an opportunity to have local musician playing a concert once a month at the pavilion. But with no electricity it is a problem. And the sound of a generator is not going to work.

I feel it would not have to be on all the time and could easily be controlled within the garage with a shut off. Could be turned on for special events and off the rest of the time.

I hope you as a board will consider this and make this area a much safer place with many more opportunities for the local residence.

Thank you ,

Shari Simmons

**THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE PREVIOUS LETTERS AND MEETING MINUTES, ON  
THIS SAME DISCUSSION.**



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TO: Village of Copenhagen  
ATTN: Mayor Souza  
CC: Trustee Vogt, Trustee Stokely, Trustee Bates, Trustee Colton  
RE: Consideration of Electricity at the Ted Simmons Memorial Pavilion  
FROM: Copenhagen CARES Collaborative



DATE: September 12, 2022

Dear Mayor and Trustees:

*"Near the banks of fair Deer River, rippling toward the sea, proudly stands our Alma Mater... Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater, May we honor you."*

Copenhagen CARES Collaborative cannot think of a better way to honor this community than to provide a modern, inclusive, and updated outdoor space for village events and functions that will bring a greater quality of life to this village and its residents.

With the **TED SIMMONS MEMORIAL PAVILION @ RIVER PARK** nearing completion and our dedication scheduled for Sunday September 18, 2022, we as a Collaborative are excited to see this space used for so many wonderful events.

The opportunities are really endless!

Our collaborative envisions this beautiful space being used for events including, but not limited to: a morning yoga class, a senior citizen's coffee hour, our Memorial Day celebrations, our winter/holiday celebrations, birthday parties, picnics, the Alumni social hour and so much more!!

Our collaborative has discussed events that may possibly take place during the day, but even some that might stretch in to the evening. Lighting will be vital for the safety of this space.

**Shari Simmons** recently shared, that she approached the village about having some type of electricity at the Ted Simmons Memorial Park Pavilion. She also shared your response was that electricity was not something the village wanted to pursue. Despite her sharing that someone has even volunteered to do the labor and supply the materials, for free, to the village, her request was still denied.

As a collaborative, we understand the added cost of having power to this space, but we are asking you to reconsider your decision. Our Collaborative has discussed investing in a solar panel to allow electricity to be supplied for our events while mitigating costs. We have brainstormed the use of a breaker that could shut power off, completely, when the pavilion was not in use. However, even if we invest in these items, we will still need electrical wiring done in the garage and to the pavilion.

*This space has so much potential!*

By developing River Park, it will allow our community to have a central gathering space for our community, increasing the inclusion and cohesion of the Copenhagen Community. Electricity will expand the number and type of events the village will be able to offer the community. If a musician is brought in for "Music in the Park", they will need an outlet or two for their amplifiers and their instruments. If someone is providing a

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## VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2022 @ 6:30 pm @ The Village Hall

Mayor Mark Souva  
Trustee Kerry Colton  
Trustee Kim Vogt  
Trustee Shareef Stokely  
Trustee Patty Bates

**Attendance:** Mayor Mark Souva, Trustee Kim Vogt, Trustee Shareef Stokely, Trustee Kerry Colton, Trustee Patty Bates, and Clerk Lori Wheeler.

**DPW:** Superintendent Rich Ross and David Potocki

**Audience:** Gail and Scott Alexander, Chief TJ Williams, Molly Williams, Frank Fazio, Mickey Dietrich, Louie Alexander, Michael McDonald, Frank Simmons, Bill and Judy St.Louis, Nick Altmire with Linking Lewis County, Julie Abass and Attorney Candace Randall.

### Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance then meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Mark Souva.

- Mickey Dietrich from RACOG presented updates about projects that RACOG is involved with.
- Discussion was held on the RADAR speed limit signs.

### Minutes

Trustee Vogt offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Bates to approve the August 10, 2022 meeting minutes.

Vote Taken:

Trustee Stokely	Aye
Trustee Vogt	Aye
Trustee Colton	Aye
Trustee Bates	Aye
Mayor Souva	Aye

Motion carried

Trustee Vogt offered a motion, seconded by Trustee Bates to approve the August 23, 2022 Special meeting minutes.

Vote Taken:

Trustee Stokely	Aye
Trustee Vogt	Aye
Trustee Colton	Aye
Trustee Bates	Aye
Mayor Souva	Aye

Motion carried

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### Correspondence

- Discussion was held about who would like to attend the Tug Hill Community Recognition Award Dinner- Mayor Souva and Trustee Bates will attend.
  - Copenhagen Cares sent a letter requesting that the Village allow electricity to be run in the new Pavilion. The Board discussed this subject and decided that electricity not be run now, maybe at a later time.
- Mrs. Williams also stated that CCC contacted the Johnson's (individuals who built the gazebo) and asked them if they could repair the roof on the gazebo before winter and they stated that they would.

### New Business

- Clerk Wheeler presented the Board with an IRS memo stating that mileage reimbursement has changed effective July 1, 2022:



### IRS increases mileage rate for remainder of 2022

IR-2022-124, June 9, 2022

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced an increase in the optional standard mileage rate for the final 6 months of 2022. Taxpayers may use the optional standard mileage rates to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business and certain other purposes.

For the final 6 months of 2022, the standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of the year. The new rate for deductible medical or moving expenses (available for active-duty members of the military) will be 22 cents for the remainder of 2022, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of 2022. These new rates become effective July 1, 2022. The IRS provided legal guidance on the new rates in Announcement 2022-13 [PDF], issued today.

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2022. The IRS normally updates the mileage rates once a year in the fall for the next calendar year. For travel from January 1 through June 30, 2022, taxpayers should use the rates set forth in Notice 2022-03 [PDF].

"The IRS is adjusting the standard mileage rates to better reflect the recent increase in fuel prices," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "We are aware a number of unusual factors have come into play involving fuel costs, and we are taking this special step to help taxpayers, businesses and others who use this rate."

While fuel costs are a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.

The 14 cents per mile rate for charitable organizations remains unchanged as it is set by statute.

Midyear increases in the optional mileage rates are rare, the last time the IRS made such an increase was in 2011.

#### Mileage Rate Changes

Purpose	Rates 1/1 through 6/30/2022	Rates 7/1 through 12/31/2022
Business	58.5	62.5
Medical/Moving	18	22
Charitable	14	14

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## THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

APRIL 12, 2023

18:30:00

- THE GROUP IS MEETING MONTHLY & STARTING PLAN OUT THIS YEARS EVENTS; KICKING OFF WITH MEMORIAL DAY.
- MS. WILLIAMS WANTED TO REINTERATE THAT COPENHAGEN CARES IS HERE TO SUPPORT/ASSIST THE COMMUNITY OF COPENHAGEN, NOT TAKE AWAY FROM ANY OTHER GROUP.
- COPENHAGEN CARES ASKED THAT THE VILLAGE ASSIST WITH SAFETY WITH THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & EVENTS. (TROOPERS & FIRE MARSHALLS)
- WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM THE LEGION ON PARADE LINE UP & START TIMES.
- DATES MENTIONED: JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> MUSIC, FOOD, VENDORS  
LATE SEPTEMBER 30TH/ EARLY OCTOBER 7TH HARVEST FEST AND SUPPORTING CCS PINK WEEK.
- CHRISTMAS PARADE
- MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AS CHC WORK DAY
- GRATEFUL TO THE VILLAGE FOR REPURCHASING THE PLANTERS THAT WERE STOLEN.
- INQUIRED ON THE BANDSTAND ROOF.  
MS. WILLIAMS, DPW, AND THE TRUSTEES HAD A DISCUSSION ON WHOM WOULD DO REPAIRS OR IT HAS TO BE AN RFP.

IT WAS BROUGHT INTO DISCUSSION, SHARI SIMMONS ASKED IF WE SUPPLY ELECTRICITY TO THE NEW PAVILLION. MR. BERGHORN IS WILLING TO DONATE HIS TIME TO SET UP ELECTRICTY.  
THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON COST FOR MONTHLY BILL FROM NATIONAL GRID. THEY COMPARED IT TO THE BANDSTAND MONTHLY BILL, AND DETERMINED IT IS WORTH IT, SO THE PAVILLION CAN BE UTILIZED.

### RESOLUTION 26-2023

A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON TO HAVE MR. BERGHORN GO AHEAD.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 26-2023 APPROVED APRIL 12, 2023

THE BOARD HAS STAYED WITH THEIR DECISION THAT MR. BERGHORN IS WELCOME TO DONATE HIS TIME TO SET UP ELECTRICITY. THE ELECTRICITY BILL WOULD BE FINE IF IT COMPARABLE TO THE BANDSTAND, HOWEVER THEY WILL NOT PAY FOR ANYTHING/SUPPLIES TO DO SO.

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## OLD BUSINESS

STEWARTS

NO UPDATE

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**PIPING SURVEY**

AS OF 12.13.23: 74 RESPONSES TO PIPING SURVEY.

**LEWIS COUNTY DRAINAGE**

NO UPDATE

**LED CAMERAS**

PARTS ARE ON BACKORDER.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON A WHITE UNIT THAT HAS BEEN MOUNTED ON A POLE, ON MAIDEN LANE. THE BOARD SAYS IT DOES NOT BELONG TO THE VILLAGE, AND ARE NOT SURE WHAT OR WHERE IT CAME FROM.

**WINDSTREAM**

MAYOR SOUVA HAS BEEN WORKING WITH ASSEMBLYMAN BLANKENBUSH AND SENATOR WALCZYK, TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE THE VILLAGE IS HAVING WITH WINDSTREAM. MAYOR SOUVA HAS STATED AGAIN HE IS PERFECTLY OKAY PAYING THE REGULAR AMOUNT THAT IS USUALLY BILLED. HE IS NOT OKAY WITH WHAT THEY ARE CHARGING US NOW, IN THE \$1000S EVERY MONTH FOR A SERVICE WE DO NOT EVEN HAVE.

**DEER RIVER RETAINING WALL**

SUPERVISOR ROSS HAS HAD THE COUNTY COME OUT TO LOOK AT THE EROSION DEER RIVER IS CAUSING BEHIND MAPLE AVE. THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS A PROJECT THAT WILL COST SUBSTANTIALLY. IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED.

**SNOW ON THE SIDEWALKS**

SUPERVISOR ROSS STATED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON KEEPING THE SIDEWALKS CLEAR.

**COMMUNITY BOARD OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL**

THE GROUND IS WAITING TO BE AUGERED. TRUSTEE COLTON AND FORMER MAYOR ALEXANDER WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER TO GET THIS PROJECT FINISHED.

**PARKING ON LOUD STREET REMINDER**

**LOCAL LAW #1 OF THE YEAR 2011**

**SECTION 7: NO PERSON SHALL PARK A VEHICLE AT ANY TIME UPON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS OR PART THEREOF: LOUD STREET, WEST SIDE, THE ENTIRE LENGTH.**

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THE BOARD DISCUSSED HOW THERE ARE NO PARKING SIGNS THERE. THAT SOME OF THE PAINT HAS WASHED AWAY. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BUDGET IN NEW PAINT. ALSO THEY WILL BE FOLLOWING UP WITH THE SCHOOL.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**DIGITAL UPGRADES**

THE VILLAGE BOARDS VILLAGE ISSUED DIGITAL COMPONENTS, ARE OVER FIVE YEARS OLD. MANY DO NOT WORK NOR CHARGE ANY LONGER. THEY WOULD LIKE TO PRICE OUT AND UPDATE TABLETS AND LAPTOPS.

THE OFFICE COMPUTERS ARE OUT OF RAM, AND CONTRACT WITH ABS IS COMING UP FOR RENEWAL ON COMPUTERS AND COPIERS. ABS IS WORKING ON DIFFERENT SCENARIOS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE TO LOOK AT AND COMPARE.

TRUSTEE VOGT HAS ASKED CLERK AUGUSTINE TO INVITE ABS SALES REPRESENTATIVE TO A MONTHLY MEETING.

**LOCAL LAW #1 OF THE YEAR 2024**

**RESOLUTION 53-2023**

A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, FOR WATER BILLING TO BE BILLED QUARTERLY (4X) INSTEAD OF ONLY BI-YEARLY (2X). START DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	ABSENT
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 53-2023 APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**RESOLUTION 54-2023**

A MOTION FOR RESOLUTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, FOR SEWER BILLING TO BE BILLED QUARTERLY (4X) INSTEAD OF ONLY BI-YEARLY (2X). THE WATER AND SEWER WILL BE BILLED AT THE SAME TIME QUARTERLY (4X) A YEAR. START DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

**THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES**

TRUSTEE STOKELY            AYE  
TRUSTEE VOGT                AYE  
TRUSTEE COLTON             AYE  
TRUSTEE BATES               ABSENT  
MAYOR SOUVA                AYE  
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 54-2023 APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023**

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
2024 OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS  
TRUSTEE VOGT'S SEAT  
TRUSTEE COLTON'S SEAT

**PENN POWER SYSTEMS**

WE ARE RENEWING OUR CONTRACT. SUPERVISOR ROSS SAID THAT THE 3-YEAR CONTRACT IS BETTER THAN 1 OR 2. HE IS ASKING THE BOARD TO APPROVE HIM SIGNING THE 3-YEAR CONTRACT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE COLTON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, FOR SUPERVISOR ROSS TO SIGNED THE 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH PENN POWER SYSTEMS.

TRUSTEE STOKELY            AYE  
TRUSTEE VOGT                AYE  
TRUSTEE COLTON             AYE  
TRUSTEE BATES               ABSENT  
MAYOR SOUVA                AYE  
ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**FINANCIALS**

**NOTES FROM NORTH COUNTRY CPA:**

ARPA FUNDS REMAINING: \$39,589.61

FORMER MAYOR ALEXANDER SUGGESTED WE USE THE ARPA MONEY TO WORK ON VILLAGE HYDRANTS. THE BOARD AGREED WITH THAT IDEA, AND WILL LOOK INTO USING THAT MONEY FOR VILLAGE HYDRANTS.

**THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES**

**TREASURER REPORT**

**MONTHLY REPORT OF TREASURER**

**TO THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN:**

The following is a detailed statement of all moneys received AND disbursed BY me during the month of December, 2023:

DATED: December 5, 2023

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TREASURER

	Balance 11/30/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/05/2023
<b>A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	184,699.31	0.00	0.00	184,699.31
CASH - SAVINGS	649,386.33	0.00	0.00	649,386.33
PETTY CASH	209.96	0.00	0.00	209.96
TOTAL	834,295.60	0.00	0.00	834,295.60
<b>F WATER FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	86,245.49	0.00	0.00	86,245.49
CASH - SAVINGS	123,689.35	0.00	0.00	123,689.35
TOTAL	209,934.84	0.00	0.00	209,934.84
<b>G SEWER FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	80,507.11	0.00	0.00	80,507.11
CASH - SAVINGS	101,266.30	0.00	0.00	101,266.30
TOTAL	181,773.41	0.00	0.00	181,773.41
<b>SF FIRE DISTRICT</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TA TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	5,028.05	0.00	0.00	5,028.05
TOTAL	5,028.05	0.00	0.00	5,028.05
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,231,031.90	0.00	0.00	1,231,031.90

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**



**THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES**

GENERAL FUND

**RESOLUTION 55-2023**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY, THE GENERAL FUND STREET MAINTENANCE BUDGET LINE A5110.4, PUT \$508.49 INTO BUDGET LINE A5110.41.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	ABSENT
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 55-2023 APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023**

WATER FUND

**RESOLUTION 56-2023**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE STOKELY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON, THE WATER FUND SOURCE SUPPLY-POWER EQUIPMENT BUDGET LINE F8320.21, PUT \$6686.29 INTO BUDGET LINE F8320.2.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	ABSENT
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION 56-2023 APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023**

SEWER FUND

CLERK AUGUSTINE DID BRING TO THE TABLE THAT THE SEWER FUND SEWAGE TREATMENT-EQUIPMENT CAP FUND NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED. THE BOARD ADVISED HER THAT THERE IS NOWHERE TO PULL MONEY FROM TO COVER THE COST OF SEWER PROJECT G8130.2. THEY ARE WAITING ON BONDS/BAN FROM BOND COUNSEL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE STOKELY,

**THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES**

TO PAY DECEMBER BILLS.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	ABSENT
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE STOKELY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON,  
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

TRUSTEE STOKELY	AYE
TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	ABSENT
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVED DECEMBER 13, 2023  
MEETING CLOSED @20:39/8:39**