

**THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
MARCH 13, 2024  
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:                       KIM VOGT, KERRY COLTON, PATTY BATES, DIANE MAHAR

CLERK:                           KIMBERLY AUGUSTINE

DPW:                              SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD ROSS

GUESTS:                         BILL ST. LOUIS, GAIL ALEXANDER, SCOTT ALEXANDER, MATT COOPER, SCOTT DOYLE, JOHN McGRAW, CHRISTINE VOGT

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**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON, TO APPROVE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES.

TRUSTEE VOGT                    AYE  
TRUSTEE COLTON                 AYE  
TRUSTEE BATES                 AYE  
TRUSTEE MAHAR                 AYE  
MAYOR SOUVA                  AYE  
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**UPDATES**

RACOG

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RIVER AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

# March 2024

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RACOG UPDATES

- **Economic Visioning Summit Planning**

March 29, 2024 at the Carthage Elk's from 9am to noon, with lunch to follow. Registration: [tinyurl.com/racogsummit2024](https://tinyurl.com/racogsummit2024)

- **COG Survey**

Municipalities may get communication from University of Albany about a survey related to how the River Area Council of Governments partners with other organizations. They want to show how COGs can be a benefit to the rest of NYS.

- **Local Government Student Activity**

Mickey will be attending both the Lewis County and Jefferson County Youth Bureaus and continuing working with Kyle Wilbur from NYS Department of State.

- **Fort Drum Intern**

We are still actively looking for Fort Drum interns. There has been some changeover in the Fort Drum department and we might be able to get some interns.

- **Associate Circuit Rider**

Amber Swan is the new Associate Circuit Rider. She will be covering meetings mainly on the second Wednesdays and third Mondays of the month.

- **Comprehensive Plans**

There are two multiple municipality comprehensive plans going on in the RACOG region. The town of Wilna, villages of Carthage and Deferiet. Also, the town of Denmark, villages of Castorland and Copenhagen.

- **New Officers**

The new officers for RACOG are Paul Smith as chair and Yvonne Boliver as vice chair.



## UPCOMING

Next RACOG Meeting

May 30, 2024 @ 6:00 PM  
TBD

Tug Hill Commission Local Government  
Conference

May 1 - 2, 2024  
Turning Stone Resort  
[Click Here](#)

RACOG Economic Visioning Summit

March 29, 2024  
Carthage Elks  
[Click Here](#)

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## TRAININGS

- **Tug Hill Birds**

Join Irene Mazzocchi, Region 6 DEC wildlife biologist (newly retired), and Linda Gibbs, Community Programs Director for Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, for a lesson on Tug Hill birds.

**Location:** Webinar

**Dates:** March 12, 2024 @ 6:00pm

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

- **Can solar help your farm's bottom line?**

Come share your insights and concerns, and learn how solar can work with farming rather than against it.

**Location:** JCC – Lewis County Education Center 7395 East Road Lowville, NY 13367

**Dates:** March 28, 2024 @ 12:00pm to 2:00pm

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

- **RACOG Economic Visioning Summit**

There will be presentations on the Denmark Highway Garage and Solar Project, Fort Drum Regional Impact, Lowville DRI, Traffic Data, Carthage Area Hospital, Double Play Community Center, and a Jeopardy Game.

**Location:** Webinar

**Dates:** March 29, 2024 @ 9:00am to noon (lunch to follow)

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

- **Highway Foundational Webinars**

Join the New York State Local Technical Assistance Program Center (NYS LTAP) for their ongoing series of free foundational webinars focused on the important principles key to local highway agency operations and management.

**Location:** Webinars

**Dates:** Various Dates

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

## GRANTS

- **Naturally Lewis 2024 Grants**

The Lewis County Development Corporation's Community Economic Development Program recently announced four grant programs available in 2024.

**Due Date:** Various Dates

**Website:**

<https://naturallylewis.com/growing-opportunities/cedf?fbclid=IwAR2DiSf1djXKo0TotQRINk9XhfCF7X3fmhAoWdwDWoLS2t1vtng1qllBtI>

- **2024-2025 Records Management Grant**

The New York State Archives has announced that they are now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant cycle.

**Due Date:** March 11, 2024

**Website:**

<https://www.archives.nysed.gov/grants/lgrmif-grants>

- **New V-Fire Grants**

The New York State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-2024 Volunteer Fire Infrastructure & Response Equipment (V-FIRE) grant program is a state-funded \$25,000,000 competitive grant program that supports the enhancement of the security and safety of the citizens of New York State by providing critical funding to strengthen volunteer fire departments and districts statewide.

**Due Date:** April 30, 2024 @ 5:00pm

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

- **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

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**DPW**

## Report for March 2024

- Started up walk behind generator to let it run for a little bit
- Started up small generator to let it run for a little bit
- Greased up snowblower
- Snowblowed sidewalks
- Keeping track of Dean Vote trailer on Grove St the meter
- Dean Vote meter at trailer is ok
- Changed meter head at Ray Bancroft's house
- Snowblowed all Fire Hydrants
- Greased up loader
- Called in UFPO
- Washed windows on garbage truck
- Called in UFPO for pole replacement in front of 10190 Washington St.
- Washed the F-250
- Picked up more Hypo for the month
- Picked up three more bags of ice melt
- Refixed manhole cover on Stoddard in the village
- Sent out water report to DOH for the month
- Called in UFPO for boring texting on Stewarts new property
- Marked water and sewer for boring on Stewarts new property
- Dropped off Garbage truck up to Groffs for breaks and inspection
- Swept and cleaned bathroom
- Vacuumed floors in village hall
- Took water and sewer samples to Converse Labs for the month
- Picked up two new smoke detectors and a new Exit sign for the village office
- Replace two smoke detectors in the clerk's office and file room
- Replaced hallway Exit sign
- Fire Extinguishers Inspection is done for the year
- Did monthly Inspection of Emergency lights, Carbon Monoxide detectors, Smoke detectors, and Fire Extinguishers for the month
- Got the new village radios all set up
- Drove around village to check coverage of village radios
- Drove to Slack Chemicals to check coverage of radios
- Reset clock at village hall

SUPERVISOR ROSS ASKED THE BOARD IF DPW COULD DISPOSE OF A DRUM OF OIL THAT HAS BEEN SITTING IN THE GARAGE FOR THREE YEARS. BOARD GAVE PERMISSION TO DO SO.

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SUPERVISOR ROSS ASKED IF DPW COULD TURN-IN SCRAP METAL THAT HAS BEEN DEEMED SURPLUS, FROM THE WOODBATTLE PLANT.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON, TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF SCRAP METAL THAT HAS BEEN DEEMED SURPLUS FROM THE WOODBATTLE, TO BE TURNED-IN.

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TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
TRUSTEE MAHAR	AYE
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

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**VILLAGE ENGINEER**

SEWER PROJECT- UV EQUIPMENT TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

WATER PROJECT- STILL ON HOLD WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE

**COPENHAGEN CARES**

CHRIS VOGT CAME TO REPRESENT COPENHAGEN CARES. THE GROUP WILL BE HAVING A RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, MARCH 20TH AT 18:00:00/6 PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING OR VOLUNTEERING.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

THE NEW CODE DIRECTOR HAS STARTED. HIS NAME IS BEN MANNING. HE ALONG WITH PROPERTY MAINTENANCE OFFICER McKEEVER HAD A FEW PROPERTY INSPECTIONS ON MARCH 15TH.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

RUTLAND FD- NO UPDATE

COPENHAGEN FD INC- STILL IN THE COURTS HANDS

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**WATER PROJECT FUNDING SCENARIOS**

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**THE BOARD WENT OVER THE FUNDING SCENARIOS AGAIN, FOR THE BCA WATER CONNECTION TO CARTHAGE.**

**THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN MATT COOPER AND TRUSTEE VOGT ON WHAT IS BEST FOR THE VILLAGE. THE BOARD ULTIMATELY DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH BCA.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BATES, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH BCA, AND START TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR WATER CONNECTION TO CARTHAGE.

TRUSTEE VOGT	AYE
TRUSTEE COLTON	AYE
TRUSTEE BATES	AYE
TRUSTEE MAHAR	NAH
MAYOR SOUVA	AYE

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**ABS COPIER & COMPUTERS CONTRACT**

IN ORDER TO HAVE OFFICE EQUIPMENT TURNED IN ON TIME, CONTRACTS FOR UPDATED OFFICE EQUIPMENT NEEDS TO BE SIGNED SOONER THAN LATER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE COLTON, TO SET A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR MARCH 27TH AT 18:00:00/6 PM. FOLLOWING AT 18:45:00/ 6:45 PM, THE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON ABS CONTRACT AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

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**PIPING SURVEY**

IN FINAL STAGES OF COMPLETION. THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL RESIDENTS THAT HE CAN NOT GET AHOLD OF, BUT THE BULK HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

**LEWIS COUNTY DRAINAGE**

NO UPDATE

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**ANCA**

NO UPDATE

**LED CAMERAS**

CANDELA RETURNED TO THE MUNICIPALITIES ON 3/13. THEY INSTALLED THE CAMERAS ON ALL APPROVED FIXTURES.

**DEER RIVER RETAINING WALL**

WILL RESUME DISCUSSION IN THE SPRING

**SNOW ON THE SIDEWALKS**

**COMMUNITY BOARD**

DELAYED-WILL RESUME IN SPRING

**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 PARTS THEREOF: LOUD STREET, WEST SIDE, THE ENTIRE LENGTH

**WINDSTREAM**

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HAS DECIDED TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER. IT WAS INITIALLY REJECTED, MAYOR SOUVA APPEALED AND NOW IT WILL BE HEARD.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**WINDENMARK**

JOHN McGRAW JOINED US REPRESENTING WIN-DENMARK. HE WANTED TO INFORM THE BOARD THAT THE GROUP RECIEVES \$9,000/ YEAR TO DISTRIBUTE AS COMMUNITY FUNDING. IT DOES HAVE TO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, SUCH AS SAFETY.

THE BOARD IS THINKING OF APPLYING TO PUT IN A SPEED SIGN IN FRONT OF SCHOOL OR FOR BARRELS TO PUT OVER FIRE HYDRANTS DURING THE WINTER; THE BARRELS ELIMINATE HAVING TO DIG OUT A HYDRANT IN AN EMERGENCY.

**WALTER KENNEL BARN**

A REQUEST WAS MADE BY MR. KENNEL TO SHUT OFF AND CLOSE A SECOND WATER ACCOUNT THAT IS ON THEIR LAND. YEARS AGO THE KENNEL FARM SPLIT THEIR MAIN WATER LINE AFTER THE HOUSE METER. ONE FOR THE MAIN HOUSE AND ONE FOR

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TENANT & BARN. MR. KENNEL REQUEST TO CLOSE THE BARN ACCOUNT, BECAUSE THEY NO LONGER HAVE TENANTS OR A WORKING FARM.

THE BOARD AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

THE LINE NEEDS TO BE PHYSICALLY DISCONNECTED & CAPPED OFF

THEN INSPECTED BY DPW

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSES TO ELIMINATE CROSS-CONTAMINATION & AND IN THE FUTURE RECONNECTING WITHOUT VILLAGE KNOWLEDGE.

**OPEN FORUM**

**FINANCIALS**

**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 February, 2024:

DATED: March 8, 2024

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TREASURER

	Balance 01/31/2024	Increases	Decreases	Balance 02/29/2024
<b>A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	73,594.31	46,618.81	33,663.64	86,549.48
CASH - SAVINGS	649,429.96	10.30	0.00	649,440.26
PETTY CASH	212.27	0.00	0.00	212.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>723,236.54</b>	<b>46,629.11</b>	<b>33,663.64</b>	<b>736,202.01</b>
<b>F WATER FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	33,637.03	0.00	8,133.99	25,503.04
CASH - SAVINGS	123,150.42	1.95	0.00	123,152.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156,787.45</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>8,133.99</b>	<b>148,655.41</b>
<b>G SEWER FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	37,688.22	0.00	7,224.54	30,463.68
CASH - SAVINGS	101,268.01	6.72	0.00	101,274.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,956.23</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>7,224.54</b>	<b>131,738.41</b>
<b>H CAPITAL FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	600,000.00	1,364,258.97	1,767,032.34	197,226.63
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600,000.00</b>	<b>1,364,258.97</b>	<b>1,767,032.34</b>	<b>197,226.63</b>
<b>SF FIRE DISTRICT</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TA TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	2,919.25	11,445.90	12,575.67	1,789.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,919.25</b>	<b>11,445.90</b>	<b>12,575.67</b>	<b>1,789.48</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,621,899.47</b>	<b>1,422,342.65</b>	<b>1,828,630.18</b>	<b>1,215,611.94</b>



