

THE VILLAGE OF COPENHAGEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2025

RIVER AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

October 2025

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



RACOG UPDATES

- **RACOG Economic Visioning Summit**

Is scheduled for March 19, 2026 at the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center. We have a draft agenda put together.

- **Student Activity & Outreach**

RACOG Youth Committee - We will be trying to reconvene the committee in the last week of October.

Civic Service Student Activity Program (CSSAP) - We will be meeting with guidance counselors on October 7, 2025. The first day of the program will be October 23, 2025.

- **Water/Wastewater**

Wastewater Operator Training - The BOCES program is on hold, as they look to find a teacher and have reposted the job. Also, the SUNY Morrisville program is not going away, they are in the process of looking to hire a new Director/Instructor.

- **Strategic Plan**

A subcommittee might be formed. We could potentially also incorporate the youth into it.

- **RACOG Website**

RACOG website template, does meet most of the new ADA rules. There might be some minor changes needed. Also, municipalities are switching over to .gov emails.

- **Comprehensive Plan Updates**

A new executive summary format with an action plan was well received for comprehensive plans. The commission is finishing up Wilna, Carthage, Deferiet, and Denmark, Castorland, and Copenhagen. If any community might be interested in a comprehensive plan update, please let us know so we can get you on the list.

- **Dog Control**

Town of Wilna is looking at possibly submitting a grant for a dog shelter.



UPCOMING

Next RACOG Meeting

January 22, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Town of Wilna Municipal Building

Presenters - ?

Commission Annual Dinner

October 9, 2025

Delta Lake Inn

Rome, NY

OTHER

ATV Recreation: Considerations for Municipalities Issue Paper

This paper aims to consolidate information and serve as an educational tool.

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TRAININGS

- **Public Works Training School**

Training: Join the New York Conference of Mayors and the New York Water Environment Association as they present their Public Works Training School.

Location: Fort William Henry Hotel, 48 Canada Street, in Lake George

Dates: October 6-8, 2025

Website/Registration: [Click Here](#)

- **2025 Annual Land Use Training**

Training: Calling all Planning Board & ZBA members, Town/Village Officials, and Code Enforcement Officers! Get your annual training credits in one evening with the NYS Department of State.

Location: Lowville Academy Central School

Dates: October 9, 2025 @ 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Website/Registration: [Click Here](#)

- **Snow Place Like Tug Hill: Exploring Winter's Impact In A Multi-Use Landscape**

Training: Join the Northeast Regional Climate Center and NYS Tug Hill Commission for a two-part workshop series focused on weather- and climate-related challenges of winter activities in the Tug Hill region.

Location: October 22 - Webinar, November 6 - Howard G. Sackett Technical Center

Dates: October 22, 2025 - Webinar, November 6, 2025 - Howard G. Sackett Technical Center

Website/Registration: [Click Here](#)

- **Local Bridges Conference October 22 and 23**

Training: The largest conference in NYS dedicated to bridge issues for local governments.

Location: Holiday Inn, Saratoga Spring, NY

Dates: October 22 and 23, with the training day on October 21, at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga, in Saratoga Springs, NY

Website/Registration: [Click Here](#)

GRANTS

- **\$53 Million in Grants Available for Swimming Facilities**

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the second round of the New York Statewide Investment in More Swimming (NY SWIMS) Initiative, offering \$53 million in capital grants to municipalities and nonprofits to expand safe swimming access across the state.

Due Date: September 24, 2025 - October 30, 2025

Website: [Click Here](#)

- **New York Forward and Downtown Revitalization Initiative**

The DRI aims to accelerate and expand the revitalization of downtowns and neighborhoods in all ten regions of the state to serve as centers of activity and catalysts for investment.

Due Date: October 17, 2025 - Intent to Apply

Website: [Click Here](#)

- **New York State Council on the Arts Capital Projects Fund**

Capital funding is now available to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations through the New York State Council on the Arts Capital Projects Fund.

Due Date: January 13, 2026

Website: [Click Here](#)

- **Community Development Block Grants**

The NYS Office of Homes and Community Renewal has several Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grants currently open.

Due Date:

Website: [Click Here](#)

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- 2025 NYS Highway & Public Works EXPO

Training: The 31st Annual New York State Highway and Public Works Expo is slated for October 29, in the Exposition Center, at the New York State Fairgrounds in Syracuse.

Location: New York State Fairgrounds

Dates: October 29, 2025

Website/Registration: [Click Here](#)

- Cornell Local Roads Training

Training: Cornell Local Roads Training

Location: Webinar

Dates: Various Dates

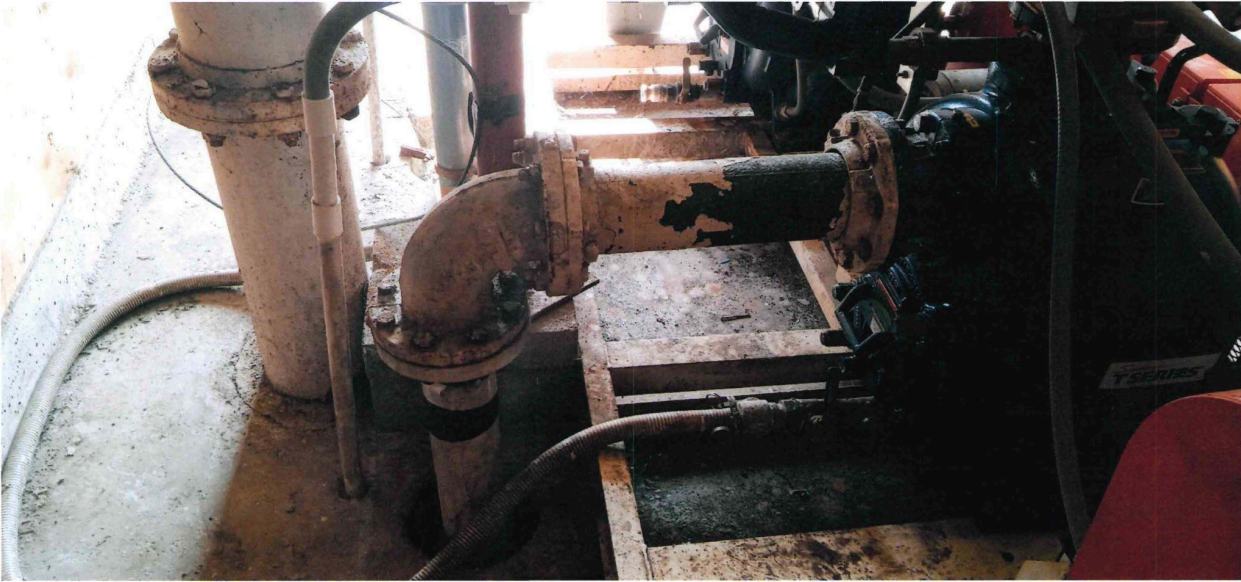
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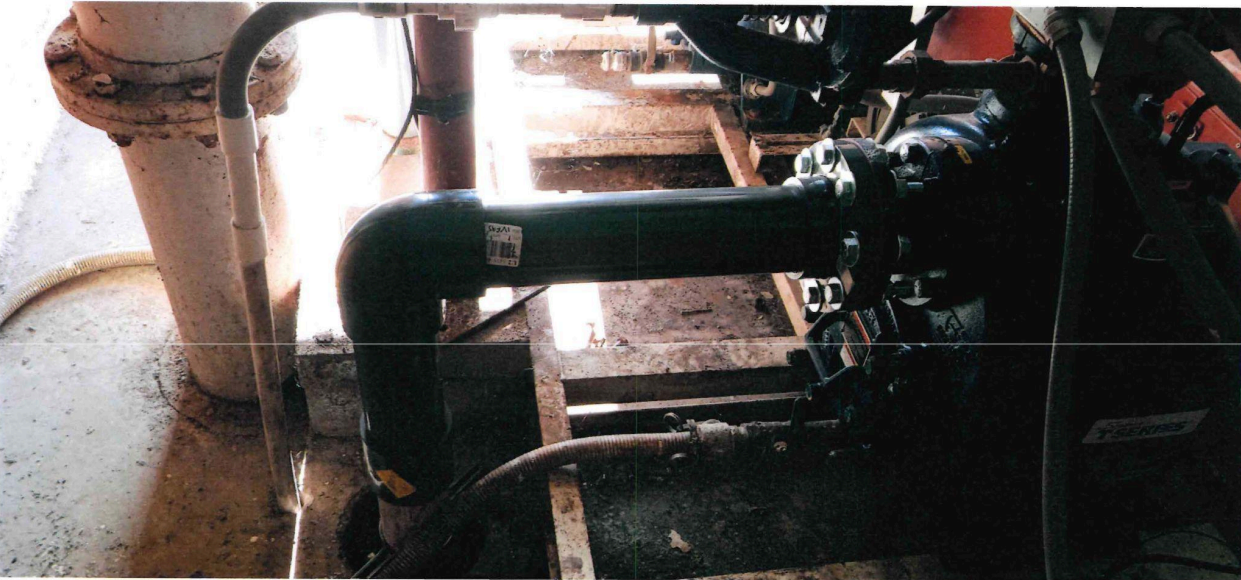
DPW

- Cut small branches from around both trees in front of Village Hall and weed wacked
- Put new bulb in light in parking lot
- Weed wacked bandstand, park, bandwagon, and steves
- Mowed and weed wacked Woodbottle water plant
- Mowed all village properties.
- Picked up two new flood lights and a new 4foot bulb for shop
- Topped off both hanging flower pots at Village Hall and Bandstand
- Did final reading at 2989 Cataract st
- Greased up top part of loader
- Checked fluid levels on loader
- Removed flags from Bandstand
- Called in three UFPO for County Rt. 194
- Final reading at 2980 Cataract St
- Siewarts was here to fix suction line at High Lift station
- Filled up rain barrel at Bandstand
- Painted white line over next to Willie's
- Sent HAA5 and THM sampling and summary forms to DOH
- Watered flowers in the raised bed under the sign
- Brought down the other Five ribbons from sewer plant
- Cut down some of the growth along the fence at the sewer plant
- Took apart a desk that was no good
- Replaced meter head at 2983 Cataract st
- Both curb stops are fixed and with dirt around them one at 10016 st rt 12 and other one at 2970 Cataract st
- Found curb stop at 2976 Tiffany Fouts old house so owned could fix small water leak
- Called in UFPO for fence installation at Kerry Colton at 10064 Grove st
- Changed yellow bulbs in ribbons to pink bulbs
- Picked up barrels and placed them out on Maple ave for Fall festival along with barricades
- Swept out both pick up trucks and wiped down
- Swept leaves from in front of village hall
- Read all village and Denmarks meters
- Put up three of the ribbons on the main drag
- Took Fecal sample to Converse labs
- Pumped out pits at sewer plant with the help from Lowville
- Took water and sewer samples to Converse labs
- Put back grates over pits at sewer plants
- Changed out Ray Dicobs meter body with new one
- Sent water reports to DOH for the month
- Changed out meter head at snowbelts on rt 12
- Called in UFPO for adding on back of house at 2999 Mechanic street
- Took brush down to Denmarks green sight
- Fixed a piece of insulation on Fire truck over head door
- Fixed a small gap in sidewalk down from Ray Dicobs house
- Filled in pot hole at the end of Stoddard st

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Old pipe at Lift Station to be replaced



*New PVC Pipe Installed at
Lift Station September 19, 2025*

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Village of Louisville Vac Truck at S.T.P.
Plugged Effluent Line

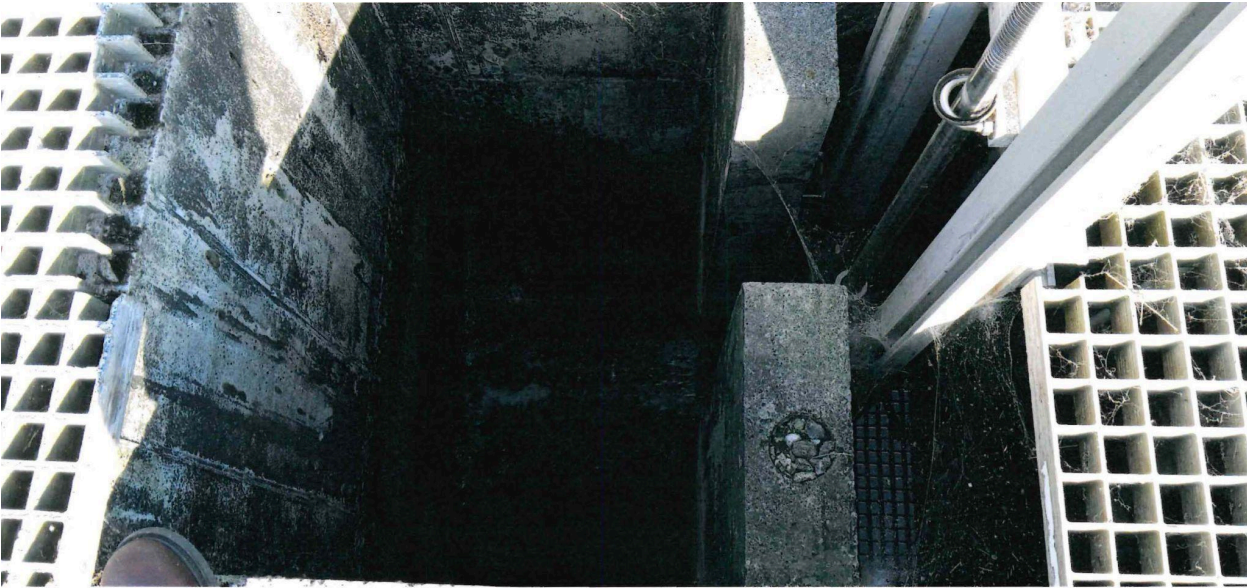


Village of Louisville
Sewer Clean

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Effluent Chamber Unplugged



Water Running in the Effluent Chamber

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BCA- WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

MEETING BETWEEN BCA, CARTHAGE, AND COPENHAGEN WAS CANCELLED. THE NEW MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK.

COPENHAGEN CARES

CHRIS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE VILLAGE FOR ALLOWING COPENHAGEN CARES TO HAVE HAGEN FEST
THE FLOWER POTS CAN BE DUMPED AND PUT AWAY FOR THE YEAR AT ANYTIME
THE FLAGS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN SOON
COPENHAGEN CARES ASKED THE BOARDS PERMISSION TO PLANT A EVERGREEN TREE BY THE BANDSTAND IN HONOR OF LUCILLE AND JERRY FLANDERS.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

NO UPDATE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

RUTLAND

FD WAS AWARDED A NEW FEMA GRANT; WHICH THEY WILL USE TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT.

COPENHAGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT INC

DEPOSITIONS ARE SCHEDULED, AND A HEARING MID NOVEMBER.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INFORMATIONAL

WILLIAMSON SOFTWARE

THERE WILL BE AN ANNUAL 5% IN SOFTWARE SUPPORT

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER USE LAW-WITH LAWYERS NO UPDATE

WINDSTREAM-NO UPDATE

ANCA- NO UPDATE

SHARED SERVICES WITH CASTORLAND-NO UPDATE

IMA WATER & SEWER

GARBAGE TRUCK

LEWIS COUNTY DRAINAGE-NO UPDATE

BRADSTREET & VINCENT CURB STOP-FINISHED

CATARACT ST HYDRANT- VALVES HAVE BEEN TURNED, NEED TO GIVE POWIS HYDRANT TO INSTALL

WOODBATTLE WATER PLANT- WATERMAN DEBRIS- WAITING FOR FROST TO KILL GRASS TO GET IT OUT

FUEL TANKS AT VILLAGE HALL WILL BE EMPTIED AND SOLD ON AUCTIONS INTERNATIONAL

NEW BUSINESS

THE VILLAGE SEWER PLANT OPERATOR HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE RETIRING AT THE END OF OCTOBER 2025.

OCTOBER 22 NYMIR WILL CONDUCT THEIR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF VILLAGE OWNED LARGE ITEMS.

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OPEN FORUM

FINANCIALS

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 September, 2025:

DATED: October 3, 2025

TREASURER

| | Balance 08/31/2025 | Increases | Decreases | Balance 09/30/2025 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE | | | | |
| CASH - CHECKING | 232,163.34 | 5,422.39 | 38,223.18 | 199,362.55 |
| CASH - SAVINGS | 417,850.57 | 120,741.81 | 0.00 | 538,592.38 |
| PETTY CASH | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| TOTAL | 650,213.91 | 126,164.20 | 38,223.18 | 738,154.93 |
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| SF FIRE DISTRICT | | | | |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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| TA TRUST & AGENCY | | | | |
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PAY BILLS

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RESOLUTION 73 -2025

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MAHAR, TO PAY OCTOBER 2025 BILLS.

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| TRUSTEE VOGT | AYE |
| TRUSTEE BATES | ABSENT |
| TRUSTEE MAHAR | AYE |
| TRUSTEE ALEXANDER | AYE |
| MAYOR SOUVA | AYE |

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 73 -2025 APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 2025

MAYOR SOUVA ASKED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO BE CALLED TO ORDER, FOR THE REASON OF PERSONNEL MATTERS. AT THAT TIME GUEST LEFT THE VILLAGE HALL. THOSE PRESENT WERE:

**MAYOR SOUVA
TRUSTEE VOGT
TRUSTEE ALEXANDER
TRUSTEE MAHAR
TRUSTEE BATES
CLERK AUGUSTINE**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE VOGT AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE BATES, TO OPEN AN EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 19:17/7:17 PM

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| TRUSTEE VOGT | AYE |
| TRUSTEE BATES | AYE |
| TRUSTEE MAHAR | AYE |
| TRUSTEE ALEXANDER | AYE |
| MAYOR SOUVA | AYE |

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 2025

A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MAHAR, TO CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 19:20/7:20PM

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
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| TRUSTEE BATES | AYE |
| TRUSTEE MAHAR | AYE |
| TRUSTEE ALEXANDER | AYE |
| MAYOR SOUVA | AYE |

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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ADJOURNMENT

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY TRUSTEE BATES AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE MAHAR, TO ADJOURN OCTOBER 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| TRUSTEE VOGT | AYE |
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| TRUSTEE MAHAR | AYE |
| TRUSTEE ALEXANDER | AYE |
| MAYOR SOUVA | AYE |

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 12TH
SEE YOU THEN!**

DATE

KIMBERLY AUGUSTINE- CLERK