VILLAGE OF RENSSELAER FALLS

April 13, 2026

5:30 P.M. Public Hearing Budget 2026-2027

6:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Mayor Michael Hammond, Deputy Mayor Connie McAllister, Trustee Samanth Booth, Trustees Nicholas Calton, and Trustee Shirley Calton, Village Clerk Lisa Hammond, Ralph Hammond, Bob Poor

Absence: Code Enforcement Officer Ron Dulmage, Sewer Superintendent Mark Basford and Attorney Henry Leader

5:30 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond opened the Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 2nd Budget. Hammond noted that he, Becky Donnelly, and Clerk Lisa Hammond have been working on the budget with input from Mark Basford and board members. Board members reviewed the final budget and held discussion. Street lighting costs have increased. Trustee Samantha Booth noted that the current budget looks good, adding that each year the board has gotten to a point of understanding and compiling a sturdy looking budget. Mayor Hammond noted the slight increase to the Trustees and Mayor Salary. The Sewer Department employees will receive an increase in their pay for the first time in a few years. Mayor Hammond stated he is concerned about the asphalt prices at this time and summer work project costs.

5:59 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond closed Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance

6:00 p.m. Mayor Michael Hammond opened the regular meeting

1. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance
2. Appropriations: Sewer and General

Bills were audited by Trustees Connie McAllister and Trustee Shirley Calton

Motion to approve bills.

Motion: Samantha Booth Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of March 11, 2026 were approved

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Shirley Calton Vote: unanimous

4. Reports: Departments and Committees

a. Sewer Report: Mark Basford was not present.
26 Hours reported by Mark Basford and 36 Hours reported for Jared Murray for the Month of March.

b. Code Enforcement Report: Code Officer Ron Dulmage was not present. Clerk Hammond noted that Ron Dulmage has been staying in touch on matters with her via text messages and phone calls. Chickens have been an issue.

c. Clerk's Report: Clerk Lisa Hammond reported that she reported to the retirement system for the Sewer Department employees. Clerk Hammond noted that she is continuing with the Library Grant meetings. Hammond noted she met with several people on the lawn mowing bids to show them the areas to be mowed. Sewer relevys are being worked on and will be brought to May's meeting for approval to send to the County. Hammond noted that she will contact Community Bank about placing money in a reserve fund for Sewer. Hammond stated that she contacted Assistant Fire Chief Corey Barney about flushing of the sewer line - noting in the past there was $500.00 in the budget to this. The money was removed due to the fact that the Fire Department wasn't doing this for the Village any longer. The hope is to put this line item back in the budget and have the flushing done yearly going forward as general maintenance.

d. Mayors Report: Mayor Michael Hammond stated that his report is the Budget, and that his Village desk top computer died and that he has ordered a new one. Hammond stated the Computer was over 7 years old.

e. Committees - Falls Festival/Trees/Village Office - Library

On May 23, 2026 the Falls Festival committee will hold a fund raising including a food truck, bands, and concessions. Village wide garage sales will be also held on May 23rd

Fence proposals will be going out for the playground in May.

All reports approved by blanket motion.

Motion: Nicholas Calton Seconded: Samantha Booth Vote: unanimous

5. New Business:

a. Proposed Budget -Discussion and Possible approval

Mayor Michael Hammond and Board members were in agreement that the budget looks good. Noting the park and the library along with the playground. All in agreement that the Village looks really nice.

Motion to pass 2026-2027 Final Budget

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

Roll Call	Connie McAllister	Aye
	Samantha Booth	Aye
	Nicholas Calton	Aye
	Shirley Calton	Aye
	Michael Hammond	Aye

b. Mowing: Discussion and Possible approval

Board members reviewed bids and discussion was held

Five proposals were received for mowing the Village areas.

$400.00 per mowing
$480.00 Weekly or as needed
$475.00 Weekly
$325.00 per time or $8,100.00 for season
Char's Lawn Care was awarded the mowing season at $200.00 weekly for the season

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Samantha Booth

c. NYS DOT Resolution: Discussion and Possible approval

Motion to sign a 4 yr resolution with the State DOT - Resolution on file in Village Office

Motion: Connie McAllister Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: unanimous

6. Updates:

a. Library/Community Center Project: Discussion

Mayor Hammond stated that he continues to attend meetings on the ongoing project. Hammond stated that the Electrical entrance will be going in at any time. Materials have been ordered by the electrician. Grant reimbursement request was kicked back to us due to not spending all the money awarded. $16,000.00 still has to be spent. Outside locker return has been proposed in the amount. Discussion is still being held on the matter, noted Mayor Hammond.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE VILLAGE BOARD

Clerk Hammond stated that the Library Steering Committee will be meeting tomorrow April 14th at 4 p.m. followed by a regular library board meeting at 5 p.m. Discussion will include reimbursement, status and more funding.

Next Village Board meeting will be held on May 11, 2026 at 6 p.m

6:35 p.m. Closed Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Motion:Connie McAllister Seconded: Nicholas Calton Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Hammond, Village Clerk