**Village of Marathon Board of Trustees**

Meeting on May 7, 2025

Mayor Scott Chamberlin made a motion to open two public hearings of the Village of Marathon Board of Trustees held at the Village Office at 7:00 pm. Trustees present were Trustee Dann and Deputy Mayor Fralick, absent were Trustee Canfield and Trustee Light. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Padbury and Deputy Clerk Morgan Gofgosky.

The first public hearing to discuss Local Law #1 of 2025 “A local law authorizing a tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c” Mayor Chamberlin read the law and asked if there were any comments. Mayor Chamberlin gave two more opportunities for comments, with no more comments Mayor Chamberlin closed the first public Hearing at 7:10pm.

Mayor Scott Chamberlin opened the second public hearing for the General, Water and Sewer 2025-2026 budget’s at 7:10pm. The mayor discussed the budgets and gave the first opportunity for any public comment. The mayor gave two more opportunities for comment regarding the budgets. With no comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:20 pm by Mayor Scott Chamberlin.

The regular meeting of the Village of Marathon Board of Trustees held at the Village office, was called to order by Mayor Scott Chamberlin at 7:21p.m. Present were Trustee Dann, Deputy Mayor Rosemarie Fralick, Absent Trustee Canfield, Trustee Light. Also present was Clerk/Treasurer Padbury, Deputy Clerk Morgan Talbot,

Motion was made by Trustee Dann and seconded by Mayor Chamberlin to approve the minutes of April 17, 2025, meeting updating the second to the motion the offering Matt Hunt the W/WWTP position from Trustee Light to Trustee Canfield. Motion Approved; All in favor.

Motion made Mayor Chamberlin, seconded by Trustee Dann to adopt Local Law #1 of 2025 “Local Law authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-c”

Village of Marathon, County of Cortland

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Marathon to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2025, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government’s body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax levy Limit Override

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Marathon, County of Cortland, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2025, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. Severability

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court’s order or judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State

Roll call vote: Trustee Dann Aye; Deputy Mayor Fralick Aye; Mayor Chamberlin Aye. Trustee Canfield absent; Trustee Canfield absent; 3 Ayes 0 Nyes; 2 Absent.

Local Law #1 of 2025 was duly declared adopted.

DPW:

* Matt Kenyon (DPW Supervisor) would like to meet with all members of the board to get what everyone’s expectations are pertaining to street/road maintenance. What are the Village’s long term planning ideas?
* Matt to get pricing for oil & stoning Albro road and Galatia St.
* Lions Club purchased lumber to repair the bleachers on lovell field – DPW department will repair the bleachers, repairs should be completed by 5/14/25.
* NYSDOT only has one skid steer to grind stumps and does not loan it out.
* F450 1-ton should be arriving in a couple of weeks.
* The dump truck will not be ready until next winter.
* DPW will be patching roads when the weather breaks.
* The fields are too wet to mow.

NY Forward:

* Meeting on April 30, 2025, with consultants, NYS Representatives and the Village of Marathon Core Team to discuss general processes and finalize LPC members. The following were chosen to be on the Local Planning Committee (LPC): Terrie Atwood, Mary Bliss, Alex Decker, Norm Forrest, Mary Frank, Kellei Givens, Alex Hartman, Larry Hayes, Tracey Koenig, Kellie Givens and John Tillotson.
* The LPC met on April 30, 2025, at 7:00pm to watch a training video to introduce them to the roles and responsibilities of being an LPC member.
* The next meeting of the LPC will be May 19th at 3:00pm.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Dann to approve Eric Leet to attend the MEUA 2025 Semi-Annual on May 21-22, 2025, to held at the held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Destiny USA 311 Hiawatha Blvd W Syracuse, NY 13204. Motion Approved; All in favor.

Resolution 25-5

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marathon, New York, held on

August 21, 2024, the following resolution was adopted: Moved by Trustee Dann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Marathon, New York, is a municipal member of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Conference of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State has been called on May 21– May 22, 2025, to be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Destiny USA 311 Hiawatha Blvd W Syracuse, NY 13204 and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the bylaws of the Municipal Electric Utilities Association of New York State, each municipal member may cast one vote on each transaction properly brought before this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Eric Leet be and is hereby designated as the accredited delegate of the Village of Marathon, New York.

Roll Call: Trustee Dann Aye, Deputy Mayor Fralick Aye and Mayor Chamberlin Aye

On roll call: Affirmative: 3 Negative: 0 Absent 2

Motion made by Trustee Dann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick to approve Treasurer Padbury’s recommendation to close the following bank accounts and move funds:

Close: Move to:

NBT General Fund Savings NYCLASS General Fund Savings $200.00

NBT Water Fund Savings NYCLASS Water Fund Savings $200.00

NBT Wastewater Savings NYCLASS Wastewater Savings $200.00

NBT Special Project Find NYCLASS General Fund Savings $200.02

NBT Municipal Office Reserve NYCLASS General Fund Savings $200.40

NYCLASS Water Fund Savings NYCLASS Water Fund Checking $21,675.75

NYCLASS Wastewater Savings NYCLASS Wastewater Checking $17,194.31

NYCLASS General Fund Savings NYCLASS General Fund Checking $152,293.58

The Civic Center Fund Raising Committee (Morgan Gofgosky, Rosemarie Fralick, Natalie Parker, Scott Chamberlin and Laura Padbury) will be holding a Farmer’s Markert on the Village Green everyone Saturday from May 10th – September 27th. There will be 18 vendors at the first Farmer’s Market on May 10th.

A listing of current outstanding balances was presented to the Village Board. A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Fralick, seconded by Trustee Dann to move forward with the disconnect policy to be implemented for those accounts on the outstanding balance list. Motion Approved; All in favor

Treasurer Padbury asked the Board of Trustees if the Village Office could be closed on Tuesday May 27th and open Friday May 30 to prepare for Village Fiscal year end. The board approved.

Centro, the new transit company for Cortland County, has a new pick-up location at the Civic Center.

The Village DPW received a letter from the Cortland County Department of Highways announcing the amnesty credit for 2025, The Village of Marathon will receive $2,700.00 in amnesty credit.

Village of Marathon participates in the Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP) this program helps Village residents with costs to make their homes energy efficient. The Village contributes $.01per KWH sold into this program to be spent by our Village residents. Dottie Kinner asked IEEP to conduct a survey on her home, IEEP suggested she install more insulation, IEEP sent the Village a quote from their insulation contractor for $6,354.31. Mike Lyons IEEP represented suggested that the IEEP could apply half of this cost using NYSERDA funds and the Village could apply 3,177.35 from their IEEP Account. At this point Village of Marathon has$130,000.00 in their IEEP Account. Motion made by Trustee Dann, seconded by Mayor Chamberlin to approve the IEEP withdrawal for Dottie Kinner’s project. Motion Approved; All in favor.

Motion by Trusteed Dann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick, to end the regular session and enter executive session at 8:34 pm, in accordance with NYS Public Officers Law, Article 7 §105, section D discussions regarding personnel issues; Motion approved; all in favor.

Motion by Trustee Dann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick, to exit Executive session and re-enter regular session at 9:10pm. No decisions or motions made. Motion approved; all in favor.

Motion made by Trustee Dann, seconded by Mayor Chamberlin to establish the 2025 – 2026 tax levy at $393,081.00. This is a rate of $11.49/thousand. Motion approved; all in favor.

Motion made by Trustee Dann, seconded by Deputy Mayor Fralick to set the sewer fund 2025 – 2026 budget for $383,034.58 with a rate increase of 4%. Motion approved; all in favor.

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Fralick and seconded by Trustee Birdsall to set the water fund 2025–2026 budget for $227,678.07 with a rate increase of 4%. Motion approved; all in favor.

Motion made by Trustee Dann, seconded by Trustee Canfield to approve the bills as submitted for payment totaling $222,139.53. Motion approved: All in favor.

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| **Fund** | **Voucher No.** | **Amount** |
| General | 471-484 | $22,953.68 |
| Electric | 384-399 | $187,234.17 |
| Water | 151-155 | $3,712.06 |
| Sewer | 283-292 | $6,558.54 |
| Consumer Deposit | 54-55 | $200.00 |
| T&A |  |  |
| Civic Center | 44-50 | $1,481.08 |
| Capital Projects |  | 0 |

Motion made by Trustee Dann, seconded by Trustee Deputy Mayor Fralick to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion approved; All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Padbury

Clerk/Treasurer Village of Marathon