

**Village of Blasdell
MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 PM by Mayor Hefner.

PRESENT: Mayor Hefner, Trustee Drzal, Trustee Castiglia, Trustee Fox

ABSENT: Trustee Murphy

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Fox to approve the Minutes from the July 15, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

- **Carried 4-0**

FINANCE

Resolved by Trustee Castiglia, seconded by Trustee Fox to pay the bills as audited.

- **Carried 4-0**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Village Clerk – Labelle Avenue Bid Award – the low bid was E&R.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Hefner commended the Recreation Staff for a great summer this year, stating there were more kids at the parks than there were last year.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Castiglia: Trustee Castiglia stated he was concerned about lawns in the Village that are not mowed. If not taken care of, letters will have to be sent out to the homeowners. He then stated that there are 44 banners for the Hometown Hero project, and the banners should last 3 years before needing to be replaced.

Trustee Drzal: Trustee Drzal reported he moved AMVETS movie night at JFK from the 22nd to the 21st of August. He also stated that there will be a flag retirement ceremony/BBQ at AMVETS POST 897 on September 12th.

Trustee Fox: Trustee Fox stated the banners for the Hometown Hero project look great.

Privilege of the floor:

A representative from the HVAC, INC. who thanked the Village of Blasdell for its favorable consideration implementing the terms of the resolution as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Castiglia to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen hold an Annual Conference and elects officers for the organization for the next year; and

WHEREAS, Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company member and Trustee J.M. Jewett will be elected as the organization’s President in August for the next year and this affords the opportunity to host the next Convention in 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Blasdell has held the distinction of hosting this conference 3 times since 1912; and

WHEREAS, J.M. Jewett has presented this information to the Village of Blasdell Board of Trustees and has requested the support of the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Blasdell Board of Trustees congratulates Mr. Jewett on his service to the community and his upcoming election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board looks forward to welcoming Volunteer Firefighters from Companies across Erie, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and Allegany countries to our Village August 6 – 7, 2027 and anticipates an influx of visitors and patronage of our local business community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Blasdell Board of Trustees recognizes the Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Company for playing host to this noteworthy event in 2027 in our community.

- **Carried 4-0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Fox to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Village of Blasdell and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME AFL-CIO, Blasdell Blue Collar Unit, Local #815 have agreed to conclude negotiations to amend the existing collective bargaining agreement by and between them from June 1, 2026 until May 31, 2030 pursuant to the terms set forth in the proposed agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Blasdell is authorized to execute the agreement by and between the parties above referenced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the mayor's execution of the agreement the Village of Blasdell shall forward a duplicate original of same to the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc.

- **Carried 4-0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Fox to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Blasdell conducted a Public Hearing on June 17, 2026 regarding the renewal of a cable television franchise agreement between the Village of Blasdell and Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Blasdell hereby authorizes the Village Mayor to execute the franchise agreement between the Village of Blasdell and Spectrum Northeast, LLC for a fifteen (15) year term pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Blasdell forward a duplicate original of the franchise agreement to Spectrum Northeast, LLC at its primary office address by ordinary mail upon the Village's execution of the agreement.

- **Carried 4-0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Castiglia to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc. (HVAC) has requested the transfer of the applicable Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department, Village of Certificate of Need (CON) pursuant to the requirements of New York State Department of Health and applicable provisions of the Public Health Law; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the Certificate of Need requires the preparation, submission and review of various documents, applications, filings, and related materials, as well as assistance from Village of Blasdell staff, and may result in costs, fees, professional charges, and other charges; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Blasdell recognizes that Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc. is requesting and benefiting from the transfer of the Certificate of Need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Blasdell hereby acknowledges and authorizes the transfer of the applicable Certificate of Need to Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc., subject to the required approvals from the New York State Department of Health and any other applicable regulatory agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc., shall be solely responsible for **all costs, fees, expense and charges associated with or arising from the transfer of the Certificate of Need**, including, but not limited to, New York State Department of

Health filing or application fees, professional fees, legal fees, consulting fees, Village of Blasdell administrative expenses, document preparation costs and any other costs incurred in connection with the transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be no transfer of Village Assets: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no costs or expenses associated with the transfer of the Certificate of Need shall be charged to, assessed against, or otherwise become an obligation of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Blasdell or the Village of Blasdell, unless separately authorized in writing by the governing body;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc., shall be responsible for the timely payment of all such costs and expenses and shall provide any documentation, information, or cooperation necessary to complete the Certificate of Need transfer process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Blasdell authorizes the appropriate officers and officials to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution and Facilitate the Certificate of Need transfer consistent with applicable law and regulatory requirements.

- **Carried 4-0**

Resolved by Mayor Hefner, seconded by Trustee Castiglia to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department, Village of currently holds the New York State Department of Health Ambulance Service Certificate serving the Village of Blasdell; and

WHEREAS, Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department, Village of has determined that it is appropriate to transfer its Ambulance Service operating authority and Certificate of Need to Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, New York State Public Health Law 30 governs the operation and certification of ambulance services and emergency medical services within the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Law §3010 provides that an ambulance service certificate shall not be transferable unless the appropriate Regional Emergency Medical Services Council and the New York State Department of Health review and approve the transfer; and that the Village of Blasdell Board of Trustees directs that a copy of this resolution

WHEREAS, Public Health Law §3010 further provides that transfers of an ambulance service certificate are subject to the applicable review of the competency and fitness of the proposed operator and/or transferee; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Services Policy Statement 06-06, **EMS Operating Certificate Application Process (CON)**, establishes the application and review process for transfer of EMS service ownership and operating certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department, Village of recognizes the importance of maintaining uninterrupted emergency medical services and ensuring continued EMS coverage for residents and communities within the authorized service territory; and

WHEREAS, the proposed transfer is subject to all required approvals of the appropriate Regional Emergency Medical Services Council (REMSCO) and the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (NYSDOH-BEMS); and

WHEREAS, the transfer shall not become effective for the purposes of operating authority until all approvals required by applicable law, regulation, and NYSDOH-BEMS have been obtained;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Blasdell Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and supports the transfer of the Ambulance Service Certificate of Need and associated operating authority from Blasdell Volunteer Fire Department, Village of to Hamburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, Inc, subject to review and approval by the appropriate Regional Emergency Medical Services Council and the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and submit such applications, certifications, notices, agreements, and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the proposed transfer and to comply with the requirements of Public Health Law Article 30 and NYSDOH-BEMS Policy Statement 06-06; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the transfer shall be subject to receiving the organization demonstrating that it possesses the required qualifications, competency, fitness, staffing, equipment, medical oversight and other requirements applicable to an ambulance service under New York State Law and Regulation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and officials the Village of Blasdell are authorized to take all actions reasonably necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, consistent with applicable law and subject to any additional approvals required by NYSDOH-BEMS or the appropriate Regional EMS Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Blasdell Board of Trustees directs that a copy of this resolution, together with the required application and supporting documentation, be provided to the appropriate Regional Emergency Medical Services Council and the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Services for review and consideration.

- **Carried 4-0**

Resolved by Trustee Drzal, seconded by Trustee Fox to authorize Community Broadband Networks (CBN) and its authorized contractor Luck Grove to install fiber-optics facilities within the public right of way as depicted in the submitted plans as a part of the Erie County ConnectALL Broadband Project.

- **Carried 4-0**

Regularly moved, seconded and carried to adjourn at 4:57 pm.

Submitted by: 
Karen Pirowski, Interim Deputy Clerk