

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Ammon Bush, Robert Mills, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean.

Organizational meeting- Everything was reviewed and passed. There were two changes 1. There was an amendment to the highway purchases needing prior Board approval. This was increased from \$2000 to \$5000. 2. Inclusion of the intermunicipal shared service agreements were added for the Board to accept, at the of the discretion of the Highway Superintendent.

1.1 Public Participation-none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of December 10, 2024, were reviewed. Councilmember Bush made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund #1-47. Highway Fund- Item #1-1-3, Item #3-1-6, Item #4-1-4. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Councilmember Bush made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilmember Schaefer Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that culverts were added to the stockpile at the highway garage. Stackable concrete blocks were added to the stockpile by the car wash. More road salt was delivered to replenish the stockpile at the highway garage. The L.E.D light upgrades were completed on both highway garages and the salt shed. Scrap metal was cleaned up from the garages and hauled to Weitsman for disposal. Most days have involved plowing or spreading material on roads with the onset of regular winter weather conditions. In between storms the crew have spent most of their time performing maintenance on trucks for upcoming snow events. Trucks #2 and #7 both had their spreader chains adjusted and serviced. Truck #12 needed a carrier bearing replaced as well as some broken wheel studs. All truck repairs were made in house by the crew.

Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Highway report.
Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated that he received a release agreement with Easy Street Association, and he is working on some of the details with the attorney. A building permit was issued for a property on West Shore Drive to add a second floor, this is in addition to a permit that was issued in December for this property. There were 2 inspections done, one for rough plumbing and one for rough framing done. There were 3 fire calls that CEO Hathaway was alerted to. The DEC called about a possible sewer leak at Hale Eddy Spur. A zoom meeting was conducted with the attorney and the year-round residences at Catskirondack Road about the proposed agreement. In total for the year 2024 there were 25 building permits issued, 6 were for new homes, 1 was for a cell tower and there were 2 demo permits issued, and 7 code searches done. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated that there was no meeting this past month because the person who was scheduled to come cancelled. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Planning Board meeting report. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- There were 2 calls this past month. One was for a dog at large but the dog just had a long chain and was not loose. The second was for an abandoned dog call from the Broome County Sheriff, the dog was taken to the shelter. The annual inspection by Ag and Markets was conducted this past month and it was passed. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer Report. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carrier.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Hartz stated that tax bill payments are steadily coming in daily. Town Clerk Hartz stated that it was a slow month for deaths and marriages.

Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report.
Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business

3.1- Update on election changes- Supervisor Walley stated that as of right now the elections are staying how they have been instead of changing to even years. She stated that this might still change in the future. The following people are up for re-election in 2025, Judge Card, Councilmember Mills, Councilmember Bush, Town Clerk Hartz, and Highway Superintendent Tiffany.

3.2- L.E.D. lighting- Lighting was replaced in both Hwy garages and 3 Elm St. One area of lighting was missed originally at the Hwy garage but now has been updated. Visors have been ordered because the lights have been lighting up the neighborhood which has caused a problem with the neighboring houses. The visors will keep the lights shining down instead directly at the hoses.

3.3 Fire Alarm Hwy- The fire alarm has been changed to a different vendor, J Hubner Inc. The box was also moved to a more secure location which keeps it out of the elements.

3.4 Concrete DMV- This has not been forgotten but cannot be completed until it is warmer out. The original quote will be honored.

3.5- Sales tax update- Supervisor Walley stated that as of right now Delaware County has not passed a resolution yet to share the sales tax with the municipalities. She stated that it may still be happening, because there is still talk about it.

3.6- Broome County for Village- Councilmember Mills asked if there is any more talk about making the entire Village of Deposit becoming Broome County. Supervisor Walley stated that supposedly there is a survey going to be done, and that it would affect the Town offices and the DMV. Supervisor Walley stated that she believes there are a lot of steps that have to be taken before this can happen.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Resolution #1 of 2025- to approve prepayment of utilities, internet, and postage- Councilmember Bush made a motion to adopt Resolution #1-prepayment of utilities, internet, and postage. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

4.2 – Town Board to approve budgetary amendments- Supervisor Walley handed out the recommended amendments needed to the end of the year 2024 budget for the Boards review. After lengthy discussions, Councilmember Bush made a motion to approve the amendments. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

4.3 Approval of TPAS agreement- Supervisor Walley brought to the Board the renewal agreement for approval. Councilmember Bush questioned why the Town was paying Delaware County for this service. He feels that it is an additional charge for the Town which is not necessary. Supervisor Walley stated that they are a great resource for her and the current Planning Board Members. Without the County's Planning Board help, she feels the Town would be lost about where to

head with our Planning Board. Councilmember Mills made a motion to approve the TPAS agreement. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

4.4 Texting app for informing the Public- Supervisor Walley stated that she contacted 3 different companies about their texting software abilities. She stated that she contacted the Village of Deposit and the Town of Sanford. They both use Txtmygov.com. Councilmember Schaefer had questions about the cost and with the size of the Town, would the people actually use it. He feels that all three municipalities would better benefit if it was done as a group instead of individually. It was decided to table this for now.

4.5 Lease Agreement Exit 84 LLC- Supervisor Walley stated the yearly lease contract with Exit 84 LLC was due to be renewed again this year. The cost was \$5,000. Councilmember Bush asked if there is any way the Town could purchase property for the storage instead of paying \$5,000 a year for leasing. There currently is no property near the Highway garage to purchase. Supervisor Walley stated that the current location is the main reason for keeping the lease, but it can be looked into. Councilmember Mills made a motion to sign the lease agreement for Exit 84 LLC storage. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Bush made a motion to go into executive session. Mills seconded. Executive session started at 6:35 pm.

Executive session ended at 6:55pm.

Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to check with lawyer and draft a response to Riverland Defense similar to Hancock. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Schaefer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:59pm. Councilman Bush seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk