

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 08, 2025 at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Robert Mills, and Ammon Bush. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Councilmember Lonny Schaefer

1.1 Public Participation-None

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of March 11, 2025, 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 #107-132. Highway Fund- Item #8-9, Item #3-38-50, Item #4-21-24. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report-Supervisor Walley gave the Board an update on some of the changes she had made on the report. Councilmember Mills made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilmember Linkroum Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Hwy Superintendent Tiffany stated that his new computer was installed by Computer Emergency Room.

More salt was delivered and added to the stockpile.

The crew attended their annual UDIG renewal safety training as well as the Hard Hat Expo at the NYS Fairgrounds.

Spring maintenance was performed on the broom and wood chipper. Truck #12 spreader received a full rebuild after finally receiving the parts that have been on order.

He stated when the weather allowed, road sweeping and tree trimming work began for the season.

The new tractor with boom mower was delivered by Ekland Farm Machinery. Their sales representative as well as the Stephenson Equipment representative demonstrated operations and maintenance with the entire crew.

Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated he attended a luncheon with Supervisor Walley in Walton hosted by the Delaware County Soil and Water

Conservation District. Councilmember Bush asked if they had any projects for this area and Highway Superintendent Tiffany said no. Everything they talked about has already been slated for this year. If there is anything the Town is looking to do would be slated for next year. Supervisor Walley stated she thought they have meetings yearly.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated a letter was sent to the owner at 31 Hale Eddy Spur. The owner contacted him back and they set up a site visit. DEC Officer Doig also went with him to the site. After the site visit there was no sign of dumping. He did say there was a bathroom but it lacks a bathing facility. He told the owner this needed to be rectified and the owner agreed to get one installed. He will be following up. He had a building permit for a generator on Neale Road. No certificate of Occupancy requests. He had 2 inspections-insulation on Catskironack Road and rough framing on Beebe Hill. He also met with a home owner about the steps to build a new home on their property. 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 the meeting is scheduled this Thursday so she has no report. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the Planning Board report. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- There was 1 call this past month for a dog at large. Dog was back to the home already when DCO got there. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer Report. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Hartz stated that tax bill payments have slowed down, but are still being collected until the end of April. She did send out second notices at the end of March. She is expecting it will pick back up before the end of the month. TC Hartz stated that we are currently at 88% being collected. TC Hartz stated that this past month she has done more marriage transcript copies. This has increased because of the deadline for people to get enhanced licenses is May 7, 2025. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business

3.1- UNYTA membership- Supervisor Walley stated she had a discussion with Carolyn Price concerning our membership. She feels it would be beneficial for the Town to continue with this. After discussions, it was decided to enroll again this year. A motion was made by Councilmember Mills and seconded by Councilmember Bush. Motion carried.

3.2-Delivery of MF Tractor and Boom mower and budget Resolution-The Resolution #4 of 2025 was reviewed. Due to the fact the tractor was budgeted for 2024 but did not get received until 2025 and the selling of the old tractor gave us more money than expected. This left extra money in the Fund balance. So the 2025 Fund balance was amended by Resolution #4 of 2025.. A motion was made by Councilmember Mills and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum. Motion carried.

3.3-Signage for 3 Elm St. Supervisor Walley got an update from George Sanford that our sign should be completed in the next month. When this gets completed, she stated she would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its completion and set up.

3.4-Grant Update/Energy Updates-The Deputy TC sent out requests for the NYS Archives to see if we could get a grant for records management but has not heard anything back yet. Supervisor Walley stated we also are looking into getting estimates on climate control processes because the records are supposed to be climate controlled. Councilmember Bush asked if we had gotten information on digitizing the records. TC Hartz stated before we were doing that, the Deputy and she were going to sort out what needed to be kept permanently and what could be destroyed.

Supervisor Walley has been researching energy prices. The AOT has sources that she contacted NY Power Authority and Mega Electric. She contacted both companies and Mega Electric requested 2 months' worth accounts. And we should have information from them this week. NY Power Authority wanted 2 yrs. of bills. They told her she could fill out a form giving them permission to access our bills. She will have more information soon. She researched other ways to save energy at the old highway garage and the recommendation was to insulate and side it. Supervisor Walley did talk to the NYSERTA person concerning grants for insulation. That person stated normally these things are for low income people but she would definitely check into this and get back to us. More information to follow.

4.0- New Business-

4.1-Lumberjack Festival Donation-Supervisor Walley stated the Lumberjack Committee is looking for donations to help offset the cost for the Festival. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to donate \$250.00. Councilmember Bush made the motion to accept the \$250.00 donation. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

4.2- Japanese Knotweed discussion- It was decided to have a portion of the building committee research ways to get rid of it. Highway Superintendent Tiffany and Councilmember Linkroum will work on this project.

4.3-Building Committee to work on eaves at 3 Elm St. It was decided that the rest of the building committee will meet to discuss the issue with the eaves and evaluate exterior of building. Council Members Bush, Schaefer, & Mills.

4.4-Update of County Agriculture Committee and meeting with Senator Oberacker (energy updates, preservation of Farmlands)-Supervisor Walley said the meeting was very informative. She gave an overview on EV vehicles and Hydrogen power.

4.5-TDS Update/Fax Line-Supervisor Walley stated that the Hwy Dept. does not use their fax so she contacted TDS to discontinue that line. This will save the Town Approximately \$600.00 a year.

4.6-Election Inspectors- TC Hartz stated she has quite a few new election inspectors who have had the training and are interested in working. Because there are so many new inspectors she is recommending to have a meet and greet meeting to familiarize them with the current inspectors and answer any questions they may have. She has contacted everyone via email or by mail. Also, this year the Board of Elections is offering the option of half day working hours which will help not to make it such a long day for the workers. Having more people to work will also help alleviate that.

5.0-Information Items:

5.1Amazon Business Account- Supervisor Walley stated the NYSAOT has been working with Amazon business to allow municipalities to have business accounts with them free of charge for ordering supplies etc. TC Hartz researched and this is a substantial savings for ordering supplies than our current supplier.

5.2- Meeting with FUDR and Village Mayor Wednesday morning to discuss projects for area.

5.3 Hwy Superintendent and Supervisor attended meeting DCDWD. This was covered earlier in meeting.

5.4 Supervisor Walley stated the Delaware County Historical Society gave her a list of people in the Revolutionary Cemeteries. They have a grant for improvements of both gravestones and Revolutionary cemeteries in Delaware County.

5.5 Highway Superintendent Tiffany gave the Supervisor his 5 yr. plan for the Highway Dept. She will continue to work on her 5 yr. plan for the Town.

Councilman Bush made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:02pm. Councilman Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk