

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Robert Mills, and Ammon Bush, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz, Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean.

- 1.1 **Public Participation**-Three people from the Catskirondack Road Association came to discuss their concerns about the gate on Easy St. John Lamaccia, Gloria Grote, and Michael Bremen. After they expressed their concerns to the Board, Supervisor Walley thanked them for coming but she was not at liberty to discuss any of the details with them because she stated it is in the hands of the attorneys at this time.

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of June 10, 2025, were reviewed. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund #199-227. Highway Fund- Item #1-32-42, Item #3-70-80. Councilmember Schaefer stated he did not sign off on the bill from HH&K and Schaefer Enterprises of Deposit Inc. due to a conflict of interest. Councilmember Mills 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 the report. Supervisor Walley stated there was approximately \$7.40 that the Court did not use for their JCAP grant so the Town will be refunding that amount back to the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance. Councilmember Bush made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilmember Linkroum Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Hwy Superintendent Tiffany gave his report. He stated he attended the Cornell Local Roads Program Highway School in Ithaca, NY along with the Town of Sanford Highway Superintendent Leo Shew. They learned a lot more information in regards to their duties and obligations. This also gave them the chance to greet and associate with other Superintendents from across the entire state.

The crew rebuilt a rock wall and cleaned ditches in Michigan Hollow that suffered damage from the May Flash Flooding.

Roadside mowing with the new tractor has been performed almost daily to try and keep the shoulders cut back around Town.

Road signs were replaced and upgraded around Town with more placed on order to be continued with when they arrive.

The crew performed several maintenance repairs such as front axle “u” joints on truck #3, rear brakes, tire rotation & oil change on truck #10 and did an engine break down on the Laymor Broom after discovering a blown head gasket.

They rented a skid steer with a cold planer attachment to mill out potholes on Airport Road, County Hwy 19 and Old Rte 10 as well as the intersection of McCabe Hollow for new pavement.

McCabe Hollow was paved with cold mix asphalt produced and laid in place by Suit-Kote with the assistance of Town of Sanford, Town of Masonville, and the Town of Tompkins with our shared services.

Heavy thunderstorms caused tree issues as well as some flash flooding around the Town creating more cleanup work for the crew and a temporary road closure on County Hwy 20 until the water levels subsided. They had to borrow a small dump truck from the Village of Deposit DPW to help assist with the initial clean up from the flash flooding due to ours being at the body shop still. The crew will continue the cleanup operations cleaning ditches and pipes as they are able to get to each area. Councilmember Mills asked Mr. Tiffany how the truck was coming with the repairs because winter is closer than you might think. Hwy Superintendent Tiffany stated he received an update and there is more damage than they originally thought. The insurance was being contacted to come back out to access the additional damage to see where they go from here.

Hwy Superintendent Tiffany also stated he attended a walkthrough inspection of the Dug Road bridge with representatives from Delaware County, McFarland Johnson, Tioga Construction and NYSDOT prior to the reopening to Public Traffic. Councilmember Bush asked if they were planning on giving him a written report showing the completion of the project. Hwy Superintendent stated they had not but he would follow up with them on it.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway gave his report. He stated the property owner on Hale Eddy Spur is still working on the bathroom completion.

He had 5 building permit requests-1 for a shed on Mountain Top Road, 1 for a porch replacement at Hale Eddy Community Church, 1 for a log Home, 1 for a porch on Columbia Lake Road, and 1 for a Foundation on Roods Creek Road.

Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the CEO report.

Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- TC Hartz stated a person came to discuss submitting a minor subdivision and boundary line adjustment on Columbia Lake Road. After lengthy discussions concerning the project, the Board explained to the owner based on what she is asking, this is considered a major subdivision. They also stated that nothing can be done until the deed gets transferred into her ownership. She will be returning next month to the Planning Board meeting to finalize the major subdivision.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- 5 incidents of a dog at large. 1 incident where dog was taken to the shelter. 4 dogs were taken back to owners.

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

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. TC Hartz stated marriage license copy requests have slowed down for REAL IDs because the deadline has passed. She also stated she had no deaths this month either. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business

3.1Climate Smart Communities Grants-Supervisor Walley gave an update to the Board on the information she received. She stated in order to pursue this the Town needs to develop a task force which should include Board members, the community, and a chairman needs to be appointed. After reviewing all the information, she is not sure this is worth the time and effort to continue. They do not do anything with Solar, the Town would have to go through NYSERDA for this. Councilmember Bush wanted to know what the Town was pursuing with the grant and Supervisor Walley stated it was to put Solar panels on the Highway garages to help with the cost of the NYSEG bills. Councilmember Mills questioned if there were companies that would come in and give us a price directly instead of going through the Climate Smart Communities. Supervisor Walley stated if that was done we would need to get at least 3 bids because of the cost. She also stated the Town could involve other Towns/municipalities. After more discussions it was decided to contact the Town of Sanford and the Village and possibly the school to

see if they may be interested. Supervisor Walley will get in touch with a couple Engineering firms to give us an estimate, also contact NYSERDA. She stated Delaware County Planning has a grant writer that can help with developing a grant for money. Councilmember Bush stated he will email the Supervisor a sample document that a Town has used to secure an engineering service.

3.2-Records Management Update- TC Hartz stated Michael Martin from NYS Archives will be coming on 7/15 to meet with her and her Deputy. They will be going upstairs in the storage room to do an inventory to begin the process of reorganizing and sorting out what can be kept and what can be destroyed. Once this is done and he gives us his recommendations, then the grant writing process will begin.

4.0- New Business-

4.1 Resolution #7- Appoint Assessor- The Town of Deposit Assessor's 6 yr. term will be expiring on 9/30/2025. A Resolution was passed to re-appoint Becky Herzog-Ottens as the Town of Deposit Assessor for another 6 yr. Term 10/1/15-09/30/2031. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept Resolution #7 Appoint Assessor. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

4.2- Class A License- Councilmember Linkroum stated he was approached by a Highway employee stating they were interested in getting their Class A license. Currently Highway Superintendent Tiffany is the only person in the Highway Dept. who has a true Class A. Everyone else has their CDL which is a Class B and Class A restricted. Councilmember Linkroum stated he did some research and the pricing for OTR would be \$3,200 but for the Highway Dept. it would be \$2,500. Supervisor Walley asked if this includes the weekly training, and driving test. Councilmember Linkroum stated he will look into this more to clarify and bring it back to the board for discussion. The Hwy Superintendent also, stated he would pursue more details on the training.

5.0 Informational Items

5.1- Councilmember Mills wanted to congratulate Councilmember Schaefer's daughters for doing a fantastic job with their Bows. They practiced real hard and represented Deposit in a great fashion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bush and seconded by Councilmember Mills to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:01 and to go into executive session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mills to adjourn executive session and go back into the regular meeting at 6:13pm.

Supervisor Walley wanted to remind everyone the clean up day is scheduled for August 23, 2025 at the Highway garage.

Supervisor Walley wanted to make sure everyone is on board with keeping the same vendor for the snow removal this year. She will check to see if there will be a price increase or not and get back to the Board with the answer.

Councilmember Bush wanted to congratulate Micheal Schaeffer and his crew from Tioga Construction Company Inc. on doing a great job with the Dug Road bridge. It looks great and they completed it earlier than the estimated time frame.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linkroum to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk