

## TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Robert Mills, Ammon Bush, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz, and Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, Absent- Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean.

- 1.1 **Public Participation**-Albert Arnedos, from Roods Creek Road, wanted to address his concerns with the dust from the dirt road near his property. He stated he and his wife both have breathing issues and the dust from the road is making it worse. Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that part of the road which dirt is in Tompkins Township. The Town of Deposit line is the paved road. He did state he would get in touch with the Highway Superintendent from Tompkins so see what could be done. Supervisor Walley stated she would do more research on this and contact the Tompkins Supervisor also concerning this issue. Mr. Arnedos also stated he had concerns about the junk manufactured homes and boats along the road that needed to be taken care of. CEO Hathaway stated he would look into them. Supervisor Walley thanked him for bringing these things to our attention and they definitely would be looked into.

### **2.0- Minutes and Reports**

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of July 8, 2025, were reviewed. Councilmember Bush made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund #228-251. Highway Fund- Item #1-43-48, Item #3-81-88. Councilmember Bush questioned the pictometry bill from the Real Property office. Supervisor Walley stated this was the program that the Assessor uses for assessment property changes and it seems to work well for her. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report-Supervisor Walley gave the Board an update on the report. She stated there was a mistake with the addition on the report for DA. The total should be \$657,641.00 which changed the balance to \$290,094.53.

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 Thomas Reis was hired through the Delaware County Youth Employment Program as part time summer help.

The crew assisted the Town of Sanford with their cold mix asphalt project with the loader and trucks. They also assisted the Town of Hancock with trucking for a bridge project they were repairing.

Mowing was done around the Town all month as well as around the Village prior to the Lumberjack Festival. Potholes that were milled out on Airport Road, County Hwy 19, and in Stilesville were filled back in with hot mix asphalt. Raised shoulders on airport Road were graded off as well as asphalt shimming was done to repair broken edges of the road. Flood erosion in the ditch line of Nettie Axtell Road was repaired. And low shoulders on the edge of the new pavement in McCabe Hollow were filled with crusher run in final preparation for stone and oil surface treatment.

The crew replaced a steering gearbox on Truck #2. More road signs were replaced around the Town along with the new sign in front of the Town Hall on Elm St. provided by Delaware River Basin Stone, LLC.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway gave his report. He had 2 building permit requests- 1 for a storage shed on 7819 State Hwy 8 and 1 for a rooftop Solar panel on 2373 Roods Creek Road. He had a certificate of compliance for a Cell Tower on Rte. 8 and he also inspected a deck and post for the Hale Eddy Community Church, framing pole structure for Neale Road and a deck and ramp on County Hwy 20. He did a code search for Tax Map # 330.-1-26.1 on State Hwy 8 and he had inquiries from a Solar Company about 2 upcoming residential Solar installations.

Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the CEO report. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.6 Planning Board Meeting Report- No report because the meeting was cancelled last month.

2.7 The Dog Control Officer Report- 3 incidents of a dog at large. 1 incident-dog was not found, another incident dog was out of Town of Deposit and the third State Police were involved which dog was taken to shelter due to owner going to

72 hr. psych hold. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the report. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 Town Clerk Report-TC Hartz gave her report to the Board. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

### **3.0- Old Business**

3.1 Climate Smart Communities Grants-Supervisor Walley gave an update to the Board on the information she received from the Village and the Town of Sanford. She stated that Village of Deposit was unable to develop a Task Force and Town of Sanford was not interested in pursuing this. Based on this information the Board decided it was not worth their time for the amount of return they would get.

3.2 Clean up day August 23- Supervisor Walley stated the clean up day is scheduled for August 23 at 9:00am at the Town of Deposit Highway garage. All three Highway Depts. will be involved. Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated he spoke with the Town of Sanford and the Village Highway Depts. and they each have employees who will help out on that day.

3.3 Signage for 3 Elm St.- Supervisor Walley stated the Town received the new sign from Delaware River basin Stone, LLC. and it looks great. The Board did discuss raising it up higher to make it more visible from the road. and dressing it up a little. They also talked purchasing a flag pole and putting it next to the sign with lights for both.

3.4- 2019 Ford 450 Truck- Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated after further review by the insurance adjuster, it was decided to total the truck that was in the accident. He stated he received a quote from the insurance company of how much they would additionally pay to replace it. He stated he has contacted dealerships on the OCS contract who will be giving him prices on how much it would cost for a new one. These are places that have a truck on their lot so it will not have to be ordered.

The additional amount the insurance company will pay is \$45,189.45 if the Town would retain the salvage and \$47,066.25 if not retaining the salvage. After a lengthy discussion, a motion by Councilmember Schaefer and seconded by Councilmember Bush was to keep the salvage because it could be used for spare parts if needed.

### **4.0- New Business-**

4.1 Oversight Committee Meeting- The meeting is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at the Village Hall.

42. 2026 Budget work session- It was decided to have the work session on Tuesday Sept. 2 @ 5pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bush and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:50pm and to go into executive session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bush and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum to adjourn executive session and go back into the regular meeting at 6:06pm.

A Resolution was made to approve the Supervisor and Code Enforcement Officer to sign and date the Release Agreement. 3 Councilmembers approved and Councilmember Schaefer abstained.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mills to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5:00pm.

Beverly Hartz  
Town Clerk