

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 5:05pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Robert Mills, Ammon Bush, 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

1.1 Public Hearing 2026 Budget- No participation Public Hearing closed at 5:07.

1.2 Public Participation-none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of October 14, 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 #302-332. Highway Fund- Item #1-73-75, Item #3-113-128, Item #4-43-50. Supervisor Walley wanted to let the Board know that the checks for the court were very expensive and after further review, the Town can get the small checks from the bank for free. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

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

2.4 The Highway Department –Hwy Superintendent Tiffany gave his report.

He stated the Asphalt millings from their stockpile was hauled and spread on the upper portion of Michigan Hollow Road. They completed crack filling on County Hwy 19. Did ditching along a new driveway culvert on Silver Lake Road. Asphalt millings from the NYS DOT exit 84 paving project were added to their stockpile. Shoulder work and ditching began on County Hwy 19. All the plow trucks were prepped and equipment was installed for the winter season.

New Truck #4 was picked up after receiving the tool box and dump body installation from Binghamton Truck Body. Afterwards the crew worked on all the final equipment installations once it was in their shop.

The crew attended the NYS Highway & Public Works Expo that was on display at the NYS Fairgrounds. 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. Under old business Cleanup was mostly done on 41 South Shore Drive. He had 2 building permits. 1 for a garage on 23 Nettie Axtell Road, roofing on 207 Silver Lake Spur and replacing a septic tank on 49 Silver Lake Spur. No certificate of Occupancy. He had 2 inspections- Garage on 23 Nettie Axtell Road and an Insulation inspection on Crystal Lake Road of a manufactured home basement.

New Business-Did a code search for 49 Silver Lake Spur. Took 2 hrs. of Code Training on 11/10th. He got notification that the code is changing effective 12/31. The Town of Deposit and the Town of Sanford have not received their updated codes books yet. The village has received theirs. He did state he will be taking the training for the new codes on 12/11.

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

2.6 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated there was no Planning Board report because the meeting is on November 19th at 7pm. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept Planning Board report. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 The Dog Control Officer Report- 6 incidents this past month for dogs at large. 3 incidents were on South Shore Drive which tickets were issued. 1 incident on Wheeler St. and 1 incident on Ryan Road. Those dogs were taken to shelter. 1 incident on Rte. 8 but dog was not found. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the report. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

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

3.0- Old Business

3.1 Flag and Pole for signage updates-No update.

3.2 Update delivery on new 2023 F-550- Hwy Superintendent Tiffany gave an update on the new truck. It is now at the Hwy garage. It should be licensed and ready to go before the end of the week.

3.3 Weather Station Installation-The weather station was installed last week. The contract was amended after the Town Attorney reviewed it. It now states that any damage to the building is the responsibility of the County. Josh Axtell asked if the information was assessable for the public to be able to use. Supervisor Walley stated she has a Planning Board Meeting at the County next week and should have more information then. She stated she would contact him after that.

3.4 Online Tax Payments- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be able to take online tax payments for the 2026 tax season starting in January. The training will be on Monday 11/17 to get the process started.

3.5 Dog Control concerns-The Board wanted to know what the process is if the person does not appear in court after receiving tickets. If the person does not appear a letter gets sent to the owner stating they have 30 days to pay the ticket or report to the next assigned court date. If they do not show, the dog can be seized and taken to the shelter. Further investigation will be needed with the Court to determine proceeding with the outstanding tickets. Councilmember Linkroum wanted to know if the owner is held liable for the costs incurred

3.6- Increased gas prices-A brief discussion was held concerning inequity of gas prices in Deposit compared to surrounding areas.

4.0- New Business-

4.1-2026 Budget Adoption-Resolution #9 of 2025 Adoption of 2026 Town Budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilmember Linkroum and seconded by Councilmember Mills to adopt the 2026 Town Budget. Motion carried.

Resolution #10 Appropriation Resolution of 2026 Town Budget was reviewed. A motion made by Councilmember Schaefer and seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve Resolution #10 of 2025. Motion carried.

4.2 Resolution for Natural Gas Support-This was given to Board for their review. This will be discussed and adopted at our meeting next month.

4.3 Battery Storage- The Board has decided to keep monitoring this process to see where the trend takes it.

It was decided by the Supervisor to leave the open meeting and go into executive session at 5:46pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bush and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum to close the executive session at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Schaefer to adjourn the meeting at 6:01pm Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

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

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk