

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 09, 2025 at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Robert Mills, and Ammon Bush. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway and Councilmember-Lonny Schaefer.

1.1 Public Participation-none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of November 12, 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 #333-362. Highway Fund- Item #1-76, Item #3-130-136, Item #4-51-54. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- After the review of the report, Councilmember Mills questioned why the buildings line item had a negative balance. Supervisor Walley stated there were purchases of boiler, large printer and computer expenditures which caused it. 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 first snowfall of the season began with all trucks and equipment ready to handle the winter ahead.

He said the final assembly on the new truck #4 was completed to have ready for the winter season then was put in service.

Slack adjusters were replaced on truck #12 by the crew. Shoulder cleaning was done on County Hwy 19 and began on County Hwy 20 prior to the snowfall.

Salt was ordered from our new supplier, Apalachee who is the provider for Delaware County.

The CHIPS paperwork was completed and delivered to the NYSDOT office in Binghamton.

The Deposit Headstart asked if the crew could bring a few vehicles to their parking lot for the children to look at which they did one day. The Headstart was thankful for their participation and said the kids really enjoyed it.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway was not at the meeting but the Board had a copy of his report.

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

2.6 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated a homeowner from Columbia Lake came to discuss the process of consolidating two properties with the Planning Board. Next meeting is scheduled for December 11 @ 7pm. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept Planning Board report. Councilmember Linkroom seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 The Dog Control Officer Report- The dog control officer report was reviewed. There was only one dog at large which was taken to the shelter. Supervisor Walley stated the annual inspection by Ag & Markets went well and the Town passed the inspection. The DCO was in the need of new bite gloves so the Town paid for ½ and the Town of Sanford paid for the other ½. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the report. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 Town Clerk Report-TC Hartz gave her report. She stated she is getting geared up to start collecting taxes next month. Training for the online payment processing is ongoing. Councilmember Mills asked where we were with record storage. TC Hartz stated that she and her deputy were in the process of sorting records and getting rid of unnecessary paperwork that can be destroyed. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Town Clerk's Report. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business

3.1 Resolution # 11 Gas Resolution- Resolution #11 was discussed. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept Resolution #11. Councilmember Linkroom seconded. Roll call taken 4 Aye 0 nay. Motion carried.

3.2 Resolution #12 Accept online Tax Payments- Resolution #12 was discussed by Town Board. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept Resolution #12. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

3.3 Tower Space rental vs local antenna- Supervisor Walley stated the cost of the Tower Space rental in Hancock has increased significantly and she is looking to possibly make some changes. Hwy Supt. Tiffany stated he has talked to Tri County Communications and they mentioned the Town might be able to use the repeater

off the Hwy garage. There would be a cost to remove it from Hancock and put it on the Hwy garage along with the purchase of an antenna. But it would be cheaper than paying a monthly rental fee from Hancock Telephone in the long run. Hwy Supt Tiffany is going to do more research and get to the Board. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Local antenna and have Hwy Supt. do more research. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

4.0- New Business-

4.1-NYMIR presentation-Chris Slonaker came and did a presentation for the Board of what NYMIR has to offer for insurance for the Town. He had handouts that explained what they currently are covering for the Town and what the renewal cost will be for 2026. The Town has the option to also purchase Cyber Insurance which would add to the 2026 cost. The 2026 quote he gave the Town was a decrease of \$700.00. Supervisor Walley thanked him for coming and giving the presentation and said she would get back to him once a decision has been made.

4.2 Resolution #13 Approval of Humane Society 3yr contract. The Board received the contract ahead of time to review. After discussions a motion was made by Councilmember Bush and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum to accept the 3 yr contract with the Humane Society.

4.3 Reappointment of Craig Conklin, Jeffrey Hartz & Adolf Schaefer to Planning Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Linkroum and seconded by Councilmember Bush to reappoint the members to a 5 yr. term. Motion carried.

4.4 Reappointment of Donald Niehaus to Board of Assessment Review (5yr. Term) A motion was made by Councilmember Mills and seconded by Councilmember Bush to reappoint the member to a 5yr. term. Motion carried.

4.5 Reappointment of Mark Tucker (4yr term) and Nicole Anderson (1yr Term) to Board of Appeals- A motion was made by Councilmember Bush and seconded by Councilmember Mills to reappoint the members to their terms. Motion carried.

4.6- Cellular phone for Hwy Superintendent & Supervisor-Supervisor Walley stated she talked to a T-Mobile rep. about changing from Verizon and she was given a quote. Supervisor Walley stated she does a lot of Town business with her private phone and the County strongly recommends they get a business phone. The quote stated the 2 phones would be free and the quote was about \$10.00 more than what the Town is paying from Verizon for one phone. Also, the coverage is better and for a minimal increase in cost, they offer satellite service which would help the Hwy Superintendent when he is out of the service area. The

Board wanted her to also, check into push to talk availability. Using this could eliminate radios completely. A motion was made by Councilmember Mills and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum to pursue this further and switch carriers to T-Mobile. Motion carried.

5.0 Informational Items:

5.1 Delaware County Mitigation agreement with NYC-Delaware County made an updated agreement with NYC which includes no longer purchasing prime land in the County. This has been worked on for about 3 yrs.

5.2- Dug Road Project- Supervisor Walley stated the County said the cost of the Dug Road Bridge Project came in at approximately \$60,000 under budget.

5.3- Verizon Tower- TC Hartz tried to contact a Verizon representative to find out when the Tower would be up and running. She left them a voice mail but have not heard back. Rumor states it might be by the end of this week.

5.4- Insurance quotes- Supervisor Walley stated another insurance company (Rice groups) will be meeting her on Friday at 1:30pm to give her a quote on insuring the Town. She will give the Board an update when it is completed.

5.5- Upstate NY Towns Association meeting is on Friday at 10:00am at the new Vestal EMS facility. Supervisor Walley does get minutes of those meetings. If anyone wants a copy she will send them.

A motion was made by Councilmember Linkroum to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Next Board & Organizational meeting will be Tuesday, January 13 at 5:00pm.

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk