

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2025 at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Ammon Bush, Robert Mills, 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.

Organizational meeting- Everything was reviewed and passed.

1.1 Public Participation-none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of December 09, 2025, were reviewed.

Councilmember Mills 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 #1-41. Highway Fund- Item #1-77-83, Item #3-137-144, Item #4-57-62. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Supervisor Walley gave an overview of the purchases etc. on the Fund balance. She stated that the Hwy Superintendent has done a great job this last year keeping costs down. Councilmember Bush made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilmember Linkroum Seconded. Motion carried.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that most of the month was spent cleaning roads from snow and ice weather events.

He stated in between the storms the crew stayed busy performing maintenance on the trucks and equipment to stay ready for the next round of bad weather. Some maintenance items included hydraulic hose repairs, plow edge & shoe repairs, and spreader adjustments from constant use.

He purchased concrete blocks and culverts and added them to stock piles for use next season.

He also wanted to remind the public that there is a **“No Parking or Standing on Town Roads” Local Law** to help keep our roads passable and to allow plow trucks and emergency vehicles access to the roadways. Also, The Hwy Dept. does not offer 24-hour coverage on plowing roads. Depending on the timing of winter storms, there may be a small overlap on coverage for their trucks getting to their plow routes.

Deposit Courier reporter Axtell asked how the Town handles people parking on the roadways. He questioned if the Town writes tickets. Hwy Superintendent Tiffany stated the Town has not had an issue with that. If they have repeat offenders they would contact law enforcement.

Councilmember Bush asked Hwy Superintendent Tiffany if he has had anyone question him about clearing seasonal roads and he stated he had. There are signs posted at the bottom of the road stating there is no maintenance from Dec 1st through April 1st.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated that he had 1 Building permit request for a demolition of a house on Michigan Hollow Road. Had a Certificate of Occupancy request for Catskillondack Road and he had a Code Search request for 34 Executive Lane. He also stated New York State has put a pause on any new homes being built requiring to be all electric.

CEO Hathaway stated he has completed all his code credits for the year. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated that there were 2 people who presented. The first presenter was for 2 Boundary line adjustments on Columbia Lake. She was splitting 3 parcels into 2 parcels to be able to build a cottage on the vacant property. The Planning Board reviewed the plans and maps and made a motion to approve it. The second presenter discussed wanting to do a major subdivision in the Hale Eddy area for Harry Batschelet. He wants to consolidate 2 rentals into one lot and add 2 new lots 2 acres each. Leaving the additional 9 acres vacant. The Planning Board stated based on his presentation They felt it was feasible for him to pursue it. He will bring the final paperwork for the next meeting. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept Planning board Report. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- There were 5 calls this past month. 4 calls for a dog at large but the dogs were not found and one owner went to court for not paying fines. Councilmember Bush made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer Report. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carrier.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Hartz stated that tax bill payments are steadily coming in daily. The online payment program is working well and people are definitely using it for convenience. Councilmember Mills made a

motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilmember Bush seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business

3.1- Highway Antenna Update-Hwy Superintendent Tiffany stated Tri County Communications is doing more research. They are looking to see what the Town currently owns, model of radios, repeaters etc. and working on pricing out a few different options with potentially moving that antenna system up to the Hwy garage. They are checking to determine if it is a justifiable expense with the current equipment the Town has or needing to do something else. They will be working on prices and getting back to us soon. Councilmember Mills asked if the Town currently has a contract with Hancock Telephone. Hwy Superintendent Tiffany stated no and billing is month to month at this time.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Resolution #1 of 2026- to authorize prepayment of utilities, internet, and postage- Councilmember Bush made a motion to adopt Resolution #1-prepayment of utilities, internet, and postage. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

4.2 – Town Board to approve Resolution #2 General Fund A Budgetary amendments- Supervisor Walley handed out the recommended amendments needed to the end of the year 2025 budget for the Boards review. After discussions, Councilmember Bush made a motion to approve the amendments. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

4.3 Resolution # 3 General Fund B Budgetary Amendments- After a few discussions a motion was made by Councilmember Mills and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum. Motion carried.

4.4 Resolution #4 General Fund DA & DB Budgetary Amendments- After discussions, a motion was made by Councilmember Linkroum and seconded by Councilmember Mills to accept Resolution #4. Motion carried.

4.5 Approve TPAS contract- A motion was made by Councilmember Mills and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum to accept the TPAS contract. Motion carried.

4.6 Approve Exit 84 LLC lease- Councilmember Bush stated he feels it would be more cost effective if the Town looked into purchasing property to store the HWY supplies for the roads than paying a \$5,000 yearly lease. Supervisor Walley stated if the Town did that we would lose the tax monies. The Board discussed this more and decided to look into this for the future. A motion was made by

Councilmember Linkroum to approve the lease for 2026. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

5.0 Information Items

5.1 Schedule a meeting of the Highway committee. A meeting was scheduled for Monday 1/19/26 @ 5:00pm. If it snows the meeting will be Wednesday 1/22/2026.

Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to go into executive session. Councilmember Bush seconded. Executive session started at 6:06 pm.

Executive session ended at 6:16pm and Board went back into open session.

Councilmember Schaefer with regret made a motion to accept the resignation of Councilmember Bush effective. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Schaefer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:17pm. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 5:00pm

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk