

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Eric Linkroum, Robert Mills, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway

1.1 Public Participation-none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of January 13, 2026, and the Highway Meeting minutes were reviewed. Councilmember Mills made a motion to approve the TB Meeting minutes. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried. A motion was made by Councilmember Linkroum to accept the Highway meeting minutes and seconded by Councilmember Mills. Motion carried.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund #42-69. Highway Fund- Item #1-2-3, Item #3-2-19, Item #4-3-8. Councilmember Mills questioned that there were 2 different bills for the cooling line. Hwy Supt. Tiffany stated first one they ordered was not the correct one so they returned it and ordered the other one from a different company which was correct. The reason the cost was different is because he still had to pay the freight charge for the one they returned. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.3 The Financial Report- Supervisor Walley stated the annual report has been completed and filed. Councilmember questioned the increase in narcotics line cost. He asked if the testing is random or just when there is an accident. Hwy Supt. Tiffany stated it is for both. Supervisor Walley also stated that the Town has to now pay for the query's which is mandated by the Federal Government which jacked up the price. Councilmember Mills made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilmember Schaefer 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 repair, plow edges and shoes, leaf spring repair on truck #2, exhaust and “u” joint repair on truck #7, coolant pipe, wheel studs and leaf spring repair on truck #12.

Spare tires were picked up from BTTC after being re-treaded. BTTC installed new rear tires on the New Holland Backhoe. The mowing tractor was hauled to Eklund Farm Machinery for its first service prior to use this spring. More salt was delivered to keep the shed full.

After the last large snowfall, the crew widened out the roads and cleared intersections to improve visibility and allow room for additional snowfall. Councilmember Linkroum wanted to thank the Big M, Little Italy and Pheasant Tail for helping the crews keep hydrated and fed during that time.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway was not at the meeting but he had his report for the Board to review. There were no building permits or Certificate of Occupancies. He did have a complaint about the Old May & John's Diner. Cats are being dropped off there and cars are parking there. The report stated he will be contacting the owner to see if they can put up a fence or barricades. He also filled out the yearly Census for new home construction and sent it in. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report-TC Hartz stated there was no report because last month's meeting was prior to the TB meeting so the report was given last month. The PB meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday and one person will be presenting a major subdivision request for Hale Eddy. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept Planning Board Report. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- There were 4 calls this past month. All calls were for a dog at large. Tickets were issued to 3 incidents. 1 incident dog broke the run it was on. Owner retrieved dog. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer Report. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carrier.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Hartz stated that tax bill payments are steadily coming in daily. There has been 78% collected already. The online payment program is working well, and people are definitely using it for convenience. There have been 61 online payments that have been made to date. TC Hartz stated she has paid the Town's total budget money for 2026 from the tax payments she has received. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

3.0- Old Business

3.1 Printer/copier problems- We continue to have problems with the big copier/printer. Computer Emergency room has been ordering new parts and they should be here this week.

3.2-Dog Control Officer issues-The DCO is having issues with dog owners and not paying tickets. Councilmember Schaefer mad a motion to go into executive session at 5:16pm. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried. At 5:42pm a motion was made by Councilmember Linkroum to go back into the regular meeting. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to authorize the DCO to do some research on equipment that they need to do their job more efficiently. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

3.3-Cyber Security Grant-Supervisor Walley stated 2 years ago she applied for a grant to help with Cyber Security and it was approved.

3.4 Thank you letter from Historical Society- A thank you letter was passed around to the board members from Historical Society thanking us for the Town's donation.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Nomination and appointment of new board member to fill vacancy of Board Member Ammon Bush- A motion was made by Councilmember Schaefer and seconded by Councilmember Linkroum to appoint Daniel Axtell the Town of Deposit Town Board. Supervisor Walley stated he will be sworn in next month and the Courier will be at the meeting to take a picture.

4.2 – Town Board to approve Resolution #5 of 2026 Standard Workday-After the Standard workday Resolution for NYSLRS was read a motion was made by Councilmember Mills and seconded by Councilmember Schaefer to accept Resolution #5 of 2026 .

4.3 – Set a tentative date to audit Court records- After discussions it was decided to meet on February 24th, 2026 at 5:30pm to audit the Court records.

4.4-Williamson Law Book Highway Program- Hwy Superintendent Tiffany stated he has started using the Williamson Law Book Co. program and it is working well. There is a lot of different sections of the program that will be very useful to him. It is not just the vouchers, he can keep track of equipment, roads, culvert replacements, CHIPS detail, signs, and time sheet information. Supervisor Walley

wanted to ask for an approval from the Board for the Hwy Supt. to hire someone as a contractor to help with the data entry if he decides he needs the help. To start up the process, it is very labor intensive to load everything in the system, and he may not have the time. He also, stated that the system has an online back which is held at Williamson Law Co. so if his computer crashes the data will be retrievable. After discussions, the Board said they would approve \$500 to pay someone to do the data entry if he needs the help. Councilmember Mills made a motion to pay someone to do the data entry. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried.

4.5 Signs for Town Office parking lot- It was brought to the attention of the Supervisor that people are parking in front of the DMV and using the parking lot for other business rather than Town Business. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to purchase signs to put up in the parking lot. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

4.6 Resolution #6 Coding change first payment of Boom mower (2025) Supervisor Walley read the resolution and explained the changes to the budget with the Boom and mower. This was changed because the mower was financed and it was considered a capital project for 2025. There was no increase in the total appropriations. Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept Resolution #6 of 2026. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to leave the regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss an employment issue Councilmember Mills seconded. Executive session started at 6:06 pm.

Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to end Executive session at 6:15pm Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

Councilman Schaefer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:16pm. Councilman Mills seconded. Motion carried.

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

Beverly Hartz
Town Clerk