

## TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Robert Mills, Daniel Axtell, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Town Clerk Beverly Hartz, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Councilmember Eric Linkroum, and Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway.

1.1 Public Participation- none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of March 10, 2026, were reviewed. Councilmember Mills made a motion to approve the TB Meeting minutes. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. The bills that were paid in General Fund #94-128. Highway Fund- Item #1-6-8, Item #3-36-45, Item #4-19-23. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that winter finally started to slow up with the final snow and ice storms.

The crew changed their work hours to 6:00 am to 2:30pm for the spring season. Crew performed their annual hearing test provided by Delaware County and attended an annual UDIG certified excavator re-certification training. The Hard Hat Expo at the NYS Fairgrounds was attended by the crew.

Superintendent Tiffany also attended a Highway Superintendent Rights and Responsibilities training performed by the Cornell LTAP Center hosted in Delhi. Superintendent Tiffany and Supervisor Walley attended a DELCO Soil & Water meeting hosted at the Walton Fire Dept.

The crew filled potholes with cold patch on the days warm enough to do so. Plows and wings were repainted prior to being removed from the trucks for the season. Spring time road sweeping began clearing roads from materials spread during the winter months. The boom mower tractor was picked up from Eklund from receiving its first service since its purchase. All plow trucks were fully serviced in house once plow equipment was removed for the season. Truck #12 received

emissions system repairs performed by Burr Truck. The final loads of salt were delivered to finish off the requested tonnage for the season and allow a fresh start with a full shed to start next winter season. Seasonal roads were patrolled to make sure they were all passable by their April 1<sup>st</sup> opening date.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway was absent from the meeting. Supervisor Walley read his report for the councilmembers.

Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Code Enforcement Officer's report. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Town Clerk Hartz stated that there was a planning board meeting this past Thursday. She stated that there was a public hearing about a major subdivision and a few members of the public were present to ask questions, they all seemed pleased with the answers. The major subdivision was approved by the planning board. Councilmember Axtell made a motion to accept the planning board report. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- There were 3 calls this past month. Tickets were issued on 1 call. One call was a false report. One call was from Delaware County 911, the dog was taken to the shelter. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer Report. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carrier unanimously.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Hartz stated that there were 2 certified deaths this month and 1 genealogy search. She stated that we are at 87% collected for taxes as of the end of March with one more month before taxes are sent back to Delaware County. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### 3.0- Old Business

3.1 Appoint Councilmember Axtell to Insurance, Building, and Fire/Ambulance Oversight Committees. Councilmember Mills made the motion to appoint Councilmember Axtell to the committees. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3.2-Letter from Judge Felber that end of term records ready to be audited. Councilmembers Axtell, Schaefer, and Supervisor Walley will preform audit April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am.

3.3- Update Soil & Water: 3 areas submitted have been submitted for grants to decrease flooding and bank maintance.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Approve fire Protection Contract (Resolution #11)- There was a discussion: the village provides fire protection with all 3 municipalities contributing financially. The Villages includes the towns in yearly decisions. Councilmember Mills made a motion to approve Resolution #11. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.2 – Review current procurement policy. Supervisor Walley stated that she would like to go through all the policy every couple of years and this is the first one because some wording that would be helpful was brought to her attention by Superintendent Tiffany. There was some discussion and Councilmember Axtell stated that there was an appendix that is not currently attached to the policy. Councilmember Mills stated that he has his originally with the attached appendix. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept the procurement policy with current figures and with the appendix attached. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.3 – Review quotes for cemetery mowing. Supervisor Walley stated she contacted 5 companies about a quote. One stated that they couldn't get their truck to one of the cemeteries. One came back with a full quote. And the other 3 never came back with a quote. The company, Deposit Lawn Care for the current amount with no changes from the previous 2 years. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the quote from Deposit Lawn Care for the 2026 mowing season. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.4-Donation Lumberjack Festival. Supervisor Walley stated that it was added to the budget for this year a line for donations. She stated that we can donate to the Lumberjack Festival this year if the board was interested. It was decided to donate \$250 to the Lumberjack festival. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to donate the money. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.5 Board of Appeals appointment: 5 year term Nicole Anderson, 2 year term? Supervisor Walley stated that when the board of appeals was created the terms were set at different length with the intention of making them 5 years terms

once the original term was up, so that not everyone was up at the same time. She stated that she already talked to Nicole Anderson and she is willing to have her term be a 5 year term going forward. Councilmember Axtell made a motion to appoint Nicole Anderson to a 5 year term. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Walley stated that there is an open position on the Board of Appeals. She stated that she talked to a couple of people and Jan Mapes is willing to serve a 2 year term. Councilmember Mills made a motion to appoint Jan Mapes to a 2 year term on the Board of Appeals. Councilmember Schaeffer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.6 Village Sheriff protection? Supervisor Walley stated that she is currently in talks with the Village of Deposit and Town of Sanford about paying for a portion of the contract. A meeting is to be scheduled in the immediate future with all 3 municipalities and Sheriff Akshar. The Town Clerk contacted 3 companies for panic buttons installation in the town office and the court. One company gave us different options but with a range of what the price would be. Another gave us what the price would be to install wireless buttons. The third never got back to us. The price for 24 hour monitoring was about a \$9 a year difference between the two companies that sent in quotes. It was decided to go with Sentry Alarms quote because it was a set price for install and not a range. Councilmember Axtell made a motion to go with Sentry Alarms. Councilmember Mills seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.7 Highway policy, Highway Superintendent Tiffany has developed a highway policy proposal. This will be reviewed by the Highway committee in May before the board makes a decision.

4.8 Handling of Village Tickets (Parking). Supervisor Walley stated that with no Village Court the Town Court has been dealing with the tickets issued by the Village for parking violations from November to March. There are a couple of different ways to deal with the issue of processing Village tickets by the Town court. She stated that this will be brought up closer to when the tickets will start to be issued again, as the time for the tickets to be issued has passed for now.

Councilmember Mills stated that it was brought to his attention about the dog statue on Front Street by a concerned citizen. He stated that he told the citizen that it is inside the Village so the Town has no say but he would bring it up to the board.

Councilman Schaefer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:28pm.  
Councilman Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5:00pm

Elizabeth Polomcean  
Deputy Town Clerk