

TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5:00pm. Councilmembers present- Robert Mills, Daniel Axtell, Eric Linkroum, and Lonny Schaefer. Town Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, Highway Superintendent- Ryan Tiffany, Code Enforcement Officer-Peter Hathaway, and Deputy Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Town Clerk Beverly Hartz

1.1 Public Participation- none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of April 14, 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 #129-157. Highway Fund- Item #1-12-16, Item #3-46-52, Item #4-24. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that the month started with a few heavy thunderstorms causing need for some minor tree debris removal and ditch cleaning. Road sweeping continued until the broom needed repairs. Waiting on parts has now caused a delay to finish the last remaining roads to be swept. All trucks completed spring servicing and ready for summer. Truck #4 received some warranty repairs from Matthews Ford in Norwich. Brush cutting began on Silver Lake Road and Roods Creek Road by both the Boom mower and with the crew by hand and wood chipper. Following brush cutting the crew began ditching and cleaning shoulders along Silver Lake Road. Grader work was performed on Hungry Hollow Road to clean up some washouts caused by heavy rain. More safety training was completed by the crew, including the annual OSHA refresher course in Walton and CPR Certification hosted at the Village Hall.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated there was no old business. He had 1 building permit and 1 demolition permit issued last month. He had 2 inspections; one was for framing and the other was for a deck replacement. He took a 5-hour code class. He did receive a call about a home on Route 8 that wants to clean up and refurbish, they just needed a building permit. He also received a noise complaint on Columbia Lake, but the Town does not have a noise law. The complainant will need to pursue harassment charges with law enforcement

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

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- There is no planning board report as last month's meeting was before the Town Board meeting and this month's meeting has been cancelled.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- There were 4 calls this past month. Two were for the same dog, the first time a warning was issued, the second tickets were issued. One call was for a grey fox not a dog. The last call was for a dog in the highway but no dog was found. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer Report. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carrier unanimously.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Deputy Town Clerk Polomcean stated that there were a few certified deaths, and one marriage this past month. Taxes are done with a 90% collection rate, with 89 payments online. She stated that on Thursday she will bring the taxes back to Delhi. Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Town Clerk report. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3.0- Old Business

3.1 Resolution #12 Approval of Judge John Neal Felber Final Audit- Supervisor Walley stated that this is the same audit that is done every year but only has 3 months because Judge Felber resigned. Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to approve Resolution #12. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Roll was called 5-eyes, 0-nays, 0-abstain. Resolution passed unanimously.

3.2-Sheriff Court Protection- Supervisor Walley stated that she talked with Judge Card and Court Clerk Valentine to find out when they thought court protection was needed. Court Clerk Valentine stated she thought noon to 4 on trial days would be good. Supervisor Walley stated she called the Broome County Sheriff Department and left a message to discuss noon to 6 on the first Monday of the month, but has not heard back.

3.3- Grievance Day May 28, 4 to 8 pm at the Town Hall- Supervisor Walley stated that Grievance Day is the last Thursday of this month. She stated that 4 out of the 5 BAR committee members will be able to attend this year.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Contribution to BCHS when renewing dog licenses (new State Law)- Supervisor Walley stated that she was recently informed that a new law was signed by the governor, that all dog licenses, new and renewals, there is to be a spot where they can donate to the shelter we use (BCHS). We are to keep track of these funds and send the shelter a check periodically.

4.2 – Clean Up Day- Supervisor Walley asked the board if they wanted to do a tire and electronics clean-up day again. Superintendent Tiffany stated that last year 3 out of 4 boxes for electronics were filled and a dumpster and dump truck were filled with tires. It was decided to have clean-up day Aug 16th, with the 22nd as a backup day.

4.3 – Meeting to fill Town Clerk Vacancy- Town Clerk Hartz has put in her resignation letter effective May 22nd. According to the board of elections, the vacancy cannot be filled until after her last day. Since it is a Holiday weekend, Supervisor Walley suggested Wednesday May 27th at 5pm to have a special board meeting to appoint a town clerk.

4.4-Water Quality Tour- Supervisor Walley attended today a water quality tour, and demonstration of a slurry injector. They also showed how water erosion since 2009 has affected the river and river bank. Several dignitaries from NYS and NYC were in attendance.

4.5 Update Soil and Water Grants- Supervisor Walley stated she needs to find out what the next steps are.

4.6 Senior Meals- Supervisor Walley updated the board on what has been happening with Office For the Aging and Delaware Opportunities concerning the senior meals in Delaware County. The County has taken over Senior Meals since Delaware Opportunities abruptly discontinued this service (less than 24-hour notice). Delaware County employees and elected representatives along with Pizzo's Restaurant have quickly filled this gap.

Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to go into executive session at 5:50pm. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to come out of executive session at 6:10pm. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:11pm. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:00pm

Elizabeth Polomcean
Deputy Town Clerk

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