

## TOWN OF DEPOSIT MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Deposit held their regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 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 Town Clerk- Elizabeth Polomcean. Absent- Deputy Town Clerk Beverly Hartz

1.1 Public Participation- none

2.0- Minutes and Reports

2.1 The Town Board Meeting minutes of May 12, 2026, were reviewed.

Councilmember Mills made a motion to approve the TB Meeting minutes from May 12th. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board Meeting minutes of May 27, 2026, were reviewed.

Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to approve the TB Meeting minutes from May 27th. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.2 The Payment of Bills was reviewed. Supervisor Walley asked Superintendent Tiffany if he was still interested in the water cooler rental, because he bought a couple of cases of water. Superintendent Tiffany stated he bought those because it is hot out and he wanted to make sure the guys had plenty of water when working outside. He is happy with the water cooler rental because the water at the Highway Garage is not drinkable. There was a discussion to see what the cost comparison between the water cooler rental and purchasing a pallet of water bottles. The bills that were paid in General Fund #161-184. Highway Fund- Item #1-19-27, Item #3-53-55, Item #4-25.

Councilmember Axtell made a motion to accept the payment of bills. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.3 The Financial Report- Supervisor Walley stated that at a webinar she attended it was suggested to add the percentage used of the budget to the financial report if the board would like. It was decided to add this column going forward.

Councilmember Linkroum made the motion to accept the Financial Report. Councilmember Schaefer Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.4 The Highway Department –Highway Superintendent Tiffany stated that the highway crew performed ditching around Silver Lake as well as parts of Crystal Lake Road and Roods Creek Road. Driveway culverts were replaced on Silver Lake Spur and Roods Creek Road as well as several cross culverts on Roods Creek Road. Some maintenance was performed on trucks #3 and 4. Inspections were performed at Don Orall’s Garage on Truck #13 and trailer. Stone was delivered to the car wash stock pile for use as cold mix grader patch. ADS culverts were delivered to re-stock inventory at the highway garage. Housekeeping was performed around the highway garage with a load hauled to the Delaware County Landfill.

Superintendent Tiffany said he also went to Tenco to look at our truck and confirm placement for items on the truck. He went to highway school as well during the first week in June and found it very helpful.

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

2.5 Code Enforcement Officer Report- CEO Hathaway stated there was no old business. He had 1 building permit for a manufactured home and septic system, 1 building permit for a trailer, and renewal for a new home build and flood plain permit. He had 4 inspections; one was for framing, the final inspection for the manufactured home, the footer inspection and foundation inspect for the same property. He took a 3-hour code class. He did receive a couple calls about building permits and one with a code question.

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

2.7 Planning Board Meeting Report- Supervisor Walley stated that the planning board meeting is scheduled for this coming Thursday. She stated that while no one has called stating they are coming to the meeting there are a couple of items that the planning board is going to work on.

Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept the Planning Board report. Councilmember Axtel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.8 The Dog Control Officer Report- There were 4 calls this past month. Three were for dogs at large, one was taken to the shelter, one was on the owner's property, and one was not found. The fourth call was for a dog abandoned after its owners moved out, this dog was taken to the shelter.

Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept the Dog Control Officer Report. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2.9 Town Clerk Report was reviewed. Town Clerk Polomcean stated that there were a few certified deaths, and one marriage this past month with them wanting a couple extra copies. Town Clerk Polomcean stated that there were only a couple of dog renewals this past month.

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

### 3.0- Old Business

3.1 DCO and hold harmless agreement- It was stated that there was an amendment that will be made.

Councilmember Axtell made a motion to approve the hold harmless with the agreed amendment. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3.2-Village Parking Tickets- Supervisor Walley stated that she does not want to make a decision this month but wanted to let the Board know that the past 3 months, she has had to send a check to the village. She stated that as of right now, the Town of Deposit is processing the tickets in our court and sending the full amount to the Village. She stated that we can charge them a processing fee for the tickets. Councilmember Axtell asked about having a Town Constable. Supervisor Walley stated that it has been discussed between the 3 Municipalities about sharing a Constable, but as of right now it is being looked into for the future but needs to be investigated more.

3.3- Sherriff Court Protection- Supervisor Walley stated that she just spoke with the sheriff's department. She stated that the Town could pay an off-duty deputy for court protection and pay them directly with a 4-hour minimum. She stated that she was informed it may not be every time it is requested, but they would make sure if it was a day that someone was known to be volatile to let them know and the sheriff would make sure someone is at court.

Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to pursue Sheriff Court Protection. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3.4- Grievance Day Synopsis- Supervisor Walley stated that while no one came to grievance day there were a few write ins. She stated that some were lowered, while one was not.

3.5 Barbourville Cemetery head wall repair- Supervisor Walley stated that she received one bid, from Schaefer Enterprises. She did contact a few other companies to see if they would like to submit a bid and did not receive anything back.

Councilmember Linkroum made a motion to accept the bid from Schaefer Enterprises. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Councilmember Schaefer abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried with Councilmembers Linkroum, Axtell, Mills, and Supervisor Walley voting in favor.

3.6 Auditor exploration- Supervisor Walley stated that she did try to contact some companies for the audit. She found a checklist that is similar to the judge's audit for the budget officer and town clerk books. She stated that she feels that the board can audit the books with the check list for this year and next year have a budget line item for a company coming in and doing an audit of the books. Councilmember Schaefer stated he was worried about making a mistake on the audit. Supervisor Walley stated that it is better to show that the board has tried then to not do one.

4.0- New Business-

4.1- Resolution #14 mileage allowance for CEO- Supervisor Walley stated that CEO Hathaway requested if instead of turning in mileage if he could be paid biannually a mileage allowance. Supervisor Walley stated that she took the past two years and averaged what miles CEO Hathaway turned in and that is how she got the amount to make the allowance. Supervisor Walley stated that if for some reason there is an unprecedented number of miles the CEO would have to go back to keeping a track of his mileage.

Councilmember Mills made a motion to start paying the CEO a mileage allowance biannually. Councilmember Schaefer seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

4.2 – Resolution #15 purchase of a Western Star Truck- Supervisor Walley stated that the resolution has the five-year advance lease on it as was discussed in the previous month's meeting. She stated that as of right now she does not have exact figures.

Councilmember Axtell made a motion to accept Resolution #15. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Resolution passed unanimously.

4.3 – Resolution #16 Budget Amendments- Supervisor Walley stated she took a webinar and they suggested doing budget amendments through the year when something has gone over budget, instead of at the end of the year.

Councilmember Schaefer made a motion to accept Resolution #16. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Resolution carried unanimously.

4.4-Resolution #17 Retirements- Town Clerk Polomcean stated that CEO Hathaway turned in his ROA for NYSLR. She stated that because his ROA was not done with the ones at the beginning of the year, even though this is the same resolution that was passed then, the Town Board does have to pass another resolution. She stated that because she is new in her position this resolution will have to be passed again later in the year as well for her ROA.

Councilmember Mills made a motion to accept Resolution #17. Councilmember Axtell seconded. Resolution carried unanimously.

4.5 Reminder Primary June 23 6am to 9 pm- Supervisor Walley stated that she wanted to remind everyone there is a primary election on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

4.6 Appoint Social Media Manager- Supervisor Walley stated that it has been brought up a couple of times for the Town to have a Facebook page and the Town Clerk offered to run it. Supervisor Walley stated that it will be a no comment page.

Councilmember Axtell made a motion to appoint Town Clerk Polomcean as the Social Media Manager for the Town of Deposit. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4.7 Councilmember Mills asked if there was any update on the stone for the front of the building. Supervisor Walley stated she has not heard but will touch base with Delaware River Basin LLC.

4.8 Councilmember Mills asked if there was an update on moving the radio antenna from the cell tower. Superintendent Tiffany stated that as of this moment there is no update.

4.9 Josh Axtell asked if he could ask a question of the board about data centers on behalf of Jim Durning. Supervisor Walley stated that there is currently a moratorium on data centers from NYS. Mr. Axtell asked if the Town had any plans of discussing this further besides the moratorium. Councilmember Linkroum stated that the Town of Deposit did pass the Home Rule Resolution which does protect the town from data centers. Supervisor Walley stated that she feels there are a lot of steps in our Site Plan Review and Home Rule resolution to prevent data centers, but she is willing to look at more protection in the future.

4.10 Supervisor Walley stated that by 2028 all Town Government websites have to be ADA compliant. Town Clerk Polomcean stated she put each page of the Town website into a website that checks for ADA compliance and the Town's website currently averages a 6.7 out of 10 for compliance. Supervisor Walley stated we will need to get in contact with our website designer to check how to make it more compliant.

4.11 Supervisor Walley stated she would like Superintendent Tiffany to see about getting another estimate for tree cutting for the Town. Councilmember Schaefer asked if Superintendent Tiffany has noticed a decrease in ash trees needing cutting from wild ash bore.

Superintendent Tiffany stated he has noticed a decrease and that the town has been proactive since buying the wood chipper.

Councilmember Axtell made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:30pm. Councilmember Linkroum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 14 2026, at 5:00pm

Elizabeth Polomcean  
Town Clerk

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