

Town Board Minutes
August 19, 2025

The monthly town board meeting held on August 19, 2025 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Council; Grant Downs, Bruce Henderson, Kathleen McGrath Excused: Colby Petersen

Others present: George Thompson, John Ghidui, Jason Casey, Frank Busch, George Dowse

Supervisor Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

July Minutes Ms. McGrath made a motion to approve with one spelling correction was 2nd Mr. Downs, Carried.

Abstract of vouchers - Supervisor Martini presented the abstracts for review.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Petersen that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$42,644.62 be paid carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Ms. McGrath the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount \$ 68,279.28 be paid, carried by all.

Supervisor made the following resolution reappointing the Town Assessor

WHEREAS, THE Town Supervisor is authorized to make the appointment of Town Assessor and;

WHEREAS, Stephanie Holtz is a NYS Certified Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, Stephanie Holtz is re-appointed as Town Assessor, Town of Torrey effective October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2031; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to notify the Yates County Director of Real Property Tax Service of this appointment.

Motion to approve Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath carried by all.

Discussion on Water rates and hook up fees for Water District 1. Supervisor asked Bob Miller, Chairman of Water Committee who was in attendance, if he would set up a meeting of the

committee for recommending fees. Date set for 9/ 3 /25 at 10AM in town meeting room.

Discussion on reminder letters sent to 10 property owners remaining to date who have not had water pits installed. There is a one-year deadline date 9/1/2025 following completion of construction to have meters installed without fee. Meter pit installation by the Town after this date will be \$1200.-\$2000. to the property owner.

Jayson Hoover WD 1 Water Operator, inquired as these vacant lots are now paying .05 EDU capital charge why install the meter pits. What location on the property would the pits be installed as there are no buildings on site to go by. He has had calls from property owners that have no intention of building on their vacant lots. He stated his concern if meters pits are installed now, the future financial cost to the water district replacing aging parts on these non-used installed meters. This will be discussed at the water committee meeting 9/3/25.

the website corrections list for all department personnel to review and make suggestions. He also noted there is no information section for Water District 1.

Mr. Downs updated website design work. Under "Government"- Water District 1, with sub categories of Annual DOH report, Contract with Benton, followed by a brief discussion on shared files.

2026 Town Budget Workshop- Supervisor set first workshop September 10 at 10AM in the town meeting room and if needed a second workshop for September 17 at 10 AM.

Yates County Highway Indemnification Agreement-

Motion by Mr. Henderson 2nd Ms. McGrath to authorize the Supervisor to sign indemnification Agreement with Yates County for shared use of equipment for the year 2026, carried by all.

Highway Report- Dresden Fire Department has invited the Town Highway to participate in a Touch a Truck Family Friendly Event in which kids can sit in drivers' seat of many different vehicles on September 27th 11AM - 1PM. The highway will send a loader and truck for this event.

Shared service with Town of Starkey, Jerusalem, Barrington, and Milo oil and stoning roads.

Placed millings on Hopeton driveway.

Working on village parking lot at corner of Firehouse and Geneva for near future paving project with appreciation expressed from Village.

Black top Davy Road cuts, repaired a Serenity driveway, shimmed Quenan road bad spots, and road culvert cuts on Swarthout.

Ongoing mowing of roadsides. No parking signs are installed along Serenity in the ROW.

After speaking with an agent of the railroad who informed highway the railroad right of way is 25' dead center of rails each side. In certain areas there are two sets of rails.

Mr. Downs inquired about the culverts that are blocked by debris on Perry Point. He suggests that the highway work on clearing these areas of concern instead of helping with Yates County projects. It was consensus that culvert clearing on Perry Point is a priority.

Code Report- Short term rental permits for year 47, 1 Ag Permit, 1 C of O, 1 Steep Slopes App, 1 complaint, 12 building progress inspections, 6 meetings, 192 miles.

Submitted a proposal for drawing up a preliminary plan for building renovation. Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath to accept the \$1000. Services of Shanna Williams- Architect, carried.

Assessor Report- 8 sales since May, working on the draft special assessment roll for the review process.

School file was turned in July 31st. NYS Tax & Finance has issued 7 STAR reports since spring causing numerous changes to the taxpayers STAR Exemption. Received certificates for Workplace Violence & Discrimination in the Workplace.

Attending NYS Assessors Assoc Fall conference Oct 6-9th.

Pictometry is estimated \$ 1064.65 for 2026.

Perry Point- Supervisor reported contact with Zeb from Congresswoman Tenney's office, the water grant is lowered to 2.05 million and the bill is presently in Appropriations for approval.

With no further business before the board, Mr. Downs made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ms. McGrath carried at 9:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M Daggett- Town Clerk