

Town Board Minutes
October 14, 2025

The monthly town board meeting held on October 14, 2025 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

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

Others present: George Thompson, Richard Harper District II Legislator, Robert Miller

Supervisor Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

September Minutes Mr. Downs made a motion to approve 2nd Ms. McGrath, Carried.

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

Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2nd Mr. Petersen that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$9,396.28 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2ND Mr. Henderson that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount \$ 29,838.35 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Downs, 2nd Ms. McGrath, that the bill on the Water District 1 Account in the amount of \$ 3,952.00 be paid, carried.

Supervisor presented the Preliminary 2026 Town Budget. Public Hearing will be held on the 2026 Pre Lim Budget on Wednesday October 29, 2025 at 7:00PM in the town meeting room.

Supervisor presented the Yates County Snow & Ice Contract. Motion by Ms. McGrath authorizing Supervisor Martini to sign the 2026 Snow and Ice Contract with Yates County 2nd by Mr. Henderson, carried by all.

Supervisor presented the 2025-26 Insurance proposal of Stork Insurance in the amount of \$ 27,298.34.

Motion by Mr. Petersen, 2nd Ms. McGrath to accept the 2025/26 Insurance proposal of \$ 27,298.34 (declining terrorism insurance not included in this proposal) carried by all.

He inquired if there will be an onsite engineer during construction. Mr. Chambers stated he is setting up a meeting on the slip line where these questions can be asked, possibly Thursday.

Highway Report Tim Chambers stated the highway was given millings from Yates County projects. Town hauled 10 loads to stone pile and another 10 loads to store there for the Village of Dresden.

Ordered and received road salt for this winter. It is already mixed in sand at stone pile.

Sent three pieces of equipment to the Dresden Fire Department sponsored "Touch a Truck" event promoting public interest especially children and youth, for public service. The event was well attended.

Mr. Chambers attended a snow watch meeting.

Finished cleaning out creek running parallel to Hopeton Road to prevent future flooding issues.

He attended a meeting with Hunt Engineering regarding Perry Point culvert projects.

Discussion on the culvert projects cost which has increased significantly from original plan submitted which was the grant amount awarded.

The project plan lacks key information regarding hydraulics and cost. The size of sleeving pipes was a major discussion.

The **Perry Pt. South Culvert** project seems to be on target of the pipe sleeving plan with keeping cost in line with the NYS DOT Bridges grant amount awarded to the Town.

Perry Point North Culvert projects new plan, is pipe sleeving instead of removing and replacing pipes. This will be more cost effective and reduce the need for building bypass roadways and easements.

The board will make a final determination on the directions of these projects when more information is received from Hunt Engineering.

Code Report Dwight James submitted his monthly report. 54 Short term rental permits issued to date, 10 Building permits this month, 2 Cert of Occupancy, 1 Subdivision app, 11 building progress inspections, 8 meeting, traveled 121 miles. Has had three inquiries from investors regarding short-term rental permits. They are purchasing for investments.

Discussion of the possibility of increasing the cap on short term permits maybe to 15 percent of the single dwellings in the Town. Mr. James will research this more on the legal side. Had an inquiry for condo project on farm land along Rte 14. There is still a contingent offer on this land from solar company. There are grid issues for solar right now. EV chargers in home. New building regulations will trend towards all electric homes.

Prime Ag land is being sought for solar fields.

Assessor Report Submitted as the assessor is at conference in Lake George.

Water District 1 Report Submitted by Jayson Hoover

Dresden Fire Dept. Report Submitted by Chief Jeremey Henries

Water District 1- Supervisor asked the water Committee to research and draft an annual report to send to Water District 1 residents. He will draft a letter to WD 1 residents informing them of the additional charge @ \$119.that will be on their Town and County 2026 Tax bill. This new levy will be annual to recoup from 2016 beginning expenses paid out of the town general fund. This will be a 30-year payback period.

Richard Harper reported Yates Couty legislature news. Meeting with Senator Tom Omara and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano on Shot Term Rentals are affecting long term housing for the labor force. Driving away first-time homeowners is higher than market prices on real estate.

Discussion on declining liquor sales. Both beer and wine. Have hired Pike Construction to draw plans for the public safety building. Ideas have been to build more stories to the present structure which would require the inmates to be housed outside the county adding additional costs to project. To build pods, leaving old structure in place to house inmates until completion of pods, or relocating building site which would be additional cost of purchasing land outside the village to build on.

Yates County IDA is not supporting drawing big business into county as there is lack of labor force and housing.

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Ms. McGrath to adjourn carried at 9:15PM

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M Daggett