

Town Board Minutes
May 13, 2025

The monthly town board meeting held on May 13, 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, Jim Riesenberger, Richard Willson & Richard Harper-District II Legislators, Doug Gibbs-YC Veterans Agency Gary McIntee, Dwight James- Code Officer

Supervisor Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

Doug Gibbs- Director of Yates County Veterans Service appeared speak on veterans' services and ask the board for help getting the word out to Veterans in the Town of Torrey. Presently there are over 1400 veterans living in Yates County and of that number, only 791 are registered and receiving benefits. The agency will help assist Veterans and their families in identifying and applying for the benefits they are entitled as a result of their military service. Benefits may include Healthcare Enrollment, Veterans Disability Compensation, Non-Service-Connected Pension, Aid and Attendance, Spousal Death Pension, Death Indemnity Compensation, Burial Benefits, Replacement of Lost Documents, Awards and Medals, Civil Service Veterans Credit, and NYS Real Property Tax Exemption to name a few.

To help inform local veterans of these services available there are events planned in Dundee at "Our town Rocks" for outreach and information. In Penn Yan there are once a month events at different locations for free haircuts, Coffee and cards, and Coffee and donuts. Supervisor thanked Mr. Gibbs for his presentation.

April Minutes Ms. McGrath made a motion 2nd Mr. Downs to approve the minutes with a spelling correction, Carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Downs 2nd Mr. Henderson that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$7,280.63 be paid carried by all.

Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2nd Mr. Downs that the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount \$ 61,543.98 be paid carried by all.

Motion by Mr. Petersen 2nd Ms. McGrath that the bills on Water District 1 in the amount of \$ 18,045.00 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Ms. McGrath 2nd Mr. Petersen to pay the 2nd installment on the 2025 Fire contract in the amount of \$36,659.42. carried by all.

Review of the final markup of the Solar Regulation Law presented by Planning Board. With a couple changes noted by town board the final version for adoption will be introduced at June meeting and call for a public hearing.

Supervisor presented an engagement letter with MM & B Co an auditing service to perform the town 2024 AFR Audit and audit town compliance over major federal award programs (USDA) and (RD) for Water District 1.

Motion by Ms. McGrath contract from MM & B Co. 2nd by Mr. Henderson authorizing the Supervisor to sign contract with MM & B Co. for 2024 audits, carried by all.

Yates County 2025 Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Mr. Downs and Mr. Henderson have participated in the drafting of this plan with other municipalities and their diligent time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Downs offered the following resolution, 2nd Ms. McGrath.

WHEREAS, all jurisdictions within Yates County have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment, and local economy; and

WHEREAS, proactive mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, a coalition OF Yates County municipalities with like planning objectives formed to pool resources and created consistent strategies within Yates County, and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk, and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF TORREY, in accordance with the Town Code, the Town Board adopts the 2025 Yates County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years”.

By roll call vote:

Martini Aye, Petersen Aye, Downs Aye Henderson Aye,
McGrath Aye 5 Ayes 0 Nays Adopted.

Highway Report Ditch work on roadsides, the snow equipment now stored away. Remove a blow down tree on Serenity Road, Shared service with Yates County sent one truck.

Replace culvert on Swarthout road and had tile installed by Lilyea Farms. Presently one employee is helping the Village DPW to install Hometown Heros banners on the light poles along the streets. Installed two driveway pipes.

Water District 1 water line settling has created issues along Caton Road. Starting remediation work for Caton Road. Regional International is still checking out Torrey 3 ABS light ongoing problem.

2007 TL 90 Tractor and mowers sold at Auction international for \$ 12,100.

Annual OSHA Safety training held at Benton all highway employees attended.

Discussion on railroad crossings concerns at Anthony Beach Rd, and Long Point Rd.

Assessor Report: Stephanie Holtz submitted her May report.

Water District 1: Jayson Hoover submitted his report.

Perry Pt Water District 2: Gary McIntee stated he has researched the criteria for water funding. Income level and second homes create limited funding. Really no guidance. Supervisor will complete application to be submitted by 5/31/2025 for 2026 funding by Water Revolving Fund intended

use plan to Dept of Health. Estimate for Perry Pt water project is at \$ 3,495,000.

Richard Harper and Richard Willson appeared and gave a brief report on the Yates County Legislator doings.

Engineers are working on plan for Public Safety Building project.

Hazardous Waste Collection will be held in Yates County this year in September.

Open house for the Yates County Highway/Multi-purpose building, followed by a dedication ceremony on May 17th.

Broadband is hooking up customers now.

OCA Tax sharing funding is redirected to twice per year \$10,000. Natural resources projects.

No further business before the board, Ms. McGrath made the motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Petersen carried at 8:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,