

Scottsville, New York
February 20, 2025

Regular Town Board Meeting held February 20, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

Present: Supervisor Jim Kirch
Councilman Edward Shero
Councilwoman Tina Stevens
Councilman Carl Schoenthal

Absent: Councilman Tim Davis

Recording Secretary: Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk

Also Attended: Shanna Fraser, Recreation Supervisor, Senior Ctr. Dir.
Cheryl Kisicki, Secretary to the Supervisor
Eric Stowe, Attorney for the Town
Brian Turner, Highway Superintendent

Supervisor Kirch presiding.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call. All Town Board Members present, except Councilman Davis.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and unanimously carried, the Minutes of January 9, 2025, were approved with the addition of the following: Councilman Shero presented to the Board "Informal Opinion No. 86-30 from the Attorney General of New York", which addresses in part the incompatibility between the offices of town clerk and supervisor's bookkeeper.

Public Before the Board:

Maureen Leupold spoke in support of the Indian Allen Park Trail Town grant and will be sending a letter from the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee.

Supervisor Kirch introduced Andrew Murphy, representing Labella Engineering. They have submitted a preliminary Freeman Park proposal. Mr. Murphy outlined the process, which will include community outreach meetings and subsequently, preparing the scaled plans and graphics.

Supervisor's Report:

- The close out of the books for 2024 should be completed in March/April.
- Master Plan Meeting with Genesee Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council. They will submit a proposal.
- Toured the Town of Greece dog facility with the Dog Control Officer.

Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously or herewith):

1. Town Clerk report, January.
2. Highway, January.
3. Recreation, January.
4. Building Inspector, January.
5. Fire Marshal report, January.
6. Budget Officer report, January.
7. Dog Control report, January.
8. Senior Center report, January.
9. Town Attorney, January.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

The Board members in attendance reported.

Correspondence:

- 1. Alex Camarda, Sr. Dir. Govt. Affairs, Charter Communications, re: Programming.

Old Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Supervisor Kirch seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried,

Resolution No. 38 :

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland sets Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Wheatland Municipal Building as the time and place for a public hearing on Local Law No. 1 of 2025, a Local Law Opting out of the Exemption from Taxation for Certain Energy Systems Under Real Property Tax Law Section 487.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
 Councilman Davis-absent
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Kevin Marks, Chairman of the Wheatland Genesee Trail Towns Committee gave a presentation on the latest round of Parks and Trails New York grants that are available. He talked about the two previous grants received and the projects completed as a result. They are working on another grant application currently. They would like to see Indian Allen Park developed and this grant, if received would unlock that potential.

New Business:

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried,

Resolution No. 39:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the pursuit of grant funding for the trail development and access improvement in Indian Allen Park. The Town of Wheatland shall contribute \$1,500 as matching funds as required by grant application.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
 Councilman Davis-absent
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried,

Resolution No.40 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland tables the acceptance of the 2024 Department audits conducted on January 13, 2025, until the next meeting with Councilman Davis in attendance.

Roll Call: Supervisor Kirch-aye
 Councilman Davis-absent
 Councilman Schoenthal-aye
 Councilman Shero – aye
 Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried,

Resolution No. 41 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the Supervisor to sign the dangerous dog retainer agreement with Jacob Ark, Esq.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried,

Resolution No. 42 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland, authorizes the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Reformat & Daniel for Litigation and Special Legal Services.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Shero and carried,

Resolution No. 43 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to table the Compensatory Plan in lieu of overtime pay for further information.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and carried,

Resolution No. 44 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of the contract with Mandy Humphrey DBA the ART of Mandy to instruct art classes.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and carried,

Resolution No. 45 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for Shanna Fraser and Lisa Bates to attend the GVPRS Conference on March 14, 2025, at a cost of \$49 each.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch-aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and carried,

Resolution No. 46 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of the 2025 Brighton Landscape Service, Inc. for lawn care at the Wheatland Municipal Building.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Shero and carried,

Resolution No. 47 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a Donnelly House permit application by Assemblyman Steve Hawley for his staff to hold outreach office hours on March 3, 2025, from 12 PM-2 PM.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and carried,

Resolution No. 48 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the purchase of a screen for security system monitoring and associated hardware through Pinpoint at a cost of \$401.78.

Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried,
Resolution No. 49:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to dispose of laptop (#0454) from the Town Clerk’s office that was determined to be inoperable and of no value. The laptop will be disposed of through Pinpoint.
Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried,
Resolution No. 50 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a Spring/Summer newsletter at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 with a final draft to be provided to Town Board members prior to printing.
Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

Whereas, it was moved by Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried,
Resolution No. 51 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for a letter of intent to be signed to purchase a 2026 Western Star 47X Truck from Tracy Road, at a cost not to exceed \$190,000 per the Onondaga County bid.
Roll Vote: Supervisor Kirch – aye
Councilman Davis-absent
Councilman Schoenthal-aye
Councilman Shero – aye
Councilwoman Stevens-aye

There was discussion on the insurance requirement for use of the Mumford Community Center for a karate program through Wheatland Recreation. It was determined that an IMA should be executed between the Town and the Mumford Fire Department.

There was discussion on the insurance requirements for the Farmer’s Market. The points considered being the location of the Farmer’s Market, whether it is on town owned property or hosted at another location and the risk tolerance involved.

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried, the Abstract dated January 21, 2025, with voucher numbers 2020099 through 20250108 in the amount of \$5,915.23, and Abstract dated February 10, 2025, with voucher numbers 20250109 through 20250187 in the amount of \$1,150,238.74 were approved provided that all bills are paid out of their respective funds after proper audit.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$5,915.23

Grand Total: \$5,915.23

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$63,679.05
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	2,246.00
DA	HIGHWAY DA	67,970.37
DB	HIGHWAY DB	1,888.81
	MUMFORD LIGHT	1,021.36
	MUMFORD REFUSE	6,288.78
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,521.84
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	447.60
	NORTHEAST SEWER	38,050.83
T/A	TRUST & AGENCY	6,042.10
	MUMFORD FIRE	386,082.00
	WHEATLAND FIRE	575,000.00
<u>Grand Total:</u>		<u>\$1,150,238.74</u>

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and carried, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:48 P.M to discuss a personnel matter with no decision to be made.

The Board resumed to regular session at 9:04 P.M.

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Schoenthal and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk