

Scottsville, New York  
March 13, 2025

Regular Town Board Meeting held March 13, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Wheatland Municipal Building, Scottsville, New York.

Present: Supervisor Jim Kirch  
Councilman Tim Davis  
Councilman Carl Schoenthal  
Councilman Ed Shero  
Councilwoman Tina Stevens

Absent:

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

Supervisor Kirch presiding.  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.  
Roll Call. All Town Board Members present.

Supervisor Kirch recused himself of any discussion or voting on the opt out due to any financial concerns that may be associated with his family.

**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.**

Deputy Supervisor Schoenthal read aloud the Public Hearing Notice.

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Davis and carried, the public hearing was opened at 7:01 P.M.

Mike Cocquyt of LaBella Associates representing the Town Engineer was in attendance and explained that Section 487 of the Real Property Law addresses the taxation of certain energy systems and by opting out it would remove the exemption and allow for the taxation of the property.

Councilwoman Stevens commented that she brought this forward and felt it was a good idea because it will put the solar properties back on the tax rolls.

There being no public comment. Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Shero and carried, the public hearing was closed at 7:12 P.M.

The Board will act on the proposed Local Law at the April 10, 2025, meeting.

The meeting was turned back over to Supervisor Kirch.

Supervisor Kirch introduced Captain Fay of the Monroe County Sheriff's B Zone. Captain Fay thanked the board for the invitation and said he would like to address any concerns or answer questions from the public. Captain Fay addressed how coverage is allocated to Wheatland, speeding, and problems at Freeman and Canawaugus Parks. He said that they track patterns on local levels, through meetings or incoming calls. They rely on the community to inform them of any patterns and will send resources if there is a known pattern. Calling 911 is the non-emergency number and the emergency number and is the best way to report an issue.

Supervisor Kirch introduced Seth Myers and Jason Klein of the Mumford Fire Department and Mike Connelie of the Wheatland Scottsville Joint Fire District to discuss Knox Boxes. Seth distributed information to the Board about Knox Boxes and explained their purpose.

#### **Public Before the Board:**

Kim Snyder said she had met with the Assessor to understand the process for updating the tax rolls. She submitted a letter to the Town Board which will be included in the April correspondence.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

On a motion of Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried, the Minutes of February 20, 2025, were approved as written.

#### **Supervisor's Report:**

- The new Budget Officer Cindy Pfeifer started last week.
- Workshop to be held March 20th to discuss the utilization of the reserves.
- CP Ward looked at both the Town Hall and Donnelly House for potential upgrades.

#### **Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously or herewith):**

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

9. Town Attorney, February.

### **Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:**

Councilman Davis attended both the Mumford and WSJFD meetings. He also met with Cindy Scott at the Mumford Library to review the list of items that need attention.

Councilman Schoenthal reported on the latest grant submission and said that they are looking at working on Indian Allen Park if they receive the grant.

Councilman Shero attended the Planning Board meeting which included the public hearing on the Travertine recycling plant.

Councilwoman Stevens updated the Board on the Dog Control Department.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Jennifer Cesario, Controller to Supervisor Kirch, re: Monroe County Sales Tax Distribution.
2. David Grant, Clerk of the Legislature to Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk, re: Notice of a 30-day period for a proposal for inclusion of predominantly viable agriculture lands.
3. David Grant, Clerk of the Legislature to Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk, re: Notice for a 30-day period for public review of the Monroe County agricultural districts #5 & #6.
4. Seth Graham, Caledonia Town Clerk, re: Proposed Local Law #1 for 2025-Amending Chapter 106 Solar & Energy Code.

### **Old Business:**

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Davis seconded by Supervisor Kirch and carried, Resolution No. 52 :

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland accepts the 2024 Department audits conducted on January 13, 2025, with no findings or recommendations.

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

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

**Resolution No. 53 :**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of the compensatory time plan for non-exempt employees. (Handbook-Section 2, page 6 will be placed accordingly.

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

**New Business:**

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

**Resolution No. 54:**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to hire Genesee/Fingerlakes Planning Council to update the Wheatland Comprehensive Plan per the scope of services defined in their proposal. Cost of \$1,650 (tier 2 service package).

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

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

**Resolution No.55:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the IMA with Mumford Fire Department for use of the Mumford Community Center.

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

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

Resolution No. 56:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to withdraw a sum not to exceed \$24,000 from the “Parks Reserve Fund” for the proposed Freeman Park Masterplan Services (project #P2500247) as submitted by LaBella Engineering, subject to Permissive Referendum.

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

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

Resolution No. 57:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland, agrees to hire Madison Pope as Recreation Assistant-Step 1 at \$17.73/hour, effective 3/14/25.

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

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

Resolution No. 58:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the USDA to place sticky traps on specific trees on town properties for the European Cherry Fruit Fly Study.

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

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

Resolution No. 59:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract with The Magic Guy for the Egg Hunt Event, at a cost not to exceed \$275.00.

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

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

Resolution No. 60:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to raise the limit on the Recreation credit card from \$2,500 to \$4,000.

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

There was discussion on the following resolution. The resolution was amended to remove, “Project applications shall be subject to matching funds available from Parks Reserve as authorized by the Town Board, cost not to exceed \$5,000.”

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal, seconded by Supervisor Kirch,  
Resolution No. 61:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes LaBella Associates as Town Engineer to assist the Trail Town Committee in the development and application for grant funding available from CFBG (Wilson Trail Maintenance), CDBG (Monroe County), CFA (NYS) and future PTNY Genesee Valley Trail Town Grant programs

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

## Motion Failed

### Additional Agenda Item:

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

### Resolution No. 62 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland retroactively approve the Building Inspector and Deputy Fire Marshal to attend the 2025 FLBOA Educational Conference (March 10-12) to satisfy the annual in-service training requirements. The cost not to exceed \$600.00.

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

Upon a motion of Councilwoman Stevens seconded by Supervisor Kirch and unanimously carried, the Abstract dated February 21, 2025, with voucher numbers 20250188 through 20250192 in the amount of \$3,662.10, and Abstract dated March 10, 2025, with voucher numbers 20250193 through 20250286 in the amount of \$243,939.87 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	\$3,113.70
DA	HIGHWAY FUND	548.40
<b><u>Grand Total:</u></b>		<b><u>\$3,662.10</u></b>

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$65,245.50
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	30,297.82
DA	HIGHWAY DA	127,766.30
DB	HIGHWAY DB	4,840.73
	MUMFORD LIGHT	1,134.60
	MUMFORD REFUSE	6,288.78
	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,521.84
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	447.60
	NORTHEAST SEWER	6,041.70

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355.00

**Grand Total:** **\$243,939.87**

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Davis and carried, the Board went into Executive Session at 9:13 P.M to discuss a personnel matter with no decision to be made.

The Board resumed to regular session at 10:27 P.M.

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski  
Wheatland Town Clerk