

January 9, 2025
Town of Afton
Chenango County

Present at our regular meeting were Supervisor John Lawrence; Councilmen Jamie Baciaska, Chris Warren, Robert Tallmadge and Calvin Tallmadge; Highway Superintendent Kirk Hoyt; DCO Amy Cross; and Historian Mel Hager. Absent: Sanitation Officer Bailey DeBetta and Assessor Caitlyn Brown.

Visitors: Honorable Don Ouimet and McKenzie Hoyt

Bills and Claims:

General Fund

2024 no 13, claim nos. 168 – 172, totaling \$2,049.50

2025 no 1, claim nos. 1 – 9, totaling \$6,071.69

Highway Fund

2024 no 13, claim nos. 140 – 149, totaling \$10,124.42

2025 no 1, claim nos. 1 – 2, totaling \$4,065.22

Regular meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Salute to the Flag.

Motion to accept the minutes of December 12, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion made by Jamie Baciaska, seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

Motion to pay bills and claims. Motion made by Robert Tallmadge, seconded by Chris Warren. All in favor, motion so carried.

Communications:

1/ UHS Walton is still working through their consideration of using the Town Medical Building.

Committee Reports:

1/ Assessor, absent

2/ Financial, reports distributed and filed.

3/ Sanitation, absent

4/ Highway, Kirk stated that they have been plowing. Had a pipe replacement job On Algerine St. The arrival of the Kenworth has been moved up to March. And on the Request of the abandonment property on Bettsburg Road, the Board gave an estimate of \$1,000 per acre for purchase price, will be based on the Survey given.

5/ DCO, Amy is waiting to hear back from the Binghamton Humane Society for the redemption of dogs.

6/ Building, Robert had nothing to report

7/ Historian, Mel gave an explanation of the current purchase request. The Board Agreed to a \$500 purchase.

Old Business:

1/ Reminder that the AUDIT of the Town, Court and Clerk accounts is January 11, 2025 @ 9 am. The Court and Clerk accounts were completed on 1/09/2025 by Supervisor John Lawrence and Councilmen Jamie Baciуска and Chris Warren.

New Business:

1/ Chenango SPCA agreement with the Town and Village of Afton will terminate on March 31, 2025. Board to consider alternative for sheltering of dog redemptions.

2/ Reorganization for 2025

A) Monthly meeting at 6:15 PM to audit Bills & Claims. Regular meeting to start at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month.

B) Town Bank, NBT NA

C) Historian, Mell Hager

D) Town Hall Custodian, Sandra Reiling

E) Deputy Town Clerk pay, \$15.50 per hour for 2025 Salary

F) Deputy Town Supervisor, open

G) Permission to pay salaried employees

H) Mileage at \$.70 per mile for Town business

I) Meeting rules, Roberts Rules of Order, most recent copy

Adding that Town Supervisor has the authority to make

And second a Board motion / resolution

J) Assessment Board of Review compensation, \$15.50. Per hour

K) DCO, Amy Cross

L) Sanitation Code Officer, Bailey DeBetta

M) Records management, Sandra Reiling

N) Building/Grounds Committee Chair, Robert Tallmadge

O) Special meeting notice posted on Town Hall front door and Town web site

P) Building Permits, signed by either Town Supervisor or Town Clerk

Q) Town Attorney, Dave Berger

R) Registrar of Vital Statistics for Town and Village, Sandra Reiling

S) Visitors will have three-minute time limit per person

Motion made to approve the Reorganization 2025. Motion made by Robert Tallmadge, seconded by Jamie Baciуска. All in favor, motion so carried.

3/ Budget adjustments needed to the 2024 GENERAL Fund Budget:

Increase Budget Expense: A3510.4-Dog Control, Contractual 287.65 \$

Increase Budget Expense: A4560.4-Medical Center Cont. 682.99 \$

Increase Budget Expense: A5010.1-Hwy Super Salary 300.00 \$

Increase Budget Expense: A5010.4-Supt of Hwy Contractual 200.00 \$

Increase Budget Expense: A1620.4-Buildings, Contractual 4,935.48 \$

Decrease Budget Expense: A9010.8-Retirement (6,406.12) \$

Budget adjustments needed to the 2024 HIGHWAY Fund Budget:

Increase Budget Expense: DA5142.1-Snow Personnel \$21,171.54

Increase Budget Expense: DA9030.8-Social Security \$829.64

Decrease Budget Expense: DA5142.4-Snow, Contractual (\$22,001.18)

Motion to approve the General & Highway budget adjustments. Motion made by Calvin Tallmadge, Seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

4/ Re-appoint Highway Superintendent Kirk Hoyt for two years, as of 1/1/2025

Motion to accept the appointment of Highway Superintendent Kirk Hoyt. Motion made by Chris Warren, seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

Recognition of Visitors: Honorable Don Ouimet mentioned the progress to reconcile the Town Bail Account. Cleared one from 2014.

Motion to Adjourn 7:30 pm, motion made by Calvin Tallmadge, seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

Respectfully Submitted by



Sandra D Reiling
Clerk of the Board.

