

April 15, 2025
Town Board Meeting

In Attendance:	Kevin Bean – Supervisor Anna Bowers – Absent Paul Heid – Councilman	Jim Williams – Councilman Arnold Stevens – Councilman Jean Comstock – Town Clerk
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1. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Christine Powers

2. Meeting Called to Order at 7:02PM.

3. Resolution to Accept the Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2025

RESOLUTION # 91 – 25

Mr. Williams made a Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2025 and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Board Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried – Ayes – 4 (Bean, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

4. Resolution to Approve Seven (7) Individuals (Planning & Zoning) to Attend Local Government Days at the Adirondack Planning Forum May 7-8, 2025

RESOLUTION # 92 – 25

Mr. Williams made a Motion to approve the attendance at the Government Days at the Adirondack Planning Forum and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Heid. With the following Board Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried – Ayes – 4 (Bean, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

5. Resolution for a Budget Amendment - Supervisor Bean – there was not enough money in the insurance line; the Bookkeeper made some adjustments.

RESOLUTION # 93 – 25

Mr. Heid made a Motion to approve the Budget Amendment and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Board Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried – Ayes – 4 (Bean, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

6. Supervisor's Report

RESOLUTION # 94 – 25

Supervisor Bean - last week, unbeknownst to me, Warren County made a decision re: the Meal Site, I called Dee Parks, Office of the Aging, she had sent an e-mail to an account that didn't exist and it bounced back; I did not get a call; they made a change to the Johnsbury Meal Site without notifying me; I spoke with John Taflan and the Treasurer and met with Dave Strainer, no meeting minutes, no notes; change made without notifying me; I spoke with Supervisor Merlino, Lake Luzerne – their site serves 120 meals a day, shopping, trips, concerts; would like to take some people over to see the Lake Luzerne Meal Site and how they run; they operate it themselves, they pay for an additional cook; I am frustrated with this. Chris Heidrich – what was their response? Supervisor Bean – a lot of hemming and hawing; numbers at our meal site have been dwindling; between 2-6 at the site; Nancy Beaudin – we deliver as well; Supervisor Bean

– this will be a larger discussion next week; it’s a transportation issue – a lot of questions and no answers right now. I let them know it was wrong, no communication; Heid – how many meals are delivered? Nancy Beaudin – 14-15; Mindy Preuninger– during COVID 36 different stops; Heid – my Mom gets these meals, it’s invaluable; Beaudin – we knew about it 2-3 weeks ago; Beth Maher – where do you go to get the meals? Nancy Beaudin– Fawn Millington Supervisor Bean - We can continue this conversation after our meeting next Wednesday, this really bothers me; Bruce Ashline– I’m surprised that the numbers are so low; Nancy Beaudin – it’s a pride thing at times. Mindy Preuninger– it used to be the meal site was a meeting place, they had activities there; it was about the socialization; Supervisor Bean – I started looking at grants – socialization and interaction is important to the elderly; Bruce Supervisor Bean – Town building, County equipment. It’s something we need to address.

Mr. Williams made a Motion to accept the Supervisor’s Report and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Paul Heid. With the following Board Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried – Ayes – 4 (Bean, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

7. Warrants

RESOLUTION # 95 - 25

Mr. Heid made a Motion to accept the Warrants and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Stevens. With the following Board Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried – Ayes – 4 (Bean, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 23,251.10
HIGHWAY FUND:	\$ 13,342.82
WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:	\$ 2,270.00
SEWER DISTRICT PROJECT:	\$ 17,452.66
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:	\$ 16,374.17
LIBRARY FUND	\$ 2,824.18
EMS:	\$ 200,923.50
WATER DISTRICT:	\$ 318.74
TRUST & AGENCY:	<u>\$ 476.40</u>
TOTAL	\$ 277,233.57

8. Committee Reports

Mr. Heid

- A friend of mine is a nurse at HHHN, Bolton, Indian Lake, Bolton, Chester – may be closed for lack of providers, with no warning; Geoff – intermittently? Heid – yes; maybe with 24 hours notice; taking services from our community.
- Solid Waste – doing well with that; discussions to stream-line services; also considering the possibility for free dump days, need to look at money; will have more information on that; maybe 2x year; returnables is working well for the non-profits.
- Highway – haven’t met in a while, maybe meeting next week.

Supervisor Bean

- Budget – lively conversations on how to move forward; Financial Report submitted, we have to wait to see what the tax cap is (probably about 2 months) to get that report back; we're in pretty good shape.

Mr. Williams

- Sewer – continues to meet 2x monthly, all is with the USDA, all documents in on time, all insurance contracts executed; local/regional USDA office to send bonding documents to the national office; tentative pre-construction meeting towards the end of April; once this happens we are off and running; construction schedules will be done; Heidrich – any additional monies? Williams – Warren County applied for a Grant on our behalf; 3.5 between LCLGRP and County out there; Heidrich – will that affect the USDA money? Williams – it would have to go for all that hasn't been contracted yet; monies could go for the lateral hookups as we don't have a contract on that yet; will lower the amount used from the County; Heidrich – how long will it take for the Town to get money back? Bean – I don't have an answer for that.
- Parks – need to get committee together to get schedules together; still waiting on dates and agreements with construction.

Mr. Stevens

- Invitations have been sent/handed out for the Seniors Day workshop on 4/23/25 from 8:30-12:30; we're hoping for 40-50 participants; we'll be tackling topics from meal site, transportation and everything in between.

9. Privilege of the Floor

- Supervisor Bean – Beth Maher had asked at a previous meeting about the Copperfield – I just received an update - demo started last week, making good progress; remodeling later this week; hoping to open by 7/4/25; late summer for common areas due to concerns closing; Keir will be updating us as needed. Mr. Heid – free furniture to locals over the next three days.
- Christine Powers – our 9th year of being full-time residents; our son graduated in 2022; we came from Albany to this beautiful area; a lot of challenges to overcome; I have a background in Marketing/PR, etc. Along with Lily Gaechter and Anna Bowers – working with the three towns; wanted to share with you what we've been up to and a survey; Warren County grant - \$150,000 for the three towns, we are the gateway to the Adirondacks; most advertising is given to the Lake George area; awareness for our area is low; taking the three towns, how are we different, how are we the same, what do we have to offer; create a brand for the three towns, but remain individual; bring people here to start businesses like Larry & I did; I have 25 paper copies of a survey, you can meet with me after the meeting; want to hear from as many as we can; leave me your e-mail and we can work that way by forwarding on as well. Bob Nessle – how are you working with ORDA on this? Christine Powers – ORDA is not officially a part of this, it's up to us to bring them into this; Bone is on another Board we're working with us; management of ORDA decisions are made between Albany and Lake Placid; Christine Powers – marketing tools and assets to brand us, it's not government based, it's tourism; it dovetails beautifully with the Comp Plan; signage will also be out; to bring awareness for folks driving through, invite people to live and make businesses here; it's a piece of the puzzle; if they don't know we're here, nothing will change; there will be other

mechanisms involved; Geoff Konis – three towns into one general chamber? Christine Powers – this is an ad hoc committee, it's purely a group that has come together to use the grant money from Warren County; no formed plan to create an entity such as a chamber. Mindy Preuninger – I have been involved with Drew for a long time – we don't have an identity – not enough occ tax money, it's not about the individual businesses, it's about the area itself; Christine Powers– graphic on survey to show we are the gateway; Preuninger – just gathering the information? Christine Powers – it's a fun survey, it's anonymous, have fun with it; we'll have logo concepts, etc. we need feedback from those that live here; see me after the meeting; please participate.

- Pete Horvath – River Keeper/River Sweep 5/3/25 – 1-4PM; it's a great thing for our Town; 300+ sites, we get advertised; some gardening, tree planting, cleaning up; all are welcome.

10. Adjourn Town Board Meeting

RESOLUTION # 96 - 25

Mr. Heid made a Motion to Adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:40PM and moved its passage with a Second Motion from Mr. Williams. With the following Board Members voting in favor of the Resolution, it is carried – Ayes – 4 (Bean, Heid, Stevens, Williams).

Prepared by:

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**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 6, 2025 TO ADOPT
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE TOWN BOARD MEETING
WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW
MAY 6, 2025 AT 7:00PM AT TANNERY POND**