

TOWN OF HERMON
Town Board Monthly Meeting Minutes for
Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, Town Hall 6pm

PRESENT: Town Board Members: Victoria Day, Harold Blandin, Sheri Smith and John Stransky. Also, Supervisor Cathy Race, Clerk Karen Wayering, Hwy Superintendent, Shain Brunet, Water/Sewer Superintendent Chris Stransky, Code Officer Glen Besaw and Legislator Larry Denesha. Members of the Public: Brent McAdam, Steve Allen, Laurie Morse, as well as Anthony Young (engineer from Barton & Loguidice).

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6PM AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID BY ALL.

LEGISLATOR LARRY DENESHA: was present and spoke about a new Emergency Services Director hiring Rick Rusaw, who was the interim Director. He also explained that the County budget is being presented on Monday, October 27th. They are going to have hazardous trees removed in SLC, about 4,000 of them starting in January and the work will be done by Putney Tree Service. There were 92 parcels in the auction this year and all parcels sold. He also mentioned that the Governor has named a local person, Mark Hall from Star Lake, to be the Chair of Adirondack Park Agency.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Anthony Young (B&L) spoke about the status of the water/sewer projects. He explained that he knows everyone is discouraged with slow progress. Board Member Harold Blandin very adamantly stated that everyone is unhappy about the lack of progress and feels B&L, as our engineers, should be making Fiacco get the job done sooner. Anthony explained they are the engineering firm, not the project manager, and reminded everyone that the work that is being done is good. He agrees there is a lack of organization and things are moving slowly. He reminded us that we have saved over 2 million dollars by going with Fiacco. He stated that Buddy has run into many issues out of his control on this project such as cement under roadways and about 5 times as much rock as what was expected, but he hasn't charged additional fees when he could have. After much discussion it was clear that we need to let the job continue as is and hope that the work speed picks up. The only person losing money on this job is the contractor, not the Town. We still have around \$200,000 in water contingency. On another note, the deadline for the sewer plant work is December 31, 2025, and Buddy knows that if the work is not completed by then the Town will be fined by NYSDEC on a daily basis for every day it is not done. TJ Fiacco will be responsible for these fines and is aware of the work that needs to be done, along with the deadline and looming fines. Anthony and Chris explained the two change orders being presented tonight, which were both approved, along with Water Pay App #16. Code Enforcement Officer Glen Besaw discussed the need for a Land Use Law in Hermon later during the meeting. This matter will be addressed with the Board, and Glen is going to come up with a tentative draft in the meantime. Also, Laurie Morse wondered if there was any money budgeted for Trout Lake zoning or if money would be available.

OFFICER REPORTS: These reports were discussed and are attached.

OLD BUSINESS: Appointment of BAR members for 2026: Roy Cook, David Tote, Chris Velez & Andrew Willard for 5 years.

NEW BUSINESS: Thank you letters from Jim and Linda Donaldson was read.

FINANCIALS:

Received annual dissolution check for \$85,223

Received annual AIM check for \$850

Received annual State Aid check for \$12,152

ACTIONS:

-Motion appointing BAR members for 2026 (same members as last year)

Presented by: HB 2nd: VD 0 naves

-Motion approving Shain's ROA for NYSLRS

Presented by: JS 2nd: HB 0 naves

-Motion approving corrections to L. Dibble's ROA for NYSLRS

Presented by: JS 2nd: HB 0 naves

-Motion approving Sewer Change Order #3 for \$115,484.08

Presented by: HB 2nd: VD 0 naves

-Motion approving Water Change Order #2 for \$88,425.30

Presented by: HB 2nd: VD 0 naves

-Motion authorizing water Pay App #16 for \$403,597.90

Presented by: VD 2nd: JS 0 naves

-Motion approving 2026 salaries amount for budget

Presented by: JS 2nd: SS 0 naves

-Motion posting seasonal roads for winter

Presented by: JS 2nd by HB 0 naves

-Motion to approve Clerk Wayering's CLERK report & bank statements for 9/2025 Presented by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves

-Motion to approve Clerk Wayering's TAX report & bank statements for 9/2025 Presented by: VD 2nd: HB 0 naves

-Motion to approve Justice Velez's COURT report & bank statements for 9/2025 Presented by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves

-Motion to accept Sept. 2025 minutes with no changes & dispense of reading Presented by: VD 2nd: JS 0 naves

-Motion to approve payment of all bills listed on Abstract #10, Presented by: VD 2nd: HB 0 naves

Vouchers #983-1017 in the amount of \$547,396.02

-Motion from John Stransky to adjourn meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering
Town Clerk