

TOWN OF HERMON
Town Board Monthly Meeting Minutes for
MARCH 2025

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, Town Hall 6pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Cathy Race, Clerk Karen Wayering, Highway Superintendent Shain Brunet, Water/Sewer Superintendent Chris Stransky; Town Board Members: Victoria Day, Harold Blandin, Sheri Smith & John Stransky; Also, Legislator Larry Denesha, Steve Allen, Roger and Lenore Zaubere.

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

LEGISLATOR LARRY DENESHA was present and explained that SLC declared March 2025 as Women's History Month. Also, the 2024 budget needed to be modified due to the increase in inmate medical & hospital expenses. They also made a resolution with Franklin County for road salt, which there has been a shortage of this year. The County also passed a resolution in support of Corrections Officers and asked Governor Hochul to rescind the HALT Act and brought a resolution forward asking Governor Hochul to avoid increasing costs upon local governments. He explained that currently up to 80% of local government budgets are devoted to paying State and Federal mandates. Lastly, the CFO of Stewarts convenience stores will be attending a County Finance meeting next week to discuss gas pricing.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none.

REPORTS:

HIGHWAY Superintendent Shain Brunet is present & provided the attached written report.

Motion to purchase a used dump trailer for \$15,000

Presented by: JS 2nd V. Day_0 naves_

SUPERVISOR, TOWN CLERK, TOWN JUSTICE, CODE ENFORCEMENT, DOG CONTROL, & WATER/SEWER Reports were discussed and are attached.

HISTORIAN Lenore Zaubere is present and spoke. A written report was provided and she explained her willingness to help residents build their family tree history and mentioned the possibility of keeping her office open on Saturdays in an effort to have more of the public come tour her office and it's archives. As this becomes available it will be posted on the Town website and other places. Also, National Historical Marker Day is coming up and Lenore is looking for volunteers to clean the two markers in Hermon (McBrier Park & Trout Lake).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: hire a cleaner for the town barn and town office at a cost of \$150 per month?

ACTIONS:

- Motion to hire cleaner at barn & office at a cost of \$150 per month Presented by: JS 2nd: SS 0 naves
- Motion approving omitted clean up charges be added to 2026 taxes Presented by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion obligating remaining ARPA funds to library project (\$48,207.25) Presented by: VD 2nd: SS 0 naves
- Motion to change water/sewer late penalties to a flat rate of \$12.00 Presented by: JS 2nd: SS 0 naves
- Motion to approve Clerk Wayering's monthly report & bank statements for 2/2025. Presented by: VD 2nd: SS
0 naves
- Motion to approve Town Justice Velez's COURT report & bank statements for 2/2025.
Presented by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion to accept February 2025 minutes with no changes & dispense of reading. Presented by: VD 2nd: SS
0 naves
- Motion to approve payment of all bills listed on Abstract #3 .Presented by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion to enter into Executive Session to address Personnel issue at 6:50 pm Presented by: VD 2nd: SS
0 naves
- Motion to return to regular session at 7:15 pm Presented by: HB 2ND: SS 0 naves
- Motion to take forensic audit report to attorney Presented by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves
- Motion to accept Code Officer Mike McQuade's resignation Presented by: JS 2ND: VD 0 naves
- Motion to hire Glen Besaw as Code Officer Presented by: HB 2ND: SS 0 naves
- Motion to change Bookkeeper Lori Dibble's salary to \$9,000 per year (from \$20/hour)
Presented by: VD 2ND: JS 0 naves
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:20 pm. Presented by: JS 2nd: VD 0 naves**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wayering
Town Clerk