

Scottsville, New York
April 10, 2025

Regular Town Board Meeting held April 10, 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
Brian Turner, Highway Superintendent

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

Presentation by Eric Weis of CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning Firm

Mr. Weis explained a process that CPL uses to garner public input so communities can decide whether to pursue public water. He said that they have been doing this for about 25 years now and perfected the process over time. They have an online and paper survey that is available for the residents in the community. The results of the survey indicate whether there is interest, no interest or maybe interested. The results are then put into a map format. After the map has been created, public input meetings are usually held.

Supervisor Kirch said that the idea is to have the link to the survey in the next Town newsletter. He said that CPL does not charge for the survey or analysis and there is no commitment to CPL if they do conduct the survey.

Whereas, it was moved by Councilman Schoenthal seconded by Supervisor Kirch,
Resolution No. 63 :

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to include a town-wide water survey in the Spring newsletter.

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

Motion Failed

Public Before the Board:

Josh Hickel presented an Advisory Petition to the Board for the investigation into forming a water district on South Road.

Peter Humphrey said that he also lives on South Road and has 3 wells on his property and only one has useable water after being treated. He said that they bring in bottled water because the well water is not good.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion of Councilwoman Stevens, seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Minutes of March 13, 2025, were approved as written.

Barb Chapman, Historian said that for about a year Nathan Ruekberg has been helping her in the Historian's Office. Nathan is a descendant of the Harmon family, and his ancestors go back to the beginning of the Town, so he is very interested in Wheatland history. He has cataloged her books in the office and is now scanning and digitizing the photographs in her collection. She said that she is currently working on a book about Wheatland and the Revolutionary War since it is the 250th anniversary of the Revolution.

Supervisor's Report:

- ARPA reporting is being finished up.
- Reserves workshop-second session to be scheduled
- Website proposals-still waiting on one more

Department and Board Reports (Submitted previously or herewith):

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

Department Heads in attendance reported on activity during the month of March.

Shanna Fraser reported that 210 kids attended the Egg Hunt. She thanked the Legion for their help with the hot dogs and mentioned the partnership with Kristine Uribe, Park Manager of the Genesee Valley Greenway.

Town Board Committee and Liaison Report:

Councilman Davis mentioned that he has measured the fencing around the Warren Cemetery on River Road and will put together a repair cost estimate.

Councilman Schoenthal reported that a \$15,000 grant was awarded to start looking at making improvements on the land the Town owns east of the pump station by the creek. He also mentioned working with the Highway Superintendent and Councilman Davis on trying to find grant funding for some of the aged infrastructure in Mumford.

Councilwoman Stevens updated the Board on the Dog Control Department.

Councilman Shero reported that the Travertine project at Sabin Metal has been withdrawn.

Correspondence:

1. Kim Stokoe Snyder to Town Board, re: Concerns over the 2025-2026 tax assessment roll.
2. David Boyce, President/CEO for Tompkins Insurance Agencies to Laurie Czapranski, Town Clerk, re: NYS Regulation #87.

Old Business:

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

Resolution No. 63:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland declares the application of Local Law No. 1 of 2025 to be a Type 2 action under SEQR 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (c) (26) and (33) with no need for further review.

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

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

Resolution No. 64 :

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland adopts 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.

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

New Business:

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

Resolution No. 65:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to the Town Clerk to advertise in the Penny saver for the trash cleanup at the Highway Facility and the brush pickup.

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.66:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval for the purchase of four (4) Knox Boxes and a one-year software license in support of the Mumford Fire District and Wheatland-Scottsville Joint Fire District at a cost of \$7,699.

Roll Call: 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. 67:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval to purchase a new Budget Office desktop PC at a cost \$965.30.

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

Amanda Grisa, Director of Farmland Protection for the Genesee Land Trust was in attendance and said they are currently working on three applications in Wheatland to protect farmland

through the Farmland Protection Grant Application Program. Part of the application is the letter that they are asking for this evening.

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

Resolution No. 68:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the letter of support for the Krenzer-Boulder Farm LLC and to provide them to the Genesee Land Trust for inclusion with their respective application to the state.

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. 69:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the letter of support for the Krenhafen Farm LLC and to provide them to the Genesee Land Trust for inclusion with their respective application to the state.

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 Shero and carried,

Resolution No. 70:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the letter of support for the Richland Resources LLC and to provide them to the Genesee Land Trust for inclusion with their respective application to the state.

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. 71:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to withdraw a sum not to exceed \$40,000 from the “Town Buildings Reserve Fund” for Senior Center and kitchen flooring work per GP Flooring proposals 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.72:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign the NYDOT permit for use and occupancy of state-owned property in support of a historical marker sign.

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

Mike Schultz, Post Commander and Gary Hults of the Smith Warren American Legion Post 367 were in attendance this evening to present a check to Historian Barb Chapman to use towards the publication of the Wheatland and the Revolutionary War book.

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

Resolution No. 73 :

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland accepts the donation of \$500 from Smith Warren American Legion to be used for printing/publishing the Historian's book on the Revolutionary War.

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 Supervisor Kirch, and carried,

Resolution No.74:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a Donnelly House permit for a porch book sale on June 6, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., fee to be waived.

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.75:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland authorizes the Supervisor to sign a contract with Nicole Selvaggio to instruct art classes.

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.76:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland grants approval of a title change for Madison Pope from Recreation Assistant to Jr. Water Safety Instructor at a rate of \$17.73/hour.

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 Supervisor Kirch, and carried,

Resolution No.77:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board of the Town of Wheatland agrees to hire Colden Young as a Lifeguard at a rate of \$18.90/hour, effective immediately.

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 Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Abstract dated March 24, 2025, with voucher numbers 20250287 through 20250297 in the amount of \$29,307.07, and Abstract dated April 7, 2025, with voucher numbers 20250298 through 20250357 in the amount of \$83,345.96 were approved provided that all bills are paid out of their respective funds after proper audit.

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$13,446.75
B	GENERAL FUND B	557.35
DA	HIGHWAY FUND	10,933.67
DB	HIGHWAY FUND (TOV)	1,888.81
	MUMFORD LIGHT	1,051.68
	NORTHEAST SEWER	513.81
TA	TRUST & AGENCY	915.00
Grand Total:		\$29,307.07

Fund	Description	Amount
A	GENERAL FUND A	\$50,938.10
B	GENERAL FUND B (TOV)	21.08
DA	HIGHWAY DA	22,683.00
DB	HIGHWAY DB	465.56
	MUMFORD REFUSE	6,288.78

	ROLLING ACRES REFUSE	1,521.84
	FAIRVIEW REFUSE	447.60
T/A	TRUST & AGENCY	980.00
Grand Total:		\$83,345.96

Executive Session:

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilman Davis and unanimously carried, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board resumed to regular session at 9:21 P.M.

Upon a motion of Supervisor Kirch, seconded by Councilwoman Stevens and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Laurie B. Czapranski
Wheatland Town Clerk