

## 11-7-24 Hadley Town Board Meeting Minutes

*\*Supporting documents for this meeting are available in the Town Clerk's Office\**

**Members Present:** Supervisor Arthur Wright, Attorney Raeann Johnson, Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Town Board Members; James Brewster, Tim Hilker, Charles Ovitt & Tina Ladd

**Members Absent:** Highway Superintendent Andrew Gilbert

**6:45 p.m.** Supervisor Wright opened the Public Hearing on Proposed Town of Hadley 2025 Budget and asked if anyone had any comments or questions.

**6:46 p.m.** Supervisor Wright closed the Public Hearing on Proposed Town of Hadley 2025 Budget. There were no comments or questions.

**7:00 p.m.** Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order and all cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:	\$ 15,509.53	Highway:	\$ 20,997.09
Water 1:	\$ 101.11	Water 2:	\$ 106.35
Sewer:	\$ 635.13	HO-20:	\$ 23.98

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

### Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	\$ 14,642.27	Highway:	\$ 43,287.48
Water 1:	\$ 725.86	Water 2:	\$ 394.36
Sewer:	\$ 1,988.17	Parks:	\$ 240.77

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

### Budget Transfers:

#### GENERAL

TRANSFER **\$78.67** FROM CODE 8010.2 (ZONING) TO CODE 8010.4 (ZONING)

TRANSFER **\$544.79** FROM CODE 8160.4 (REFUSE) TO CODE 8160.2 (REFUSE)

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

#### SEWER

DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BALANCE) BY **\$3500.00**, CREDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS) BY **\$3500.00**

SUB CODE 8120.4 (SANITARY) - **\$2901.14**

SUB CODE 9950.9 (TRANSFER TO CAPITAL) - **\$598.86**

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

**Provided in Folders** - Minutes from 10-10-24 Town Board Meeting.  
Reports for October: Supervisor's, Building Inspector's, Town Clerk's & DEC, Fuel & Operating Statement

## **Public Comments**

Stephanie Lansburg reported for the American Legion that there is a **Veteran's Day Chicken Parmigiana Dinner** at the Legion on **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8pm.**  
**The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and VETERANS EAT FOR FREE.**

Sue Wilder thanked the Highway Dept. for providing the portable lights at the Senior/Community Center on Election Day/Evening.

She also congratulated Tina Ladd on her win for the Town Board.

She also requested use of the **Fowler Lot on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 3:30 p.m.** She stated that Santa Claus will be there!

She also reported that the **Train will be coming to Hadley Station on November 16<sup>th</sup> for the Toy Drop Off.**

Sue Hoffman requested clarification on the status of the Stony Creek Property. Supervisor Wright stated that nothing more has been done with it because it has not been deemed surplus at this time.

She requested that the motion from March 2024 be vacated.

Attorney Raeann Johnson stated that it is not required to be rescinded but it was ultimately up to Councilman Charles Ovitt as he was the one who made the motion.

Councilman Charles Ovitt stated that the town cannot meet the criteria so there was no point in dragging it on.

**Councilman Charles Ovitt rescinded the following motion from the 3/14/24 Town Board Meeting;**

***RESCINDED MOTION FROM 3/14/24 - Councilman Charles Ovitt made the motion that the town board hereby supports Adirondack Tubing Adventures, LLC. to proceed with the process and negotiations that could potentially lead to the town of Hadley and Adirondack Tubing Adventures, LLC. entering into a sale agreement.  
Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Seconded by Carl Lawrence. All Ayes. Approved.***

### **Acceptance of 10-10-24 Town Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

### **Acceptance of October 2024 Supervisor's Report**

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

### **Highway Superintendent's Report – given by Supervisor Wright**

- Lebarron Road paving is complete.
- Working on shoulders for Elm & Maple Streets, Corlew Avenue and Lebarron Road.
- Working on Sand Pile.
- Will be putting gravel on O'Keefe Road.
- Highway Employee Rebecca Plummer jokingly added that *the plows are all on the trucks so there won't be any snow.*

### **Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Wright requested that the town board adopt the **Proposed 2025 Town of Hadley Budget.**

### **Resolution #52**

**Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby adopts the Proposed 2025 Budget and that it will now become the ADOPTED BUDGET for the Town of Hadley for the year 2025.**

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

Supervisor Wright also asked the board whether or not they wanted to proceed with the process of a local law for Fireman's Exemption. He requested that in order for it to become effective for the 2026 Taxes, we would need to request Attorney Raeann Johnson draft a copy for the board to review at the December 2024 Town Board Meeting. He also requested what percentage and how many years of service as a Fireman before eligible.

**Councilman Charles Ovitt made a motion for Attorney Raeann Johnson to draft a proposed local law for Fireman's Exemption for the December 2024 town board meeting that includes 10% exemption with at least 2 years of service to qualify. Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by James Brewster. All Ayes. Approved.**

Supervisor Wright also requested a motion for Rollover of Vacation Time for the following employees as per Employee Manual;

Todd Woodcock	98.5 hours
Billy Winslow	53 hours
Zach Shippee	40 hours
Rebecca Plummer	14 hours
Bill Pike	96 hours
Zack Lewandowski	42.5 hours
Monty Thomas	300 hours

Motion would also include that all other unused vacation time would be paid out as per Employee Manual.

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

**Upcoming meeting; Regular Town Board Meeting Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**7:18 p.m. Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn.**

**Motion made by James Brewster. Second by Charles Ovitt. All Ayes. Approved.**