

2-13-25 Hadley Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

6:45 p.m. Supervisor Wright called the Public Hearing and Presentation to order.
Nancy from Jim Mastrianni's Office gave a Presentation about the program and answered some questions during the Public Hearing for the Proposed PHA Plan for 2025 for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

6:48 p.m. Supervisor Wright closed the Public Hearing.

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

Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:	\$142,748.28	Highway:	\$ 10,485.53
Water 1:	\$ 854.30	Water 2:	\$ 436.57
Sewer:	\$ 219.43	Street Lighting:	\$ 2,798.70
HO 15 Equipment:	\$256,998.00	Payroll Clearing:	\$ 2,783.95

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

Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	\$ 34,404.28	Highway:	\$ 58,429.22
Water 1:	\$ 674.62	Water 2:	\$ 458.88
Sewer:	\$ 1,231.48		

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

Provided in Folders - Minutes from 1-9-25 & 1-24-25 Town Board Meetings
Reports for January: Town Clerk, DEC, Fuel, Building Dept., Supervisor's, Operating Statement

Public Comments

Cecil Hayes asked if the Sewer Issue has been resolved.

-Supervisor Wright said no.

He also asked about Andrew Hay being listed as our Wastewater Operator.

-Supervisor Wright answered that it was correct, DEC is aware and are working with us until our current Deputy obtains her license.

He also commented on the trimming being done on Tower Road. A discussion followed.

-Highway Superintendent Gilbert stated that he would take into consideration the comments during discussion moving forward and asked if anyone ever has concerns to call him.

Colin Hagadorn commented on concerns regarding the Maple Festival and asked who was in charge of it and how they obtain usage of the town.

-Supervisor Wright answered the Hadley Business Association.

-Town Clerk answered that they fill out a Use of Facilities Agreement form for the Park/Senior Center and Town Hall.

Additional Comments followed & Supervisor Wright thanked everyone for their comments.

Following the Supervisor's Report on the Animal Control Position, Sheena Smith asked what the difference in cost was for the town.

-Supervisor Wright responded that last year \$10,225 was budgeted and this year we budgeted almost \$11,000. Corinth has offered to do it for \$10,000.

Acceptance of 1-9-25 & 1-24-25 Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

Acceptance of January 2025 Supervisor's Report

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

Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gilbert reported that they are waiting on an oil pump for the garbage truck and it should be fixed by the end of next week.

He also requested permission to draw out specs and go out to bid on a pick-up truck.

- Councilman Ovitt asked for a ballpark figure and Superintendent Gilbert said around \$63,000.00.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt giving permission for the Highway Superintendent to draw out specs and go out to bid on a pick-up truck. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Superintendent Gilbert also asked for permission to post roads as necessary.

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

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor requested that the board vote on Resolution #26

RESOLUTION #26

- **Resolution Adopting the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program PHA Plan for 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town of Hadley operates a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hadley is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to prepare and adopt a written PHA Plan that establishes local policies for administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hadley has caused a written PHA Plan to be prepared establishing local policies for administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and has reviewed such written plan,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Hadley hereby adopts the Five Year PHA Plan starting in 2025 for operation of the Town of Hadley Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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

Supervisor Wright also discussed the Animal Control Officer position for the town of Hadley stating that the town of Corinth has offered to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement where they would provide us the service with insurance for less money than we budgeted for 2025. He requested a motion from the board to have Attorney Johnson and Corinth's Attorney draft a Memorandum of Agreement to be presented to the board at the March Town Board Meeting.

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

Supervisor Wright also announced that CDHP & Albany Med have entered into a 2 year agreement so our Retirees are all set.

Town Clerk's Report:

The Town Clerk requested a *Revision to Resolution 26 of 2024*

- Lia Byron's Term should be from 2-8-24 through 9-30-25 to finish previous term of Dan MacGuffin. It was incorrect on the original resolution.

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

She also requested a resolution to re-appoint Adam Smead to a Planning Board Term 1/1/25 through 12/31/29.

Resolution #27

Be it resolved that Adam Smead be appointed to the Planning Board for a term of 1/1/25 through 12/31/29.

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

She also announced the following;

- AARP Foundation **FREE** Tax-Aid Corinth EMS Building/101 Sherman Ave.
 - January 27th through April 10th
 - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - Walk-in to make appointment and get a required pre-appointment packet during open hours.

- Parking available in the gravel lot across the street.
- Please use the ramp entrance.
- No age restrictions or membership requirements.
- Taxpayers 50+ years and low-moderate income taxpayers are encouraged to use this **FREE** service.
- For more information email rpinetaxaide@gmail.com or call 518-223-9915

She also requested for the Bookkeeper that a Resolution is needed from the Town Board to accept the updated standard work day documents that have been signed and dated by the following elected officials and appointed officials with a current term date as indicated.

RESOLUTION #28

Be it resolved that the Town of Hadley hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Standard Work Day</u>	<u>Term</u>
Elected		
Arthur Wright	7	1/1/24 – 12/31/25
Andrew Gilbert	7	1/1/22 – 12/31/25
Colleen DeMarsh	7	1/1/24 - 12/31/25
Patrick Harrington	6	1/1/24 – 12/31/27
Appointed		
Raeann Johnson	6	1/1/25 - 12/31/25
Albert Brooks	6	1/1/25 - 12/31/25
Lorraine Fiorino	6	1/1/25 - 12/31/25

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

Other items:

Councilman Tim Hilker encouraged calling the Supervisor or Highway Superintendent with concerns and issues and he felt that some of the items discussed during public comment could have been addressed with a phone call.

Attorney Raeann Johnson thanked the Highway Superintendent and his crew for all of their hard work during the recent storms keeping our roads safe.

7:38 p.m. Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by James Brewster. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Next meeting: March 13th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.