

8-14-25 TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Members Present: Supervisor Mo Wright, Highway Superintendent Andy Gilbert, Attorney Raeann Johnson, Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Board Members; Charles Ovitt, James Brewster and Tina Ladd.

Members Absent: Board Member Tim Hilker

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

Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:	\$ 13,530.81	Highway:	\$ 74,178.52
Water 1:	\$ 1,438.91	Water 2:	\$ 1,745.42
Sewer:	\$ 294.73	Street Lighting:	\$ 2,267.12
Youth:	\$ 601.04		

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	\$ 31,893.22	Highway:	\$ 73,538.82
Water 1:	\$ 289.98	Water 2:	\$ 286.69
Sewer:	\$ 947.48	HO7:	\$ 60,500.00
Youth:	\$ 9,670.94	Cemetery:	\$ 350.00

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Budget Transfers:

GENERAL

TRANSFER \$42.88 FROM CODE 1680.4 (DATA PROCESSING) TO CODE 1670.4 (CENTRAL PRINT)

YOUTH

DEBIT CODE 510 ESTIMATED REVENUES BY \$6571.99, CREDIT CODE APPROPRIATIONS BY 6571.99
SUB CODE 7310.4

TRANSFER \$1500.00 FROM CODE 7310.2, TO CODE 7310.1

TRANSFER \$11654.38 FROM CODE 7310.4 TO CODE 7310.1

TRANSFER \$1076.63 FROM CODE 7310.4 TO CODE 9030.8

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Provided in Folders

Minutes from 7-10-25 Town Board Meeting,
Reports for July: Fuel, Town Clerk (DEC, Ag & Mkt., Monthly Cash), Code Enforcement, Town Historian, Water System Field Compliance Inspection Summary Report, Budget Transfers, Operating Statement, & Supervisor

Public Comments

Paul Kruger discussed the culvert behind Colin Hagadorn's house and how they are working with neighbors to make improvements and install a 24" culvert. After discussion on the specifics, he asked Andy (Superintendent) if he needed to call him first and Andy said no.

Colin Hagadorn asked for an update on Water/Sewer. Supervisor Wright said he will be giving a Sewer update later in the meeting and that there are no problems with the water in town according to the Water System Field Compliance Inspection Summary Report done by Saratoga County Department of Health. Superintendent Gilbert stated that more unannounced inspections are to be done.

Kathy Trackey commented about the complaint she made a couple of weeks ago regarding loud inappropriate music playing on the garbage truck. She stated that Superintendent Gilbert addressed her complaint, and thanked him for that.

Carl Lawrence asked why the Senior/Community Center was shut down and not being used. Supervisor Wright explained to him that Civic Groups are allowed to and do use the facility. He stated that the reason the board decided to stop allowing private events was due to damage to the building/chairs. The board made the decision to close it to private events in March of 2022. The supervisor stated that Carl was on the town board at the time and voted for it. Carl stated that he thinks the board should reconsider opening it up to the public. Supervisor Wright said the board would take his request into consideration.

Cecil Hayes asked if we charged/or would consider charging a deposit to use the Senior/Community Center. After much discussion, Supervisor Wright stated that this has been discussed a lot in the past, and it was decided not to charge a deposit.

Cecil also asked if there was a litter ordinance in the town of Hadley. Supervisor Wright stated no. He also stated that if evidence was found, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation rules would apply. Councilman Ovitt added that in the past, when there was evidence of who littered, and brought to court, it was dismissed because even if you could prove that there was garbage with their name on it, you could not prove they tossed it there.

Acceptance of 7-10-25 Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

Acceptance of July 2025 Supervisor's Report

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Gilbert requested a motion to declare the items listed below to be declared surplus so that he can have Auction's International come in and list them;

2008 GMC Canyon
2000 GMC 3500
1985 International S-1600
2000 Dodge Dakota
1965 Listow Trailer
1963 Gallon Roller
1963 Gallon Roller
Gravelly Lawn Tractor
1969 Caterpillar 951
1978 Steco Trailer
1987 Ford L-9000
1974 East Trailer
1989 Ford L-8000
2001 John Deere 425 Lawn Tractor
2009 Ford F-350

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

Superintendent Gilbert also requested a motion to give him authorization to accept/decline bids made on above listed items.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Superintendent Gilbert also discussed the continued situation of Mr. Cason harassing the town employees. The District Attorney's Office recommended finding the pins/surveying between Cason/Town property and putting up a fence. The Superintendent will get pricing/contact former surveyor and report back to the board.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Wright reported on the Employee Health Insurance and recommends renewing with MVP at a 7% increase which can be absorbed with the insurance bank. He also stated it is the same policy with some small changes. Employee contribution will go up slightly.

Resolution #37

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby renews the Town of Hadley Health Insurance with MVP at a 7% increase.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Wright also gave a Sewer update.

- He stated cameras were installed, lines cleaned, and he met with Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to go over footage. There was nothing found that would pinpoint the problem. He will continue meeting with the engineer from Rural Water and DEC to discuss moving forward. He also stated that there are very few groundwater Sewer systems in the state to be held to the standards that the town of Hadley is being held to. The town will be asking for the standards to be lowered to what similar groundwater Sewer Systems are held to. He also stated that he is working with Attorney Johnson to strengthen our Sewer Law. And that Rural Water will be giving us guidelines/education materials to distribute to our users in the district.

Supervisor Wright also stated that the 2026 Budget Process is starting. Budget Requests have been mailed out and are due back by September 1st.

Youth Director Report:

Youth Director Jean Cieslik reported that the Summer Youth Program concluded today (Thursday, August 14th) and that it was a huge success. She stated that there were 126 children registered and the most popular age group was 5-9 year olds.

In addition, on Friday, August 15th, she emailed a synopsis of the Summer Program to the Town Clerk. It read as follows;

Art & Science in the Park

126 youth registered 48- male & 78 female

0 - 4 = 15

5 - 9 = 67

10 - 15 = 35

16 - 18 = 8

19 - 21 = 1

Donations -

Brookfield

Darrah Surveying

Bon's

Lions Club

American Legion Family

Colin Hagadorn

Carrie Wilson

The Potavin family

Morgan Panich

Ms. Donna and staff at Rockwell Falls General Store

Hadley Youth Art & Science in the Park had a lot going on this summer! We built solid partnerships within our community, including the Rockwell Falls Public Library!

Weekly Themes were incorporated in all the art & science activities and field trips to enhance the experience! We even had a visit from Warren County Office of Children & Family Services with their BIG GAGA BALL PIT!!!!

Week one - Physical & Mental awareness - We assisted Hadley Luzerne Booster Club with their Skills & Drills Soccer Clinic, went Tree Top climbing with ziplines at Adirondack Adventure and did yoga in the park with the Potavins. We went to Vested Veterans to make pizza from scratch on our Extra Enhancement Friday!

Week two - Pirates & Princess - We had a fun week helping Hadley Luzerne with a Wrestling Skills & Drills Clinic, had Princess' and Knights Horse Back riding at Mountain View Rocking B Ranch (Bennetts) and made Zen Gardens on Friday.

Week 3 - Celebrating Christmas & Community - taking BOOK donation for Saratoga Children's Literacy League & school supplies for Jenn & Jean Pike to bring to Honduras! We went mini golfing at Bon's and decorated Christmas Cookies for Christmas in July on Friday!

Week 4 - Water Works - We got WET! with sprinklers and tubing down the Hudson River with Adirondack Adventure! For our extra enhancement we designed floral arrangements!

Week 5 - Music & Magic - We learned some great dance skills with Morgan Panich, went old school ROLLER SKATING at the FUN SPOT and had Blaine the Magician of Hocus Pocus share the magic of SCIENCE!!! On Friday we went to Lake Luzerne New York State Campground and received insight on safety while hiking and around water! We also were able to WISH Smokey the Bear a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The group of kids that attended this were featured in the NYSDEC NEWSLETTER & the Post Star!

Week 6 - BOOKS to MOVIES - With the HELP of Saratoga Children's Literacy League we had 2 book clubs with books that became movies! We watched Where the Wild Things are in our own High School Auditorium & enjoyed a family picnic in the park for our last official day of program!

Town Historian Report:

Town Historian Kathy Trackey reported that Music in the Park was a success and that the Town of Hadley's 225th Birthday Celebration Committee made \$600 from the raffles. They would like to use the money to have Tim Rodrigue design a new sign in the Fowler Lot.

She also stated that Maureen has the following already scheduled for Founder's Day July 11th, 2025 in the park;

SnaXident (food vendor)

Sip & Sweets (food vendor) who have also generously offered to pay for a band

DoubleTap (band)

She also thanked Superintendent Gilbert for having his crew hang the red, white and blue bunting in the front of the town hall and requested that they take them down so that we can reuse for next year's birthday celebration.

She also stated that she visited the Edinburg Museum and suggested everyone check it out.

She also stated that she agreed with the town board closing the Senior/Community Center off to private events because the chairs were ruined from people not caring when using the facility.

Town Clerk's Report:

Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh reminded everyone about the Community Wide Garage Sale this weekend.

She also announced the Brick Fundraising event for the Lake Luzerne Destination Playground.

- To buy a brick go to polarengraving.com/hadleyluzernelionsclub
- Community Wide Garage Sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Other Comments:

Councilman Charles Ovitt made a motion that the town advertise to hire a part-time licensed back up employee for the Water/Sewer Dept. After much discussion and advisement from the Town Attorney to advertise for the position the motion was seconded by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Highway Superintendent Gilbert stated that he has someone interested in the part-time back up position for Water/Sewer District and as advised by the Town Attorney, the board will meet with the interested candidate as well.

Highway Superintendent Gilbert also stated that the flushing of hydrants will begin and he will let the Town Clerk know that dates so that she can post it on the website and Facebook.

7:36 p.m. Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by James Brewster. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Next meeting: September 11th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

"Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more. "
~ Mother Teresa