

3-13-25 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 Andrew Gilbert, Attorney Raeann Johnson, Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Town Board Members; James Brewster, Tim Hilker & Tina Ladd.

Members Absent: Board Member Charles Ovitt

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

Approval of Pre-Paid:

General: **\$ 10,198.78** Highway: **\$ 10,730.82**

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

Approval of Paying Bills:

General: **\$ 23,743.30** Highway: **\$ 49,362.83**

Water 1: **\$ 258.84** Water 2: **\$ 711.32**

Sewer: **\$ 1,798.62**

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

Provided in Folders

Minutes from 2-13-25 Town Board Meeting, Tentative Inter-Municipal Agreement between the towns of Corinth and Hadley for Dog Control Services.

Reports for February: Town Clerk, DEC, Fuel, Code Enforcement, Supervisors, Operating Statement

Public Comments

Louise Carney from *"The Saratoga Ladies of Saratoga National Cemetery"* announced that they are sponsoring their 1st Annual Golf Tournament and it will be held at Bend of the River Golf Course in Hadley. The date will be:

Saturday, June 14th, 2025 – FLAG DAY!

There are many opportunities for you to participate;

- Enter the Golf Tournament
- Tournament Sponsor
- Contest Sponsor
- Donate prizes for Raffles

In honor of Flag Day, in addition to celebrating Bend of the River's 100th year Anniversary, they will also be hosting a narrated Flag Fold ceremony, followed by the National Anthem at 1:00 p.m. The historic McBoston Fire Truck will be on display.

For information on participating or donations call or text Marlene O'Donnell 518-929-8825 or email: malloryjoy@yahoo.com

The Saratoga Ladies of the National Cemetery was founded in October 2022 and is a not-for-profit, all volunteer community of women honoring our fallen Veterans at the Saratoga National Cemetery. They attend **every** intermittent service for our fallen Veterans at the Saratoga National Cemetery which is approximately **75 per month**, standing as a silent witness during Military Funeral Honors. They then offer a final tribute to the fallen Veterans and support to their family or friends regardless of day, time or weather.

Colin Hagadorn questioned the Use of Facilities Agreement Form and the process in which people make reservations.

-Supervisor Wright, Town Clerk DeMarsh and Attorney Johnson explained how it worked.

After discussion, Supervisor Wright reiterated that if he has questions, to stop in his office.

Sue Wilder representing the Hadley Business Association gave a report on the upcoming Maple in April Festival to be held **Saturday, April 26th 2025**. She said there will be many activities for all to enjoy.

- French Toast Scholarship Breakfast
- Lil' Sugar Dust-Off Car, Truck and Antique Tractor Show
- Kid's Corner of FREE activities
- Craft & Food Vendors
- Horse Drawn Wagon Rides
- FREE Caricatures by local artist Alex Porta
- Line-Dance Lessons
- Wizard Wands
- Smokey the Bear

Sue Wilder also representing the Hadley-Luzerne Historical Society reported that they will be hosting a Reveal of the Handwritten Leather Bound Journal from Jeremy Rockwell **tentatively on July 5th & 6th**. Details to come.

Sue Wilder also commented on how impressed she was at the Goodbye Celebration for Congresswoman Elise Stefanik. She said it was a beautiful celebration and she got goose bumps when all cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Kruger asked where the money went for the Maple in April Festival and if they had insurance.

- Tyrone Nichols stated that they have a million dollar insurance and Sue Wilder invited him to come to the next Hadley Business Association meeting with any questions he may have.

Acceptance of 2-13-25 Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

Acceptance of February 2025 Supervisor's Report

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

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Highway Superintendent Gilbert stated he has the Specs for the Pick-up Truck, would like to put it out for bid, advertised in the Post Star and open bids at the April 10th, 2025 Town Board meeting.
 - o **Town Clerk DeMarsh will send the legal notice to the Post Star**
- Superintendent Gilbert also reported that the Sweepers are ready to go and the Garbage Truck is back up and running. He also stated that he would like to extend waiving the fee at the Recycling Center for garbage until March 19th, 2025.

Motion made by Tim Hilker to extend waiving the fee at the Recycling Center for garbage until March 19th, 2025. Second by James Brewster. All Ayes. Approved.

- o **Town Clerk DeMarsh will post on Facebook and Website.**
- Superintendent Gilbert will post sign at Recycling Center.**

Supervisor’s Report:

- Supervisor Wright requested that the board members approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Towns of Corinth and Hadley for Dog Control Services.

Resolution #29

Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Agreement between Towns of Corinth and Hadley for Dog Control Services.

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

Supervisor Wright also requested to set a Public Hearing for April 10th regarding Water and Sewer Rates.

Resolution #30

Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby sets a Public Hearing for April 10th, 2025 at 6:45 to set new Sewer & Water Rates.

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

- **Attorney Johnson will send notice to Town Clerk DeMarsh for posting.**

Supervisor Wright also requested that, after the quotes received, we renew insurance with US Specialty Insurance Company for Property & Casualty Insurance because they were the most competitive pricing.

Resolution #31

Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby approves renewing the Property & Casualty Insurance with US Specialty Insurance Company due to them having the most competitive pricing at \$73,776.10.

Motion made by Tim Hilker – adding that he appreciated the process. Second by James Brewster. All Ayes. Approved.

Town Historian Report

Kathy Trackey/Town Historian reported on Hadley’s 225th and America’s 250th Birthday Celebrations. She presented the Board with a synopsis of ideas the committee would like to incorporate into the celebrations.

Saturday, July 11th, 2026 will be FOUNDERS DAY in Hadley Park which will include;

