

10-10-24 Hadley Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

6:00 p.m. Budget Workshop

7:00 p.m. Meeting

Members Present: Supervisor Arthur Wright, Highway Superintendent Andy Gilbert, Attorney Raeann Johnson, Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Town Board Members; Chuck Ovitt, Jim Brewster, Tim Hilker and Tina Ladd

Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:	\$ 7,964.19	Highway:	\$ 7,566.20
Water 1:	\$ 1,399.05	Water 2:	\$ 1,511.73
Sewer:	\$ 1,211.08	Street Lighting:	\$ 2,782.08

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

Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	\$ 18,520.76	Highway:	\$ 32,654.29
Water 1:	\$ 1,403.65	Water 2:	\$ 488.22
Sewer:	\$ 1,638.94	Parks:	\$ 345.00
Street Lighting:	\$ 771.30	HO-7:	\$ 45,000.00
HO-20:	\$ 10,351.69	HO-24:	\$ 2,200.00

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

Budget Transfers:

GENERAL

TRANSFER \$1360.00 FROM CODE 6989.4 (ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY) to code 1410.4 (TOWN CLERK) DEPUTY PAY FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2024

TRANSFER \$66.62 FROM CODE 8010.2 (ZONING) TO CODE 8010.4 (ZONING)

TRANSFER \$1485.74 FROM CODE 8160.4 (REFUSE) TO CODE 8160.2 (REFUSE)

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

SW1

DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BALANCE) BY \$2500.00, CREDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS), SUB-CODE 8330.4 (PURIFICATION)

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

YOUTH

DEBIT CODE 510 (ESTIMATED REVENUES) BY \$232.80, CREDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS) SUB-CODE 7310.1 (PERSONAL SERVICE)

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

Provided in Folders - Minutes from 9-12-24 Town Board Meeting.

Reports for September: Town Clerk DEC & Monthly, Building Inspector, Fuel, Operating Statement & Supervisor.

Public Comments

Sue Hoffman requested the status of the Stony Creek Road Property.

- **Supervisor Wright stated that nothing more has been done.**

Paul Kruger asked if yard waste for Fall Clean up could be brought to the Recycling Center.

- **Superintendent Gilbert said yes.**

He also commented on water line to his house and if there were plans to replace it.

- **Councilman Chuck Ovitt stated no plans at this time but it will eventually need to be upgraded.**

He also commented on vacation policy and stated that he has FOILED the Employee Handbook with the Town Clerk.

He also requested information from the Town Attorney regarding an appointment to the Town Board.

- **Attorney Johnson explained the various laws regarding the issue and reiterated that it is ultimately at the discretion of the Town Board.**

Acceptance of 9-12-24 Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

Acceptance of September 2024 Supervisor's Report

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

Justice Department's Report

The Honorable Patrick Harrington requested support from the town board for him to apply for a grant (for up to **\$30,000.00**) through Office of Court Administration. He would like to apply for the following items;

Cameras for offices, Emergency Buttons to call law enforcement, and a shredder.

He also stated that the grant is **100% fully funded**.

He requested a resolution from the board giving him permission to apply for the grant. .

Resolution #50

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby grants permission for the Honorable Patrick Harrington to apply for a grant through the Office of Court Administration for Cameras around offices, Emergency Button to call Law Enforcement and a Shredder for the Justice Department.

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

Youth Program Report

Youth Director Jean Cieslik reported that the Summer Youth Program ended in August and the participation was as follows; Hadley 63, Lake Luzerne 48 and Day/Corinth/Other 9.

She also reported that the reports for Saratoga County are being finalized.

She also reported that the Youth Program will be participating in **Trunk or Treat at the SMTES on October 19th**, Breakfast with Santa and Ornament Making for Hadley's Annual Tree Decorating Event at the Fowler Lot.

Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gilbert reported that the crews are working on stocking the sand pile for the upcoming winter season

He also reported that the crews will be **flushing hydrants the week of October 21st**.

He also reported that the crews will be **paving Elm Street, Maple Street and Corlew Avenue**.

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Wright requested that we re-schedule the November town board meeting from **November 14th to November 7th** so that we can have a public hearing on the budget before the deadline.

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

Supervisor Wright also requested that the board schedules a Public Hearing on the 2025 Budget for 6:45 p.m. on November 7th, 2024.

Resolution #51

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby schedules a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 7th 2024 6:45 p.m. at the Hadley Town Hall for the 2025 Proposed Budget.

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

Supervisor Wright also requested direction for the proposed Fireman's Exemption. He stated that Albany did not pass this year, but will try to get it passed next year.

He also stated that the eligible Firemen would have to choose 1 of the 2 (income tax credit or property tax exemption) – they could not get both.

He asked if the board wanted to proceed. The general consensus was to decide at the November meeting.

Town Clerk's Report

Town Clerk DeMarsh reported that there was a meeting regarding the Dude Ranch Trail. About 30 people attended the first meeting including Assemblyman Matt Simpson's office. It was confirmed by the NYSDOT Scenic Byways Office that the Dude Ranch Trail is alive and well. They will be organizing an official committee as a 501C3 and follow the NYSDOT Scenic Byways guidelines to create an Updated Corridor Management Plan. They requested a delegate from each town to be a liaison to the town boards with progress and information.

Town Clerk DeMarsh has volunteered to be the liaison for the town board of Hadley.

She also reported that the local Quilters Group has volunteered to make a quilt for **Hadley's upcoming 225th Birthday in 2026**. They will make the quilt with pictures of Hadley; Bow String Bridge, Hadley Fire Tower, etc... and leave blank squares for people to sign at the planned

Founder's Day in 2026 and then display the quilt at the Hadley Senior/Community Center after its completion.

She also reminded everyone to **VOTE** on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT THE HADLEY SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER FROM 6:00 A.M. UNTIL 9:00 P.M.**

7:26 p.m. Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn.
Motion made by James Brewster. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Upcoming meetings:

November 7th, 2024 Public Hearing on Budget 6:45 p.m.
Regular Town Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

****Please note this is a date change for the regular scheduled meeting!!!!***