

12-12-24 Hadley Town Board Meeting Minutes - REVISED 12-16-24

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; Charles Ovitt, James Brewster, Tim Hilker & Tina Ladd

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

Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:	\$ 71,587.79	Highway:	\$ 71,716.75
Water 1:	\$ 2,857.87	Water 2:	\$ 3,120.70
Sewer:	\$ 2,851.29	Street Lighting:	\$ 2,569.06

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

Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	\$ 16,214.03	Highway:	\$ 45,556.44
Water 1:	\$ 430.82	Water 2:	\$ 4,142.01
Sewer:	\$ 1,524.61	Cemetery:	\$ 750.00
HO-20:	\$ 15,493.99	HO-23:	\$ 8,522.74

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

Budget Transfers:

GENERAL

TRANSFER 221.75 FROM CODE 1410.2 (TOWN CLERK) TO CODE 1410.4 (TOWN CLERK)
TRANSFER 208.10 FROM CODE 1010.4 (TOWN BOARD) TO CODE 1410.4 (TOWN CLERK)
TRANSFER 7000.00 FROM CODE 1990.4 (CONTINGENCY) TO CODE 1430.1 (PERSONAL) PAYMENTS OF UN-USED VACATION TIME
TRANSFER 3564.85 FROM CODE 9010.8 (RETIREMENT) TO CODE 1620.4 (BUILDINGS)
TRANSFER 265.19 FROM CODE 1920.4 (MUNICIPAL DUES) TO CODE 3010.4 (SAFETY ADMIN)
TRANSFER 64.38 FROM CODE 8010.2 (ZONING) TO CODE 8010.4 (ZONING)
TRANSFER 40.45 FROM CODE 1920.4 (MUNICIPAL DUES) TO CODE 8010.4 (ZONING)
TRANSFER \$5570.11 FROM CODE 8160.4 (REFUSE) TO CODE 8160.1 (REFUSE) PAYMENTS OF UN-USED VACATION TIME

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

SW1

DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BAL) BY 1000.00, CREDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS) BY 1000.00
SUB CODE – 8320.4

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

SW2

TRANSFER 1457.90 FROM CODE 8320.4 (SOURCE) TO CODE 8330.4 (PURIFICATION)

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

SEWER

TRANSFER 445.88 FROM CODE 8110.4 (ADMIN) TO CODE 8120.4 (SANITARY)

TRANSFER 109.20 FROM CODE 9060.8 (MEDICAL) TO CODE 8120.4 (SANITARY)

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

Provided in Folders - Minutes from 11-7-24 Town Board Meeting, Schedule of 2025 Town Board & Planning Board Meetings, Proposed Local Law 1 of 2025, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program information.

October: Animal Control Report

Reports for November: Building Dept., Town Clerk & DEC, Animal Control, Fuel, Supervisor's & Operating Statement

Public Comments

Stephanie Lansburg – Announced **Meet Santa at the Rockwell Falls Public Library – December 14th 11am-3pm – Share cookies, hot cocoa, stories and crafts.**

She also requested speed limit signs for the avenues.

Highway Superintendent Andy Gilbert stated that the speed limit is 30 and he will look into putting signs up.

Supervisor Wright also stated if you know repeat offenders and the approximate time they are speeding, let him know and he can request police presence.

Cecil Hayes – Asked if the town has any new projects with NYSERTA.

Supervisor Wright stated not at this time due to a tight budget.

Cecil commented that the website states that the town is not participating. Supervisor Wright said he would look into that because we are participating.

Cecil also if the town is involved with the NYS Mini-Splits program.

Supervisor Wright stated that we are not involved at this time but he will research the program and report back at the January Town Board Meeting.

Cecil also asked if the town has National Grid Smart Meters in any of the town buildings.

Supervisor Wright stated that the town does not have any Smart Meters.

Paul Kruger asked why Street Lighting was a line item on the budget and if it was paid by taxpayers.

Supervisor Wright stated that we pay a monthly bill for Street Lights and that it is paid with taxpayers dollars.

Sue Wilder thanked the town of Hadley for their support to the 52 year old Hadley-Luzerne Historical Society and stated some of the projects, goals, and programs offered by the Society;

- Updated office @ Kinnear Museum, installed computers, got WIFI, American Revolution Display, Newsletters, Website, Scholarships, Summer Program, Lantern Walk to name a few

She also encourages anyone to become a member and announced that they have been gifted the original leather bound journal of Jeremy Rockwell – an early settler, supervisor, mailman and historic icon for the town of Hadley.

She also requested that the volume be turned down on the Sacandaga River Siren.

Supervisor Wright stated he will call and ask.

Acceptance of 11-7-24 Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

Acceptance of November 2024 Supervisor's Report

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

Highway Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gilbert stated that the Tandem truck we previously order will be delivered before Christmas.

He also stated that he has found a new garbage truck that is cheaper than the Western Star – quoted for \$310,000.00 that with Western Star we only have a slot and no delivery date. The truck he found is a **Kenworth 2025 T480** with a total cost of **\$272,732.00** and a delivery date of **8-12 months**. The breakdown is as follows;

2025 Kenworth T480	
Base MSRP	\$123,353.00
4% discount	- 4,934.12
Price after discount	\$ 118,418.88
Options @ MSRP	\$ 57,154.00
12% discount	\$ - 6,858.48
Price after discount	\$ 50,295.52
Total Price for cab & chassis	\$ 160,032.00
J&J Equipment LLC Load Master Body	\$ 112,700.00
TOTAL COST FOR TRUCK & BODY	\$ 272,732.00
Town has in Capital Project Fund	\$-152,249.00
Needs to be added to next year's budget	\$ 115,474.00

Councilman Charles Ovitt made a motion that the town of Hadley purchase the Kenworth T480 and give up the slot for the Western Star. He stated given the fact that the current garbage truck is 12 years old, this is a county bid that we are able to piggy back with and that we should act upon it now. Seconded by James Brewster. All Ayes. Approved.

Resolution #53

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby approves the purchase of a 2025 Kenworth T480 Garbage Truck at the price of \$272,732.00 from Kenworth Northeast Group, Inc. /100 Commerce Drive/Buffalo, NY 14218 (716) 852-2800 with a delivery date of 8-12 months.

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

Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Wright stated that the board needs to schedule a Public Hearing for the **Proposed Local Law 1 of 2025 – Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers**. Attorney Johnson stated that if we are to include Volunteer Ambulance

Workers, Rockwell Falls Ambulance Service would need to be added to Page 2 under Certification Paragraph.

Resolution #54

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby schedules a public hearing for Proposed Local Law 1 of 2025 – A Local Law of the Town of Hadley Enacting a Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Pursuant to Section 466-a of the Real Property Tax Law – after revision adding Rockwell Falls Ambulance Service. The Public Hearing will be held on January 9th, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Wright also stated that Maureen Lanfear has requested 67 hours of unused vacation time be paid out to her.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt to pay her for the unused vacation time. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Wright also stated that we have to re-appoint **Mike Siano to the Board of Assessment Review for a term 10/1/24 through 9/30/29.** Mike is interested in remaining on the Board of Assessment Review.

Resolution #55

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby appoints Mike Siano to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of 5 years starting 10/1/24 through 9/30/29. Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Wright also requested a public hearing for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program PHA Plan for 2025.

Resolution #56

Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley will hold a public hearing on February 13th, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. at the Hadley Town Hall/ 4 Stony Creek Road for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the proposed PHA Plan for 2025 for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Copies of the PHA Plan and all supporting documentation are available for review by the public at the Town Clerk's Office 4 Stony Creek Road, Hadley, NY 12835 or JEM, Inc. 57 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Wright also discussed the town of Hadley retiree's health insurance. Currently, we have CDPHP but they are still in negotiations with Albany Med and retirees are receiving notifications that Albany Med will no longer be accepting CDPHP. However, negotiations are still in process, and the town is hopeful that the negotiations come to flourish. Supervisor Wright is requesting that at this time, we renew with CDPHP. If negotiations do not come to flourish, we would have to switch to MVP (more affordable but more expensive co pays and deductibles) at the January 9th meeting. Renewal rates have gone up 8-9% with CDPHP.

