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Board members present were: Supervisor Ray Hodge, Chad McDonald, Lisa McDonald and Charlie Wilson. Others present were: Clerk Kimberly Tuttle, Adam Skinkle, Joe Morey and Jim Ketter.

The meeting was opened at 6:37 pm.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that Chad McDonald, be and hereby is appointed as Deputy Supervisor, for the year of 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson , Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-2

RESOLUTION FOR DEPOSITORY FOR SUPERVISOR AND TOWN CLERK

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that all monies coming into the hands of the Supervisor be, and hereby are designated as General Fund, Highway Fund, FICA Savings are all Chemung Canal Trust Co., Elmira, NY and the Towns investment Policy with whichever above has the best rates for 2026.

RESOLVED, that all monies coming into the hands of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall be deposited int the Chemung Canal Trust Co.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A BOOKKEEPER

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that Laura Wilson, be and hereby is appointed as bookkeeper for the year 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-4

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ATTORNEY

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ashland Town Board, County of Chemung, State of New York hereby agrees to engage in the legal services with Attorney Kimberlee Balok Middaugh with the Sayles and Evans Law Firm for the Town of Ashland for the year 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5

RESOLUTION TO PAY ATTORNEY

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved a fee of \$230.00 per hour, for legal fees, to be paid in full in December 2026.

Ayes: hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-6

RESOLUTION FOR OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Elmira Star Gazette will be the official newspaper for the Town of Ashland for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-7

RESOLUTION SETTING MEETING DATE AND TIME

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the 2nd Thursday of each month be, and hereby, is the designated date for the Town meetings to be held at 7:00 pm unless otherwise posted.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CODE OFFICER

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that Joseph Morey be, and hereby, is appointed as Code enforcement Officer for 2065.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-9

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, that Jim Ketter be reappointed to the Planning Board for the term of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2030.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZONING BOARD MEMBER

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, that the seat is vacant until someone can be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CUSTODIAN

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, that Lynette Neily be, and hereby, is reappointed as custodian for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12

RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES FOR 2026

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the following are the salaries set for 2026:

Supervisor	\$13,460.00 per year, payable monthly
Justice	\$9,578.00 per year, payable monthly
Town Clerk	\$20,186.00 per year, payable monthly (incl.
Dep. Clerk)	
Council Person (4) each	\$4,683.00 per year, payable semi-annually
Court Clerk	\$19,986.00 per year, payable monthly
Asst. Dir. Of Finance (bookkeeper)	\$13,260.00 per year, payable monthly
Code Officer	\$12,862.00 per year, payable monthly
Tax Collector	\$2,346.00 per year, payable first 3 months of
the year	
Assessor	\$12,000.00 per year, payable monthly

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OFFICERS TO ATTEND SCHOOL/MEETINGS

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald
Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that all officers of the Town of Ashland be, and hereby, are authorized to attend any school, meetings or conference pertaining to the Town; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said officers while attending to official business may receive actual expenses plus .725 cents per mile for travel with personal vehicle for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-14

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COURT ATTENDANT

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald
Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that Timothy Sweeney, Richard Craft and Peter Secondo are appointed as court attendants for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT HISTORIAN

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald
Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that Tom Beaty be appointed to fill the position of Town Historian for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-16

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEPUTY CLERK

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald
Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that Courtney Stuart be, and hereby, is appointed as Deputy Clerk for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-17

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COMMITTEE FOR BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald
Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that Lisa McDonald and Charlie Wilson be, and hereby, are appointed as the committee to take care of any problems with the buildings and grounds for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT VACANCY COMMITTEE

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald
Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that Chad McDonald and Reggie Piatt be, and hereby, are appointed as the vacancy committee, if any board position should need to be filled for 2026.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN BILLS AFTER THE MEETING

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has authorized the Town Supervisor, Ray Hodge, to pay bills prior to council members signatures, for routine and ongoing expenses, not to exceed \$500.00

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nayes: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20

RESOLUTION TO UPDATE SIGNATURE FORMS

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the Supervisor, Ray Hodge, to update the signature forms, adding Chad McDonald, Deputy Supervisor, as an additional signer in the absence of the supervisor, at the Chemung Canal Trust Co.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson

Nayes: None

There being with no further business the meeting was closed, by motion of Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mrs. McDonald, at 6:47 pm.