

Minutes of the Town Board meeting of the Town of Ashland held on Thursday, February 10, 2026 at the Town Hall 3663 Sixth Street in the Village of Wellsburg, NY at 7:00 pm.

Board members present were: Supervisor Ray Hodge, Chad McDonald, Lisa McDonald, Charlie Wilson and Reggie Piatt. Others present were: Clerk Kimberly Tuttle, Attorney Kimberlee Middaugh, Adam Skinkle, Rodney Strange, Mike Bonning, Rick Hurd, Tori Srnka and Joe Morey.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag.

Motion was made by Mrs. McDonald, seconded by Mr. Piatt, moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as transcribed by the clerk. Carried.

Supervisor Hodge stated he needs to contact Tom Beatty and discuss the Historical Building. Reggie stated that the NYSEG bill for the Historical building was over \$500.00.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE COURT AUDIT LETTER

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has received and approved the letter from Town Justice, Leon E. Tuttle, requesting an audit of the Ashland Town Court financial records for the year 2025, pursuant to the Uniform Justice Act 2019-a.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-21

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2026 FIRE CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF WELLSBURG

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Ashland has entered into an agreement with the Village of Wellsburg for Fire Protection to be effective January 1, 2026 and terminate on December 31, 2026.

RESOLVED, that the Town of Ashland approves Supervisor Hodge to sign the agreement and shall pay the Village of Wellsburg the sum of \$20,000.00 as a donation towards fire equipment and \$50,123.00 for fire protection for a total amount of \$70,123.00.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson

Nays: None

Abstain: Piatt

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-22

RESOLUTION TO REAPPOINT ALEXANDER MEHOLCZO TO BAR

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has reappointed Alexander Meholczo to the Board of Assessment and Review for a 5-year term, retroactive back to October 1, 2025 thru September 30, 2030.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

There was discussion on the amount charged by Kevin McKaig for snow removal. The Town Board agreed to table the discussion to review the mowing and snow removal until the March 2026 meeting.

There was discussion about using the Highway garage for a rabies clinic. Joe Morey recommended asking the Village Board for use of the Fire Station.

Supervisor Hodge reported that the report from New York State Dept. of Labor Public Employee Safety & Health Bureau Consultation Program, in regards to the Highway garage was good.

Supervisor Hodge reported that the Chemung County Legislature is conducting an 8-year review of Agricultural Districts. Any current or future farms need to contact the County to be put on an agricultural list. Each Assessor will need to verify that it is a working or non-working farm and if it is not a working farm, the Assessor will need to contact soil and water.

St. Pauley reported that they collected 22,885 pounds of clothing from the Town of Ashland and the Town was paid \$915.00.

Charlie Wilson reported that he has submitted all the information that was requested for State Retirement.

Joe Morey updated the Town Board on the complaints and issues on Cowell Hill Road and the how things were going with the new camper law.

Adam asked the town board to discuss purchasing a new 10-wheeler. Ray stated he had a complaint about Merriam Road. Adam stated that Merriam Road is on the schedule for this year.

Rodney Strange reported that the Town and Village are separate elections districts. The Town of Ashland is District 15-1 and the Village of Wellsburg is 15-2. He, also, reported that the County is ending the contract with the City of Elmira for DPW services.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-23

RESOLUTION TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS

Resolution by: Mr. Hodge

Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that the bills as audited by the Town Board and the same hereby are audited, approved and ordered paid to wit: Payroll 2-26 and checks #4331 thru #4340 and E33 in the total amount of \$7,111.96 on the General Abstract #2-26 and checks #2206 thru #2216 in the total amount of \$35,369.87 on the Highway Abstract 2-26.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by motion of Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mrs. McDonald at 7:48 pm. Carried.

Kimberly Tuttle
Ashland Town Clerk