

Meeting minutes of the Town of Ashland held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at the Town Hall 3663 Sixth Street in the Village of Wellsburg, NY at 7:00 p.m.

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, Rick Hurd, Mike Bonning and Debbie Comstock.

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.

The Town received a "Thank you" check for \$155.00 from Comp Alliance.

Ray Hodge stated that the question of pay for Kevin McKaig for snow removal had been cleared up. There was an agreement between Terri Olszowy and Kevin McKaig for snow removal. There will be a discussion in the future for snow removal.

Court audit to be performed at April meeting due to internet outage at the Town Hall and information not being able to be obtained to complete the audit.

The Town Board and Attorney discussed obtaining a bond for the purchase of a 10-wheel dump truck. Adam received a quote of \$338,356.53 thru a contract that will piggyback off of Onondaga County. Attorney Middaugh stated that the Town Board should hire a bond attorney to handle the paperwork at a cost of \$2001.25.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-24

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH ORRICK TO OBTAIN A BOND

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has agreed to enter into an agreement to obtain legal services from Orrick Bond Attorney's for a fee of \$2001.25, to assist with the purchase a new 10-wheel dump truck.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

Ray informed the Town Board that he has emailed Greystone for a quote for a new salt shed.

Adam Skinkle stated that Merriam Road is on the agenda to be repaired and that Robinson Road is going to need some work. Adam stated that Merriam Road is scheduled for June 8, 2026 for grinding. Adam stated that Merriam Road will need some patching before the work begins.

The Town Board reviewed the monthly reports.

Rodney stated that he will be meeting with DPW, Chemung County soil and water and the Village Board to discuss an area on Berwick Turnpike that some village residents are concerned with. Rodney put up a new American Flag at the park and ride.

Reggie stated that the NYSEG bill for the Historical Society is \$622.00. Ray stated he had not been able to speak with Tom Beatty but would continue to try in order to discuss the Historical Building. Ray stated that the Town Board will need to have a discussion about the Historical building in the near future.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF 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 3-26 and checks #4344 thru #4359 and E42 thru E43 in the total amount of \$84,381.25 on the General Abstract #3-26 and checks #2219 thru #2229 and E22 in the total amount of \$21,998.45 on the Highway Abstract #3-26.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by motion of Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mrs. McDonald, at 7:32 pm. Carried.

Kimberly Tuttle
Ashland Town Clerk