

Minutes of the Town Board meeting of the Town of Ashland held on Thursday, April 9, 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, Charlie Wilson and Reggie Piatt. Others present were: Clerk Kimberly Tuttle, Adam Skinkle, Rodney Strange, Rick Hurd and Mike Bonning.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-26

RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE LYLE EDGER AND KEVIN MCKAIG

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved the termination of Lyle Edger and Kevin McKaig from the mowing and snow removal.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-27

RESOLUTION TO HIRE WILLIAM BELL

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has approved Supervisor Hodge to hire William Bell for the Town owned properties and snow removal from the sidewalk around the Town Hall.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

Mr. Wilson stated he is still waiting to hear from NYS in regards to the retirement information he submitted.

Supervisor Hodge reported that the Highway Dept and the Historical Building accounts are low due to the increase in NYSEG rates.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-28

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A NEW 10-WHEEL DUMP TRUCK

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

WHEREAS, the Town of Ashland is in need of a plow truck for road maintenance within the Town;

WHEREAS, the County of Onondaga, in accordance with General Municipal Law section 103, has available through a properly let contract an International Plow Truck that would meet the needs of the Town and is hereby recommended by the Town Highway Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, since the Town of Ashland has sufficient funds in the General Fund to pay for the plow truck, the Town Board wishes to purchase the plow truck with funds from the General Fund; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ashland Town Board in the County of Chemung, State of New York acknowledges the need to purchase a plow truck for proper road maintenance and based upon the recommendation of the Town of Ashland Highway Superintendent, authorizes the purchase of an International Plow Truck with a front plow and wing with spreader, Model No. HX520, for Three Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and Fifty Three Cents (\$338,356.53) from a contract bid by Onondaga County, in accordance with General Municipal Law Section 103 (16); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Ashland Town Board authorizes the payment for the purchase of this plow truck to be paid from funds held in the General Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Ashland Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any and all documents required to complete this purchase with International Corporation.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

Supervisor Hodge explained the reason for foregoing the grant to purchase the dump truck versus using funds from the Fund Balance.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-29

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUDIT OF THE TOWN OF ASHLAND COURT FINANCIAL RECORDS FOR 2025

Resolution by: Mr. Wilson

Seconded by: Mr. McDonald

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Ashland hereby, acknowledges and approves the yearly audit for 2025, attached hereto, as required in accordance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, of the Town of Ashland.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

The Town Board reviewed the monthly reports.

Rodney Strange stated that he will be meeting with the Chemung County DPW and Chemung County Soil and Water on April 28, 2026 at 1:30 pm to evaluate erosion on Berwick Turnpike. Also, he stated that the County Executive, Chris Moss, is going to make a proposal to the Legislature to freeze the gas tax for 6 months and do away with the 4% sales tax on utility bills for the next 6 months. The County would need to give a 90-day notice to the state, but the County is going to ask New York State to waive the 90 day requirement so that this can start on June 1, 2026.

Reggie asked if the lights can be fixed on the outside of the building.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Resolution by: Mr. Hodge

Seconded by: Mr. McDonald

RESOLVED, that the bills as audited by the Town Board and the same hereby are audited, approved and ordered paid to wit: Payroll 4-2026 and checks #4361 thru #4374 and E69-E70 in the total amount of \$6,999.43 on the General Abstract #4 and checks #2231 thru #2239 in the total amount of \$21,680.05 on the Highway Abstract #4.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. Carried.

Kimberly Tuttle
Ashland Town Clerk