

Minutes of the Town Board meeting of the Town of Ashland held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at the Town Hall in the Village of Wellsburg, NY at 7 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, Liz and Wally Ferriter, Matt Butters, Xavier Gallo, Andy Degnan, Sara and William Andrews.

The meeting was opened with the salute to the flag.

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

The Town Assessor, Karen Hall, updated the Town Board on her progress with the files.

The Town Board reviewed a letter from the Town of Van Etten regarding NYSEG.

There was a discussion in regards to the Town portion of the income surveys that were sent out to all residents. The Village Board was asking if the Town would be willing to pay all or a portion of the survey fees. The board chose to table the discussion to the June meeting.

Monthly reports were reviewed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-31

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026-2027 ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT WITH ELMIRA CITY ANIMAL CONTROL

Resolution by: Mrs. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be and hereby is authorized to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town of Ashland and the City of Elmira Animal Control Department, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 119-o. The City of Elmira Animal Control Department will provide animal control services, in accordance with Article 7 and 26 of the Agricultural and Markets Law, and shall be at a cost of \$6471.49 to be paid annually by the Town of Ashland in monthly installments of \$539.29 commencing retroactively to the 1st of May 2026 and expiring on the 30th day of April 2027.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson Piatt

Nays: None

Supervisor Hodge reported that the mow truck and the mower were repaired and back at the shop.

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Charlie updated the Town Board on the information he submitted to the State for retirement information.

Wally Ferriter presented a plan to the Town Board for a project, of a fence and a sign, he would like to do in the Roushy Cemetery for the Eagle Scouts. The Town will require a Certificate of Insurance and possibly can pay for some of the material. Wally will attend another Town Board meeting when he is ready to start the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

RESOLUTION TO HELP WITH FUNDS FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT ROUSHY CEMETERY

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Piatt

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has agreed to donate funds, to be determined at a later time, to Wally Ferriter for his Eagle Scout project in Roushy Cemetery on S. Broadway.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

William Andrews presented a plan to the Town Board for a project he would like to do at the Ashland Toll Bridge Park, of an informational kiosk with benches, a fishing line disposal and 2 pollinator gardens. William asked the Town Board for some possibly funding for his project, also, a certificate of Insurance will be required. William will attend another Town Board meeting when he is ready to start his project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-33

RESOLUTION TO HELP WITH FUNDS FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT THE ASHLAND TOLL BRIDGE PARK

Resolution by: Mr. McDonald

Seconded by: Mr. Piatt

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has agreed to donate funds, to be determined at a later time, to Williams Andrews for his Eagle Scout project at the Ashland Toll Bridge Park.

Ayes: Hodge, McDonald, McDonald, Wilson, Piatt

Nays: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34

RESOLUTION TO PAY THE MONTHLY BILLS

Resolution by: Mr. Hodge

Seconded by: Mrs. McDonald

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has audited, approved and ordered paid to wit: Payroll 5-26 and checks #4381 thru #4394 and E89-E90 in the total amount of \$7,447.57 on the General Abstract #5-26 and checks #2240 thru #2244 and E50 in the total amount of \$14,278.84 on the Highway Abstract #5-26.

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 7:50 pm. Carried.