

Town of Cohocton
Minutes for the Regular Town Board Meeting
of July 15, 2025

Call to Order The meeting convened at 6:30pm for review of vouchers, followed by agenda. The meeting was called to order by Town Supervisor Judith Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present

Present: Town Supervisor Hall, Councilmember James McCart, and Councilmember Peter Wallace. Councilmember Patricia Johnson and Councilmember Geraldine Deusenbery were absent.

Also Present: Town Clerk Loraine Sanderson, Town Attorney David Miller, Highway Superintendent Richie Schumacher, Planning Board Member Marty Ohlbeck, Zoning Board Member William Yanda, Deputy Town Clerk Jade Perkins, two members of the ambulance, and approximately twelve members of the community.

Adjustments to Agenda: Addition of 'Dog Licensing'

Correspondence: None

Acceptance of the Minutes: **Motion** was made by Councilmember McCart to accept the minutes for the June 17, 2025 Regular Town Board Meeting, seconded by Town Supervisor Hall; the motion received two ayes with Councilmember Wallace abstaining.

Acceptance of Reports: **Motion** was made by Councilmember McCart to accept the June reports from the Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, Dog Control, Highway, Planning Board, Justices, Ambulance, Code Office, Police, seconded by Councilmember Wallace; motion carried with all ayes.

Approval of Abstract: **Motion** was made by Councilmember Wallace to approve payment of Abstract #7 with exception of voucher #381, for a total amount of \$322,075.40, seconded by Councilmember McCart; motion carried with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS

Pool Update: Excavation has begun.

Water Project Update: Waiting for USDA; bidding is expected in the next two weeks.

Baron Winds: New documents have been received for review

Prattsburgh Wind: Two representatives from Prattsburgh Wind discussed the current and upcoming phases of the project- there could be up to 4 or 5 phases total; Town Supervisor Hall requested updated maps showing locations and noise; concerns were addressed; agreements are needed to be signed - will need to be reviewed for a future meeting

NEW BUSINESS

New Tractor: Discussion of quotes and trade offers commenced. John Deere offered the only trade value, resulting in lowest purchase price. **Motion** was made by Councilmember McCart to accept the quote from John Deere for a new tractor for the Highway Department in the amount of \$182,516.06, with trade amount for the 2013 John Deere 5083C of \$28,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Wallace; motion carried with all ayes.

Resolution: Records Retention Schedule: **Motion** was made by Town Supervisor Hall for a Resolution to adopt New York State's Record Retention Schedule, seconded by Councilmember Wallace; Roll call: Councilmember Wallace aye, Councilmember McCart aye, Town Supervisor Hall aye. Motion carried.

Planning Board, ZBA Appointment: **Motion** was made by Town Supervisor Hall to appoint William Yanda as an alternate member of the Planning Board for a term ending in 2029, seconded by Councilmember McCart; motion carried with all ayes.

Brookfield BESS Meeting Update: Town Supervisor Hall and Planning Board Chairperson Ohlbeck met with Brookfield Solar. Planning Board Chairperson Ohlbeck summarized the meeting and said that his take away from the meeting was that Brookfield was just 'getting the lay of the land' and that their project doesn't fit with Cohocton's BESS Law.

Abandonment of a Section of Dutch Hill Rd: Discussion took place between the Town Board, Town Attorney and Town Highway Superintendent. It was determined that a qualified abandonment would be appropriate, which will require a public hearing. The Town Attorney will review the matter for further discussion at the next meeting.

Dog Licensing - The Town will need to decide in the future how to charge for late licenses.

Privilege of the Floor:

1. Prattsburgh Wind - Representatives from Prattsburgh Wind asked if a special meeting could be held 8/5 to discuss the Decommissioning Agreement and Host Community Agreement; Town Supervisor Hall responded that without knowing the schedules of the full board a meeting could not be scheduled.
2. Planning Board Chairperson Ohlbeck - Thanked the Town Board for the appointment of William Yanda; bio-solids discussion - a local law may need to be considered; a public emergency preparedness meeting will take place locally in September
3. Shannon Logsdon - Encouraged the Town to apply for a matching \$10,000.00 law enforcement grant that is available through Steuben County

Board Concerns: None

Adjournment: **Motion** was made by Town Supervisor Hall to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm, seconded by Councilmember Wallace; motion carried with all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Loraine Sanderson
Town Clerk