

January 9, 2023 the 2022 Close-Out Meeting, the 2023 Organizational Meeting, and the regular Town Board Meeting were held in the Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Councilmen Wilbur and Brown in attendance, and Councilman Barber absent. Supervisor Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor. A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

Organizational Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #1-2023

January 9, 2023

Title: Policies

Be it RESOLVED that the 2023 Town Board of the Town of Dresden accepts and adopts all fiscal and procedural policies in effect at the end of 2023 until and unless modified by the board.

A discussion ensued in regards to the Code of Ethics Resolution that the town still needs to pass. In light of the discussion a vote was called for by Coun. Wilbur to vote on adopting a Code of Ethics Resolution to go along with Resolution #1-2023 that the town accepts and adopts all fiscal and procedural policies and the roll call vote is as follows: Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Brown-NAY; Sup. Ferguson-NAY; Coun. Barber-ABSENT. A motion to pass **Resolution #1-2023** was made by Sup. Ferguson and seconded by Coun. Brown with a vote of AYE and Coun. Wilbur voted NAY and Coun. Barber was ABSENT.

RESOLUTION #2-2023

January 9, 2023

Title: Salaries

Be it RESOLVED that the following schedule of salaries and compensation for employees of the Town of Dresden for the year 2022 is adopted;

Supervisor.....	\$15,000.00/yr
Town Councilman (4).....	\$3,300.00/yr
Town Clerk.....	\$18,500.00/yr
Highway Superintendent.....	\$57,500.00/yr
Town Justice (2).....	\$6,500.00/yr
Assessor.....	\$16,200.00/yr
Bookkeeper/Supervisor's Secretary.....	\$720.00/yr (unassigned)
Tax Collector.....	\$6,000.00/yr
Deputy Highway Superintendent.....	\$750.00/yr
Budget Officer.....	\$12,500.00/yr
Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	\$700.00/yr
Dog Control Officer.....	\$3,000.00/yr
Historian.....	\$1000.00/yr
Sewer Dist. #1 Operator.....	\$10,972/yr, \$20.00/hr other
Justice Court Clerk.....	\$20.00/hr
Building Custodian.....	\$15.00/hr (unassigned)
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	\$14.00/hr as authorized by Town Board

Highway workers paid as per contract with the Teamsters Union

Reimbursement for authorized travel on Town business outside of town: \$0.45/mile. Meals out of the County on Town Business: \$9.00 for Breakfast, \$15.00 for Lunch, \$23.00 for Dinner.

Maximum use of town credit/debit cards, for any single purpose, to be set at \$300 without prior notification and approval from either the Budget Officer or member of the Budget Committee.

was made motion by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION #3-2023

January 9, 2023

Title: Appointments

Be it RESOLVED that the following appointments to office or position are adopted for 2023;

Deputy Supervisor.....	Councilman John Barber
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector.....	Councilman Allen Wilbur
Deputy Highway Superintendent.....	James Brown
Director of Finance/Budget Officer.....	Supervisor Paul Ferguson
Tax Collector.....	Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur
Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur
Supervisor Secretary.....	(Unassigned)
Dog/Animal Control Officer.....	Melissa Brown
Justice Court Clerk.....	Gail VanderPlaat
Historian.....	Cathy Huntington
Assessor.....	June Maniacek
Town Attorney.....	Matt Fuller
(With the firm of Meyer & Fuller)	
Official Bank.....	Community Bank
Official Paper.....	Whitehall Times

was made by a motion by Coun. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION #4-2023

January 9, 2023

Title: Highway/Committees Agreement

Be it RESOLVED that the agreement with the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Dresden for the maintenance and improvement of the town highway system for 2023 is approved.

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEES FOR 2023

Buildings and Grounds.....	Wilbur, TBD
Budget.....	Barber, Brown, Ferguson
Cemeteries.....	Brown, TBD
Highway.....	Brown, TBD
Insurance.....	Barber, Ferguson
Legal.....	Barber, Ferguson
Open Space.....	Barber, Wilbur
Recreation.....	Barber, Wilbur
Sewer District.....	Brown, TBD
Town Justice Review.....	Brown, Wilbur
Payroll.....	Barber, Brown

was made by a motion by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

TITLE: STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF DRESDEN hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the State of New York State and Local Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the personnel officer of this body.

Title	Name	Work Day	Term Begins / Ends	Time	Days per
		Hours		Report	Month
				System	
Town Supervisor	Paul D. Ferguson	8	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2023	N	20
Town Clerk	Marcinda L. Wilbur	6	1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023	N	20
Highway Sup.	Richard E. Hobus	8	1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023	N	20
Town Justice	Jack N. Eggleston	6	1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023	N	4
Town Justice	Jared N. Eggleston	6	1/1/2021 - 12/31/2024	N	4

Put Forth By _____
 Seconded By _____
 Councilman Barber _____
 Councilman Wilbur _____
 Councilman TBD N/A
 Councilman Brown _____

Adopted the ____ day of _____, 2023

 Marcinda Wilbur
 Dresden Town Clerk

was made by a motion by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

Town of Dresden Resolution #6-2023
2023

January 9,

TITLE: Town of Dresden Mission

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF DRESDEN hereby establishes the following mission

WHEREAS, The Town of Dresden goals is to provide superior municipal services in a reliable, efficient, fiscal and socially effective manner making Dresden a desirable place to live.

BE IT RESOLVED that the annual prior year statements are attached.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board is authorized to pass such resolution.

was made by a motion by Coun. Brown and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Town of Dresden Resolution #7-2023
2023

January 9,

TITLE: Raymond Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN BOARD of the TOWN OF DRESDEN has received a notice of resignation from Mr. Ed Raymond Town Councilman on January 1, 2023 wherein he has expressed his wish to resign from the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby takes note of the resignation. The Board would like to express its gratitude for the invaluable contribution made by Mr. Ed Raymond.

was made by a motion by Sup. Ferguson and seconded by Coun. Wilbur

Old Business: The town is still in need of a BOAR member.

The rear exit for the town hall is in need of a proposal for the removal and replacement of the stairway, the roof over them, and the electrical entrance wire. The electrical work will require a certified/licensed electrician and there will be specific bidding on the project. The process is still in the works.

New Business: Resolution #19-2022 titled **Budget Amendments** to cover year end expenses for 2022 was put forth by a motion made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

The Financials were given to the board and are on file in the town clerk's office. Mr. Hobus asked Sup. Ferguson about the A-5132.4 account and DA-5132.4 account in the budget. In 2021, monies in the DA-5132.4 account were moved back to the A-5132.4 where it belongs in the general fund in the amount of \$7,000. In the 2022 and 2023 budgets an amount of \$70,000 was budgeted in the DA-5132.4 and is incorrectly placed for a difference of \$140,000 in the highway that shouldn't be there. Sup. Ferguson replied during the 2022 budget workshop that the \$70,000 was a typo and yet it remained in the highway and was also included in the 2023 budget. The amount of appropriated fund balance taken from highway was \$191,000 and the taxes were reduced by 5.3% for 2023. The price of everything is going up and yet the town taxes went down and he was questioning the Supervisor for an explanation.

Marilyn Borden brought to the attention of the board during the December meeting about the condition of the Huletts Landing Public Beach. Sup. Ferguson stated that he would like to extend to her Privilege of the Floor during the monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors in Fort Edward to discuss with the members a course of action to repair the buildings and she replied that she would like to attend.

A vacancy has occurred on the town board due to Ed Raymond's resignation. The town board can appoint someone to finish out this year unless that person would like to continue, then they would have to run on the ballot for the general election of the year the vacancy occurred. Marilyn Borden has offered to serve the town as a councilperson until December 31, 2023. Sup. Ferguson decided to table and revisit the decision during next month's meeting.

****Highway Superintendent Rick Hobus announced during the meeting his intent to run for Town Supervisor in the November 2023 General Election.****

The monthly bills are as follows:

GEN-\$8862.87; HWY-\$63,367.01; SD#1-\$1424.00; SD#2-\$0

Public Comment: The board was asked by Marilyn Borden why there is no Code of Ethics in place for the town of Dresden. Sup. Ferguson replied that the language in the Code of Ethics is too vague to interpret for a town as small as Dresden since there are related members that work on the town road crew. Coun. Wilbur read a correspondence in relation to this issue from the town attorney and that all the discrepancies were addressed in January 2022. The Town Clerk read the statute of the Code of Ethics Chapter 24, Article 18, Section 806 of General Municipal Law authorizing the governing body to adopt such a code of ethics and is required by law. The issue is again tabled.

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Personnel and there will be no further discussions and Sup. Ferguson announced the meeting will adjourn once the board comes out of session. The board came out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. There were no further discussions.

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Dresden Town Clerk

Attendance: Scott Brown, Erich Hobus, Marilyn Borden, Warren Gordon, Christine Diekel, Paul Diekel