

Town of Dresden
Regular Town Board Meeting
Held on August 11, 2025
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sup. Tall, Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Diekel, Coun. Borden, Highway Sup. Hobus, Town Clerk Wilbur

Absent: Coun. Brown

Attendance: Warren Gordon, Kim Brown, Paul Diekel, Kathy Fox-Gable, Mary Labrie, Jared Eggleston, Darin Eggleston, Lora Johnson, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, EJ Conzola -Sentinel Times

Sup. Tall called the meeting to order and 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. Borden and all were in favor.

The audited vouchers require three signatures to be ordered to be paid. Upon signatures, the bills will be approved and paid. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor.

The Financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. There has been approximately \$21,000 in interest for the year to date in NYCLASS.

Supervisor's Report: Sup. Tall has been attending events in both the county and inter county committees like the Lake Champlain and Lake George Regional planning board, of which we are members, discussing good planning for projects to be funded by grants. Potentially, the town could use a grant for the rock slide issue on Lake Road.

Town Clerk Report: None

Highway Sup. Report: The Lake Road slide has been an issue for some time. Mr. Hobus has met with Deb Donahue and her team to inspect what can be done to remedy it. Lake Road and Mosier Road are slated to be repaved this year. The recommendation is to not put any more weight on the slide. Mr. Hobus has discussed with NYS Resident Engineer, Eric Burns, and Director Senior Engineer for Cornell Road Program David Orr to inspect the site. Mr. Orr will be in the area this fall and will come with some students along with a drone to inspect to see what exactly is happening. There is no scheduled date for the paving as of now, nor how long it will take to be completed. The crew has been actively working on ditching and road prep to prepare for the project.

Procurement Policy Update: The town's current procurement Policy contains language that doesn't reflect modern purchasing practices, so Sup. Tall recommends to the board to adopt a revised edition of the standards for the Procurement Policy. **Resolution #19-2025 titled Adopting Updated Procurement Policy** was put forth by a motion made by Coun. Borden and seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Sewer Committee Report: The Sewer Committee will be working on implementing a new Sewer Law for both districts and putting them under one law. Sewer Operator, Bill Borden, will be retiring on September 1 after 28 years of holding the position. A posting will be made for a job opening to fill his position. A shed will be necessary to house the testing equipment, tools and a purchase of a generator for power outages for the pumps. The town will be receiving monies from the LGPC and LGA to help fund the sewer relocation project so that less money will need to be financed.

The Sewer Committee has identified a need for a storage shed to house the testing equipment and tools and a generator to operate the sewer pumps during a power outage. (Both purchases are estimated to not exceed \$4,000 for the shed and \$4,500 for the generator. According to the town procurement policy it is required to get three documented quotes or evidence of availability from responsible purveyors. Therefore, a resolution to purchase a shed not to exceed \$4,000 and a generator not to exceed \$4,500 to be purchased. An actual purveyor or provider has not yet been selected but the board wishes to authorize the procurement policy to proceed without delay.)

Resolution #20-2025 titled Authorizing Purchase of Shed and Generator for Sewer District was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor.

The town needs to designate an Audit Committee made of a group of 2 members to review financial records and present audits to the full board. **Resolution #21-2025 titled Establishing an Audit Committee** was put forth by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor.

Solar Farm Discussion: Sup. Tall initiated a discussion in regard to installing solar panels on the closed landfill on Manning Road. The board recommends that concerns and questions from the public be brought to the board members and let them know. It could take about one million dollars to build after grants. It could potentially earn the town approximately \$100,000 a year in income. There are no batteries on the site and the electricity it could generate would feed back into the system. The asset life is predicted to be between 25 and 35 years. If the town has interest it can be further pursued as a possibility.

Preliminary Budget Process: The Board will be preparing for the 2026 Budget in the next few months. The financials reflect some savings this year. Coun. Diekel entered the meeting at this time. Sup. Tall began a discussion on Dresden being the only town having two justices in Washington County. Coun. Diekel had reached out to the Justices and discussed the duties of the position. It was discussed that they justices provide a service to the town. Discussion extended to the Dog Control Officer. By State Law, a town is required to have a designated officer for calls. There will be additional discussions as the time gets closer to the tentative budget.

Coun. Borden reminded all that there is going to be an Office of Aging Information and Luncheon held in the town hall on August 27th beginning at 12:00 p.m. and will include presentations of services available to seniors as well as legal services for seniors.

Public Comment: Jared Eggleston expressed to the board that they consider keeping the second Justice for the town. A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

There were no further discussions. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.