

Town of Dresden Monthly Meeting
December 8, 2025
Held in the Dresden Town Hall
beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Sup. Tall, Coun. Wilbur, Coun. Brown, Coun. Diekel, Coun. Borden, Town Clerk Wilbur, Highway Superintendent Hobus
Attendance: Suzanne Shad, Mary Beth Aiken Hadeka, Tom Finn, Warren Gordon, Barbara Semcken, Duane Semcken, Rick Carter, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, John DeLucia, Chris Hansen, Pam Hansen, Terry Storms, Leona Storms, Don Gellenthien, Kim Brown, Scott Brown, EJ Conzola-Sentinel Times, Paul Diekel, Cathy Leghorn, Jim Leghorn, Chris Yule, Jeanne Eliseo

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sup. Tall and he led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor. There was a Special Meeting held on November 24, 2025 for the purpose of **Resolution #34-2025** titled **Resolution Rescinding Prior Resolutions and Orders Related to the Sewer District #1. Resolution #14-2025** titled **Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Serial Bonds or a Statutory Installment Bond or Bond Anticipation Note in the Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 for the Sewer District No. 1 Forced Main Burial Project** passed on June 9, 2025 and **The Public Interest Order in the Matter of The Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Huletts Landing Sewer District #1 in the Town of Dresden** ordered on June 16, 2025 and **Resolution #28-2025** titled **Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Maximum Cost of Improvement for Sewer District No. 1 Pursuant to Town Law Section 202-b** are to be rescinded by a motion made by Sup. Tall and the roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE. **In the Matter of Increase and Improvement of the Facilities of Huletts Landing Sewer District #1 in the Town of Dresden, Washington County, New York** whereas the updated engineering cost estimates have shown that the current project cost is \$235,021.00 due to inflation and finalization of the scope in the prior scope review, an increase of \$35,021.00 over the previously estimated costs. The Order was put forth by Sup. Tall and the roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE, the Order passes on November 24, 2025.

Sup. Tall went over the latest financials. As we come into the year end, we are currently waiting in the highway department for around \$130,000 of income from CHIPS. The highway department may get \$130,000 before year end. Currently, our cash balances are in interest bearing accounts, \$160,000 for the general, \$155,000 for the highway, and about \$60,000 each for the two sewer districts.

Sewer District #1 Update: The pipes are nearly completely relocated. We have been working with The Bank of Green County for the financing for the project. Currently there is a 3.89% interest rate to borrow up to \$235,000. We have received \$40,000 from the Lake George Association and will be getting another \$80,000 from the Lake George Park Commission.

The impact of the County Tax increase is shared proportionately with each town in the county. The total tax increase we can expect will be 10%. Included in tonight's packet for the meeting was a printout about the judicial court structure in Washington County and a review of how the town compares to Town and Population for each town in the county. Dresden is the only town in the county with 2 justices. The report is filed in the clerk's office. A discussion was had about a referendum to remove the justice position during a General Election as well as the logic behind having two justices for the town. The board was asked to show their hand if they think it is necessary to have two justices for the town and there were none raised.

A comparison of Salaries for Supervisor Compensation was given to the board for review. The Town of Dresden has the highest paid Supervisor out of all towns in Washington County. A motion to reduce the salaries for each position to \$3,000 was made by Coun. Borden and seconded by Coun. Wilbur for a discussion to reduce the salaries for Town Supervisor and Town Budget Officer to reflect the workload for each position for the Town of Dresden. The board was asked to show their hand if they think it is necessary to have the highest paid Supervisor in Washington County and no one raised their hand. These discussions were due to the financial condition of the town and the burden on taxpayers.

Resolution #35-2025 titled **Establishing the 2026 Salary for the Town Supervisor (Town Duties Only)** resolving the annual salary for the Town Supervisor to begin with the January 2, 2026 pay period shall be \$3,000. The roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Diekel-NAY; Coun. Brown-NAY and the resolution passed with 3 AYES and 2 NOES.

Resolution #36-2025 titled **Establishing the 2026 Salary for the Town Budget Officer** resolving the annual salary for the Town Budget Officer to begin with the January 2, 2026 pay period shall be \$3,000. The roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Diekel-NAY; Coun. Brown-NAY and the resolution passed with 3 AYES and 2 NOES.

Resolution #37-2026 titled **Amending the 2026 Budget to Reflect Adopted Compensation Levels for the Town Supervisor and Budget Officer** resolve the amending of the salaries for the two positions and to place the \$21,500 into **A1990.4-Contingent Account**. The roll call vote is as follows: Sup Tall-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Brown-NAY; Coun. Diekel-NAY and the resolution passes with 3 AYES and 2 NOES.

Highway Superintendent Hobus requested permission of the board to install an AED in either the town garage or the town hall and the board agreed.

Public Comment: Coun. Wilbur wants to thank Rick Hobus for his willingness to help with an elderly person who had fallen. Coun. Borden wants to thank Sup. Tall for all of his outstanding efforts for the 15 months he has been in office and a round of applause for the audience followed.

An announcement thanking Suzy Shad and Patrick Keenan for all of their efforts in the relocation of the Foster Brook lateral lines.

The meeting was placed into recess until the closeout meeting to be held at the end of the year.

December 31, 2025 3:00 p.m.

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

Attendance: Scott Brown, Warren Gordon, Jared Eggleston

A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded Coun. Borden and all were in favor.

The purpose of the meeting is to close out fiscal year 2025 actions, approve final abstracts and any required budget adjustments and formally acknowledge projects, contracts, and matters continuing into calendar year 2026. The project in SD#1 is substantially complete. It will be finalized during Springtime of 2026. The contract with NOLLID LLC has still not been completed. Town Attorney, Matt Fuller, has a draft copy in place and is still reviewing it before the final copy. The town clerk sent out to the board that there have been two FOILS sent to the town and that they should be preparing to comply with the documents requested. There will be time for them to dig into their correspondences.

The SD#1 financing is nearly complete. We are waiting for the bank to finalize all the documents. The interest rate is now 4.89% on \$50,000. Coun. Diekel would like the financing information passed along to her as it comes in as well as any email information about the sewer districts. In the future, there will be policies put in place for the retirement of town employees and elected officials that will be non-Medicare eligible. A short term insurance policy will be put in place at a later date.

Public Comment: Scott Brown, Highway Shop Steward, filed a Highway Grievance against the town.

And finally, in regards to the Town Justices, a report is filed in the state by each Town for how many cases were presented before the court. The Town of Dresden reported 43 per year, Putnam reported 48 per year and Whitehall reported 286.

There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Happy New Year! Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk