

Town of Dresden
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
February 10, 2025
Beginning at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Highway Sup. Hobus, Coun. Brown

Attendance: Stephanie Aiken Copeland, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times, Warren Gordon, Paul Diekel
Sup. Tall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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.

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

Old Business: The town is continuing to investigate the Land Fill Closure issue. Coun. Wilbur contacted the DEC and spoke with Geologist Michael Scott about reducing the number of testing being done to save the town some money. He responded if the town could get the data compiled for the results for the last 5 years and send them to him. Coun. Wilbur asked if the DEC receive the quarterly readings from Phoenix Labs for the last 25 years and Mr. Scott replied that the DEC has never received any reports from the town. Upon this information, Coun. Wilbur contacted Phoenix Labs and was told that the results of the testing were submitted to the town and only to the town and no one else. A discussion ensued by the board about whether the testing was necessary and if we should continue having Phoenix test the closed land fill. Coun. Wilbur tried to contact Putnam Station Town Clerk, Darlene Kerr, to find out how the land fill site there is tested once a year, but no return call was made. Discussions included ceasing from using Phoenix to test and not doing further ones.

The town continues to have difficulties recruiting residents to sit on the Board of Assessment Review. By implementing a Local Town Law, we can eliminate 2 from the board to go from a 5 man board to a 3 man board. The Board believes this is a good course to look into.

Sup. Tall will contact SLIC about reducing one account for the town and install an extender from the Town Garage to reach the Town Hall. Coun. Wilbur discussed with the Judges about eliminating the DSL, a saving of over \$600 a year, from their phone line and both agree that it isn't necessary to continue having Verizon Internet on the Court line.

New Business: Sup. Tall compiled reports using QuickBooks depicting the town's financial status for 2024 by Income and by Profit and Loss by Group. Copies are on file in the clerk's office. A print out of the amount of interest gained since putting idle funds into NYCLASS was given to the board and is on file as well. For the end of the year in 2024 a total of \$5,212.74 calculating at about 4.599% gain, and for the month of January a total of \$2,095.65 calculating at about 4.249% gain is recorded.

A Sewer update is given by Coun. Wilbur. We are looking into doing lateral drilling which will cost more but in the end will be a less invasive to the property owners. The Sewer Board discussed verbal grants from the LGPC and LGA in and around \$55,000 but cannot be use for infrastructure. The Schulz garage project is on hold. It is the town's responsibility to protect and ensure the quality of the Sewer Districts and make sure the Sewer Law is followed.

Highway Superintendent: Mr. Hobus was absent from the meeting, but the concern made by Tom Mowatt last month about the missing road sign on Cat Den Rd has been replaced. The road sign on the north side of Blue Goose is also missing and we will get that one replaced as well.

Sup. Tall has written a letter to the Post Star Editor for gratitude to Peckham Materials and their team as well as United Civil and their team for all their efforts assisting in the Long Pond Road to Pine Lake repairs during the Whitehall water crisis. He also constructed a letter of appreciation to George Kapusinski for all of his efforts over the years to maintain the town website and it will be placed on there soon.

There were no further discussions and a motion to adjourn was made at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Dresden Town Clerk