

Town of Dresden
Regular Town Board Meeting
Held in the Dresden Town Hall
On January 12, 2026
Beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Sup Ferguson, Councilman Wilbur, Coun. Brown, Coun. Diekel, Coun. Borden, Town Clerk Wilbur, Highway Supt. Hobus

Attendance: Stephanie Aiken-Copeland, EJ Conzola-Sentinel Times, Bill Clough, Warren Gordon, Suzy Shad, Duane Semcken, Barbara Semcken, Kim Brown, Pam Hansen, Chris Hansen, Don Gellenthien, Rebecca Gellenthien, Tom Finn, Scott Brown, Charles Tall, John DeLucia, Cathy Leghorn, James Leghorn, Terry Storms, Leona Storms, Jane Carter, Rick Carter, Jim Corby, Paul Diekel

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Sup. Ferguson led the pledge to the flag. The first order of business was the Oath of Office for the newly elected Justice, Jared Eggleston. The Oathes of Office for Councilman Brown and Councilwoman Diekel were filed with the clerk on January 9, 2026 and the Oath of Office for Sup. Ferguson was filed with the clerk on January 12, 2026.

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 and December 31, 2025 meeting was put forth by Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur. The vote to pass them was Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Diekel-NAY; Coun. Brown-NAY. The motion did not pass and the minutes will remain as draft.

A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown. The vote to pass was Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden approved the motion with the exception of paying the attorney's fees for work conducted by Mr. Fuller for Supervisor Ferguson's not responding in a timely manner to the Oath of Office.

A discussion was had about putting the audio recording on the town website. Town Clerk Wilbur answered it should be discussed with the town attorney.

Town Clerk Wilbur was asked to explain the recent FOIL requests made to the town.

Frank Barber inquired about the reporting for the town landfill continuing. The town will need to file the reports with the DEC.

Jim Leghorn would like the town to consider a one year contract for the Volunteer Fire Companies instead of three. It is recommended that the fire companies address their budgetary needs during the budget workshops.

Resolution #1-2026 titled "Budget Amendment" was introduced by Sup. Ferguson to re-instate the Elected Town Justice salary of \$6,499 and taking the money from the A-1990.4 Contingency and putting it into A-1110.1 Town Court Wages. A vote is as follows: Coun. Borden-NAY; Coun. Wilbur-NAY; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE. The motion passes.

There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.