

Town of Dresden
Organizational/Regular Monthly Meeting
January 13, 2025
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Highway Sup. Hobus

Attendance: Kim Brown, EJ Conzola- Whitehall Times, Thomas Mowatt, Warren Gordon, Scott Brown, Zach Rice, Stephanie Aiken Copeland

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. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Organizational Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #1-2025

Title: Policies

Be it RESOLVED that the 2025 Town Board of the Town of Dresden accepts and adopts all fiscal and procedural policies in effect at the end of 2024 until and unless modified by the board.

RESOLUTION #2-2025

Title: Salaries

Be it RESOLVED that the following schedule of salaries and compensation for employees of the Town of Dresden for the year 2025 is adopted;

Supervisor.....	\$15,000.00/yr
Town Councilman (4).....	\$3,300.00/yr
Town Clerk.....	\$20,500.00/yr
Highway Superintendent.....	\$59,500.00/yr
Town Justice (2).....	\$6,500.00/yr
Assessor.....	\$16,200.00/yr
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.....	\$20.00/hr
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	\$15.00/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.

RESOLUTION #3-2025

Title: Appointments

Be it RESOLVED that the following appointments to office or position are adopted for 2025;

Deputy Supervisor.....	Council Chris Diekel
Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector.....	Council Allen Wilbur
Deputy Highway Superintendent.....	James Brown
Director of Finance/Budget Officer.....	Supervisor Charles Tall
Tax Collector.....	Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur
Registrar of Vital Statistics.....	Town Clerk Marcinda Wilbur
Dog/Animal Control Officer.....	Allen Wilbur
Justice Court Clerk.....	Jessica Moore
Historian.....	Kathy Huntington
Assessor.....	Laura Chadwick
Town Attorney.....	Matt Fuller (With the firm of Meyer & Fuller)
Official Bank.....	Community Bank
Official Paper.....	Whitehall Times

RESOLUTION #4-2025

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 2025 is approved.

TOWN BOARD COMMITTEES FOR 2025

Buildings and Grounds.....	Diekel, Brown
Budget.....	Diekel, Tall
Cemeteries.....	Brown, Wilbur
Highway.....	Wilbur, Brown
Insurance.....	Diekel, Borden
Legal.....	Borden, Tall
Recreation.....	Brown, Borden
Sewer District.....	Wilbur, Tall
Town Justice, Town Clerk, Town Supervisor Review	Diekel, Borden, Brown, Wilbur
Payroll.....	Diekel, Wilbur

The resolutions were put forth by a motion from Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all members were in favor.

A discussion was held about the duties of the committees. The Sewer Board consists of Sup. Tall, Coun. Wilbur and Coun. Brown and their duty is to sit on the board during the Sewer Meetings on behalf of the Town. The Sewer committee is made up of 2 members of the town board to meet to bring concerns to the Sewer Board without a quorum regarding Open Meetings Law.

Old Business: Sewer Committee: The test holes were dug, and the ledge was hit at 9 feet. According to Mr. Borden everything went well, and we will be preparing to bury the pipeline. A special meeting is being organized for the Schulze garage project with the engineers and attorneys for both sides as well as Sup Tall. More information will become available in the future.

Grievance: The resolution to the grievance is still being negotiated with the town and the Highway Employees.

New Business: QuickBooks Online Mitigation: The process of taking the town’s financials and putting them onto the program is taking more effort to tie it all together and is nearly complete. A copy of a trial balance for year-end was given to the board and is on file in the clerk’s office. We will begin to put on the agendas the amount of interest gained each month. We began to invest in the town’s idle monies and as of October we have gained almost \$4,000 in interest. The town has a five-man Board of Assessment Review and has had really no interest from the community to fill the 2 remaining vacancies. The board discussed changing our board to a three man and all agree that it would be helpful. A Town Law will need to be implemented and that will require a Public Hearing. Sup. Tall will get the details to move forward and will follow up in the future.

The town has been interested in reducing the amount of testing being done on the landfill by Phoenix Laboratories for some time now. Coun. Wilbur will continue to ensue the effort to bring it to only one test a year and follow up at the next meeting

Highway Sup. Hobus is absent from the meeting, but it is reported that Long Pond Road to Pine Lake is ongoing with material donated by Peckham’s to repair access to the lake during the continued issue with the water in Whitehall.

Public Comment: Thomas Mowatt requests that the Road Sign for Catden Road be replaced since it was taken out during the summer due to an accident. The County makes the signs for the towns.

Zach Rice attended the meeting on behalf of the Skenesborough EMS. The agency is looking for any future funding from the town to help with their budget. In effort to assist the residents in the area they are seeking upgrades in all areas of their necessities including equipment and the building. Mr. Rice will reach out to the board via email for any follow-up.

There are no further discussions and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur at 7:49 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur Town Clerk.