

Town of Dresden
Public Hearing/Regular Town Board Meeting
Held at the Dresden Town Hall
July 14, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: none

Attendance: Laura Chadwick, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Warren Gordon, Kim Brown, Thomas Mowatt, Rick Carter, Jane Carter, Paul Diekel

1) Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:

Sup. Tall called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.

2) Approval of Previous month's Minutes: 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.

3) Public Hearing: The Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. The purpose of the Hearing was to add to the total amount of expenses in the Sewer District #1 Improvement Project. The total estimate is not expected to exceed \$214,000. The Public Hearing was to hear from those in favor or against to increase the monies for reconstruction and relocation of force sewer main over Foster Brook due to inflation and finalization expenses. The original amount was \$200,000.00 and a difference of \$35,021.00. Therefore, in the interest of the public to increase and improve the facilities in Sewer District #1 at the maximum estimated cost of \$235,021.00 was determined by the Town. The money to complete the project will have no impact on residents outside of the sewer district. Sup. Tall asked for any comments three times and hearing none the public hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

4) Motion to Pay Audited Bills: The total of audited bills are as follows: General-\$7635.56; SD#1-\$482.98; SD#2-\$66.52; Highway--\$15,000.00 and a motion to pay the audited bills was made and all were in favor.

5) Reports: Sup. Tall reported that a resident in town reports that their house was affected by the CHPE project. It could be possible for assistance from the Office of Aging for programs to assist them. Coun. Borden brought up that there will be an Office of Aging Luncheon at the Dresden Town Hall on August 27 and will be posting flyers announcing it. The Sewer Operation and Maintenance bills will be going out by the end of the week.

Resolution #16-2025 titled "**Appointing Laura Chadwick as Sole Assessor for the Town of Dresden**" was put forth by a motion from Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor.

The Village of Whitehall need to make improvements to the Long Pond Road, access to Pine Lake, for the purpose of access to the lake for the Village's drinking water source. The Village of Whitehall has expressed the need to make improvements that will exceed the general maintenance responsibilities of the Town of Dresden. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding outlines the terms under which the Village may undertake planning, engineering, funding applications, and improvements to the Highway with the review and approval of the Dresden Highway Superintendent.

Resolution #17-2025 titled "**Authorizing the Town Supervisor and Highway Superintendent to Enter Into A Memorandum of Understanding With the Village of Whitehall For the Improvements to Long Pond Road.**" A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor. A local law will be further explored by Sup. Tall.

Military Road was inspected recently. The effects of logging have left the road in need of maintenance. Road material that has been stockpiled at the Washington County Shed in Whitehall from the CHPE project will be hauled for repairs to the 2.38 miles of road. The remainder of the road is the responsibility of homeowners that the road affects.

As we near the budgeting process for this year, it was discussed about having two Town Justices. The town board is responsible for the spending of Taxpayers monies. Most towns have one justice. The board would like to review the records and discuss the workload with our two Justices before making any decisions.

The Town Clerk reported that the computer from the county to scan and record Registrar of Vital Statistics records has been connected and is waiting to hear from the county about software installation and training provided by the County Archivist.

Highway Sup. Report: The County roadside mowing has begun. The paving money has come back from the state for the paving of Cat Den and Manellville Roads. The next repaving project will include Mosier and Lake Roads. A discussion ensued about the use of calcium chloride to reduce the road dust to residents in the Marina Way locations. **Sewer Committee Report:** Coun. Wilbur reported that there is discussion of updating the Sewer Law and will be further examined. Sewer Operator, Bill Borden, announced he will be retiring in September from his longtime position. A replacement posting will need to be done to look for a new hire for the position. The Washington County Beach septic system has not been checked and is not on the LGPC Septic System Review. The Buildings and Grounds Director, Matt Jones, has been informed of the oversight.

Financials: Coun. Diekel gave a report on the Financials of the town and are on file in the Clerk's Office.

The Weed Harvesting Project will begin on July 14, 2025. The transporter will be delivered, and the harvester and the conveyor are already here.

Public Comment: A discussion was brought up about the condition of Lake George and the decline of the water quality. An art show will be held at the Washington County Beach pavilion on July 19.

There were no further discussions and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur
Dresden Town Clerk