

Town of Dresden
Regular Town Board Meeting
Held at the Dresden Town Hall
On June 9, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Highway Supt. Hobus

Attendance: Kim Brown, Stephanie Aiken-Copeland, Warren Gordon, James Leghorn, Jane Carter, Rick Carter, Thomas Mowatt, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times, Pat Smith, Jim Corby, Melissa Brown, Scott Brown, Paul Diekel, Jared Eggleston, Pat Portela, Mary Labrie

1.) The meeting was called to order by Sup. Tall and he led the pledge to the flag.

3.) Sup. Tall began by addressing the Town Board about the responsibility of the Board for proper decorum and respect for each member and to conduct an orderly meeting constructively for the conveyance of information to the townspeople.

Recording Concepts: Coun. Diekel read a statement that for the purpose of supplemental aid for the minutes, the town will be introducing Otter AI recording of the meetings to assist in preparing the minutes. However, they should not be considered as an official transcript of the minutes.

4.) Sup. Tall opened the meeting to any Councilpersons wishing to have Privilege of the Floor. Coun. Borden announced there will be an Art Exhibition on Balancing Ecosystems from June 21 until July 2 at the Lake George Courthouse Gallery as well as the LGA Floating Classroom on July 2nd, and also on July 19th located at the Washington County Beach at Huletts Landing Park.

5.) Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes was made by Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur. A discussion ensued about changes to the minutes brought on by the Council. The town does not have a policy in place to have verbatim minutes and are at the discretion of the Town Clerk as long as they are in accordance with Open Meetings Law as to proposals, motions and voting. The votes are Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Diekel-NAY; Coun Brown-No Vote; Sup. Tall-ABSTAIN The minutes did not pass as presented and will remain as draft minutes.

6.) A motion to pay the Audited Bills was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden and all were in favor. The General bills were \$4729.01. The Highway bills were \$177696.28. The Sewer Districts were #1-\$6272.20 and #2-\$2099.11

7.) Announcements and Communications: Coun. Borden was unable to attend the Office of Aging Council Meeting for personal reasons. There will be an Office of Aging Luncheon again this year. The date and time is To Be Determined as Coun. Borden will be organizing it.

8.) Reports

Town Supervisor Report: Sup. Tall attends as many meetings as possible at the County to gain information for the Town. He reported that the County Taxes which are 65% of the Tax Base will be increasing 10-14% next year due to a result of state mandated services that must provide for the most vulnerable residents of the County. This means for the Town a 3-4.5% increase overall including School Tax.

Also, Sup. Tall handed to the board and those in attendance a copy of the allocations of the American Rescue Plan Act to the 17 towns in Washington County. The application process came out during the 2021-2022 years. The town could have received anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000 in COVID relief monies. The town did not respond to the inquiry and did not receive any relief monies.

Lastly, Sup. Tall reported that the town landfill can be utilized as a solar field to potentially net the town between \$100,000-\$150,000. There is grant money still available.

Town Clerk Report: The County Archivist has delivered the equipment to proceed with the Records Management Scanning of the Registrar documents.

Highway Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hobus was absent from the meeting.

Sewer Committee: Coun. Wilbur reported that Sewer Operator, Bill Borden, will be retiring after many years of service in September. The Board will be passing a Bond Funding Resolution for the Sewer District #1 Burial Project under New Business. Coun. Brown stated that Tom Conrad is interested in beginning a committee for SD#2 and would like the Town's input for steps and guidance to establish the committee. Sup. Tall will reach out to Mr. Conrad with information. We will be looking for a replacement for Bill to resume the Sewer Operator position.

Financial Report: Coun. Diekel gave a report on the town's financials and they are on file in the clerk's office.

9.) New Business: **Resolution # 12-2025 titled Supplemental Otter AI Transcript for Minutes** was introduced and a motion by Coun. Diekel and a second by Coun. Brown. Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden AYE

Resolution #13-2025 titled Adoption of Section 125 Cafeteria Plan was introduced and a motion was made by Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Diekel. Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE

Resolution #14-2025 titled Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Serial Bonds or a Statutory Installment Bond or Bond Anticipation Note in an Amount Not to Exceed \$250,000 for the Sewer District No. 1 Forced Main Burial Project was introduced and a motion by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden. Coun. Wilbur- AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE

Resolution #15-2025 titled Establishing Annual Sewer Rents for 2025 was introduced and a motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden. Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE
The Operation and Maintenance fee remains unchanged. Sewer District #1 is \$800 per unit. Sewer District #2 is \$500 per unit.
Cemetery and Lawn Mowing Contract-Bid Openings: There were no new bids received before the meeting. The Clemons Cemetery has been maintained since April on a per diem basis and since there were no new bids it will continue to be maintained by the company that has been doing it since April. A hand-out was given to the board of a historical break-down of per mowing to include only the Clemons Cemetery as a reference. A motion was made by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden to continue to have the mowing done on a per diem basis. Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Brown-Abstain; Coun. Diekel-Abstain. The motion passed.

10.) Public Comment: Mowing will only include the Clemons Cemetery located on Clemons Center Road. It is not the town's responsibility to mow private cemeteries, it is the responsibility of the land owner to maintain.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

No further discussions, respectfully Marcinda Wilbur, Dresden Town Clerk