

Town of Dresden

March 10, 2025

Regular Town Board Meeting

Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Coun. Borden, Highway Sup. Hobus

Attendance: Frank Barber, Kim Barber, Laura Generous, Stephanie Aiken-Copeland, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times, Kim Brown, Paul Diekel, Rick Carter, Jane Carter, Chris Navitsky-Lake George Water Keeper

1. Opening

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. Diekel and approved by all.

Resolution #5-2025 titled **Approving Payment of Audited Bills** A Resolution to pay the audited bills was introduced by Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur. A discussion about the use of resolution to pay the audited bills was had by the board. A bill from The Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages was questioned by the board and removed from the Audited Bills. The board would like to see a detailed invoice from Labella's for work done on the Sewer District #1 project. A motion to pay the amended bills was unanimously approved.

2. Old Business (Follow-Ups and Updates)

Landfill Closure: Sup. Tall retrieved the data from Phoenix Laboratories and has sent them to the DEC for review. It was reported to Sup. Tall that there was little correspondence between previous Supervisor's and the DEC. However, going forward the town expects to comply with the regulations of the Landfill Closure.

The Board of Assessment Review reduction in members of the board will require a local law to reduce the board from 5 members to 3. There is no urgency to do that at this time. SLIC will now be paid using ACH. The bills will still be invoiced to the town for the auditing process.

Discussion by the board about full board audits for the Town Justices, the Town Clerk and the Supervisor was had. **Resolution #6-2025** was introduced by Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur titled **Transition To Full Board Approach for Financial Audits** resolving the town shall transition from a committee-based approach to a full board approach for conducting financial audits. Town Law Chapter 62, Article 8, Section 123 has no supporting evidence for the position to require a full board audit. The board may at any time require any town officer to submit to the board the books, dockets, records, receipts and cancelled checks for examination. It was proposed that such an audit can be conducted during the yearly close-out meeting held in December each year. A full Board audit will be done at the April 14th meeting. All members were in favor of passing the resolution.

Frank Barber addressed the board about the Landfill Closure since his property borders the area. The town recognizes the laxity of reporting and will begin to follow the landfill closure protocol.

3. Financial Report:

The Financials were given to the board and are on file in the clerk's office. Coun. Diekel gave a review of the revenues, expenditures and account balances as well as the interest earned in NYCLASS. Life-to-Date is \$10,748.63 and Year-to-Date is \$5,535.89.

4. Sewer Report:

The project is moving along. The test holes have been completed.

Sup. Tall has reached out to the LGA and presented to the LGPC about a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to continue studies in the sewer districts. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

5. Highway Report:

Mr. Hobus was absent from the meeting, however the board signed two agreements to spend highway funds in the amount of \$390,447 for the improvements to Manellville, Cat Den, Lake and Mosier Roads. The road signs that have been removed will be replaced when the ground thaws enough to drive in the post.

6. New Business:

Rules For Conducting Town Meetings and Maintaining Accurate Records was introduced by Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur. The procedure will outline meeting procedures and record-keeping guidelines to ensure transparency, consistency and legal compliance. The minutes should be succinct to encourage more in-person participation for the meetings or to encourage the residents to contact their local officials with questions and concerns. All members of the board are in favor of implementing the practices outlined in the policy.

The town letterhead logo is “From Lake George to Lake Champlain” yet we don’t own any property on either lake. The DEC owns the shoreline on Lake Champlain and the town has access to it. Sup. Tall has requested efforts from Coun. Brown to coordinate with the DEC to make improvements to the access at Chubb’s Dock.

The Town Clerk will be working on scanning all filed Town Resolutions on file for reference and accessibility.

7. LGA Presentation by Chris Navitsky, the Lake George Water Keeper about Fairy Brook results from testing for e-coli contamination, as well as continued research of the Pickerel Bay HOA.

One final discussion in regard to the water run-off on Lake Road was addressed by the board members. ****Coun. Brown brought up about the replacement of the culvert that crosses Lake Road.**** Sup. Tall will be reaching out to the Washington County DPW about having an Engineer come and assess and make recommendations.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk