

Town of Dresden
May 12, 2025
Regular Town Board Meeting
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Attendance: Suzy Shad, Stephanie Aiken-Copeland, Kim Brown, Tom Mowatt, EJ Conzola-Whitehall Times, Melissa Brown, Scott Brown, Warren Gordon, Mark St. Claire, Mary Labrie, Margaret Stoutenburg

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Sup. Tall led the pledge to the flag.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes with the addition of having the monthly Agenda available on the website to accompany the 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. Brown and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Announcements and Communications: Each town can have an advisory council for the County Office of Aging and Coun. Borden will be the advisor for the town at the County. Thank you for your willingness to fill the position.

We will begin to streamline the Sewer Committee meeting to be held prior to the Regular Town Board Meeting each month. The first few months will be a trial run just to see how long the meetings will last. This will begin during the June Meeting, the second week of June. The Sewer Committee meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the Regular Town Board Meeting will follow beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Reports: We will be trying to reduce SLIC Network to have just one internet connection. As of now, SLIC and National Grid are on Auto-Pay and Verizon will be there soon.

The County will be addressing the updated improvements for the County Beach located in Hulett's Landing. Improvements can include the bathrooms, the picnic tables, repairing the driveway and the parking lot as well as repainting the tennis courts to have pickleball lines. The flagpole needed to be taken down as it was hazardous. The cabin will also need some repairs. The County would like to implement a multi-year program for additional funds for improvements. Sup. Tall will reach out to Matt Jones for progress. The Town Clerk reported that she had contacted Laura Oswald about Internet in the Town for the forgotten roads. At this time there is no grant funding available to companies. It was recommended to continue contacting SLIC for any updates and to pursue the avenues already available, such as Star-Link and Hughes Net.

Coun. Wilbur updated the board with the Sewer Committee meeting. The board and the Committee will continue to inform the residents about the use of wipes and there will also be notice on the upcoming Sewer O&M bills for next month. The LGPC were in SD#1 and did a site visit at the leach field. They were looking at it for lending knowledge and for areas that will need money for upgrading both of the districts. Also, in SD#1 (3) monitoring wells will be installed and a letter will be sent to inform residents about the safety of the sewer and to also inform residents that any project being done within both sewer districts will require an application from Bill Borden to be filled out and approved by him.

Coun. Diekel gave the financial report and it is on file in the clerk's office.

As for other Old Business, the full board audit has still not been utilized but will continue to move that direction. A full audit will still be completed by January 20th of each year.

New Business: Awarding the 2025 Mowing Contract, Resolution #9-2025. There was no motion to move forward with **Resolution #9-2025** titled **Award of Cemetery and Lawn Mowing Contract** but Coun. Brown began a discussion about the validity of one of the two bids that came into the Clerk's office. One bid had the requested information as stated in the ad placed in the Whitehall Times. The second bid included in their statement that if awarded the bid they will be adding the town as additional insured if selected. One bid was more than double of the other one. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids. Coun. Wilbur made the motion to reject both of the bids and put the ad back in the paper requesting new bids. Sup. Tall replied to Coun. Brown that because one of the bids came from an immediate family member that he should recuse himself from voting in favor for that bid. Coun. Diekel stated that it was a defamation of Coun. Brown's character to insist that he recuse himself from the vote and asked for Sup. Tall to apologize, to which Sup. Tall offered one to Coun. Brown. The motion received a second from Coun. Borden and a roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Brown-NAY; Coun. Diekel-no vote given. The Town Board is responsible for taxpayers money and to be used responsibly.

Resolution #10-2025 titled **Pre-Authorization of Highway Expenditure to Peckham Industries** was introduced by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Borden and all members of the board were in favor. **Resolution #11-2025** titled **Authorization for LGPC to Install Monitoring Wells in Sewer Districts** introduced by Coun. Wilbur and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all members of the board were in favor.

Public Comment: The 2025 Mowing Contract this year will be for the Clemons Cemetery only. No further discussions, and a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. was made by Coun. Diekel and was seconded by Coun. Wilbur and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk