

Town of Dresden
Regular Town Board Meeting
Held on October 13, 2025
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Coun. Wilbur

Attendance: Mary Ann Hollander, Mary Labrie, Pat Portela, Kathy Fox Gable, Suzy Shad, Paul Diekel, Stephanie Aiken Copeland, Thomas Mowatt, Donald P. Greenough, Kim Brown, Melissa Brown, Scott Brown, Laura Generous, Warren Gordon, E.J. Conzola-Sentinel Times

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

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was made by Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Diekel and all were in favor.

A motion to pay the audited bills was made by Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Brown and all were in favor.

Coun. Diekel gave a report on the financials and are on file in the clerk's office. NYSLRS contribution payment is due in February. A 6% discount is offered if it is paid in December.

The Board will be addressing the budget and the fact that the town will most likely be going over the Tax Cap. The CHPE monies will be coming, we just don't know when exactly so we shouldn't count on it for projects for the upcoming year. The County Board of Supervisors are still tackling the 2026 County Budget. The rising costs of operations and Federal and State Mandates are the vehicles pushing the budget up. There will continue to be discussions at the County in the next few weeks.

Highway Sup. Hobus updated the board about the paving project taking place on Lake and Mosier Roads. The weed eradication project took place for eight weeks this summer and the equipment will be removed from the canal and be stored until next year.

The Insurance Committee, made up of Coun. Diekel and Coun. Borden are still in the process of getting quotes for Town Insurance for the buildings and the vehicles. They continue to try and find comparable health insurance for the town employees and retirees.

Suzy Shad gave the Sewer Committee report due to Coun. Wilbur being absent from the meeting. The regular Sewer Agenda items were discussed. The shed for the storage of chemicals and tools for the Sewer Operator will be delivered this week. The town will be awarding the force main lines under Foster Brook tonight to the recommended bidder. We will be looking for funding for the project soon. The Committee is looking for a more equitable structure for the billing process and installing flow meters and will be entertaining the idea further in the coming months. There is a Sewer District #2 Advisory Committee comprised of Mary Labrie, Don Gellenthien, and Tom Conrad and the committee can meet without posting to discuss sewer matters. Along with them will be Coun. Borden and Coun. Diekel.

Resolutions for tonight's meeting: Two resolutions will be passed. The first one is **Resolution #28-2025** titled **Authorizing an Increase in the Maximum Cost of Improvements for Sewer District #1 Pursuant to Town Law 202-B**. It was put forth by a motion made by Coun. Borden and seconded by Coun. Brown and the roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-Absent. The motion passed. **Resolution #29-2025** titled **Awarding the Contract for the Huletts Landing Foster Brook Sewer Force Main Relocation Project**. The award will go to JAT Construction coming in with the lowest bid for a total of \$142,850.00. A motion was made by Coun. Borden and was seconded by Coun. Brown and the roll call vote is as follows: Sup. Tall-AYE; Coun. Brown-AYE; Coun. Diekel-AYE; Coun. Borden-AYE; Coun. Wilbur-Absent. The motion passed.

The Tentative Budget will be given out after further budget workshops that will be held in the next two weeks. It has been delayed due to unknowns with the insurance and the Teamsters Contract.

Public Comment: A request for better lighting or reflectors being placed on County Route 6 was made. Sup. Tall will get in touch with the County DPW about putting more signs at the intersection. Thomas Mowatt expressed a concern about the traffic on the highway and the safety of all travelers.

The Board entered Executive Session to discuss Teamsters Negotiations at 7:42 p.m. and will adjourn once it comes out. There will be no decisions being made. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

There were no further discussions. Respectfully submitted, Marcinda Wilbur, Town Clerk.