

MINUTES OF REGULAR & YEAR END MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024, AT 6 PM.

Present: Sean Mahoney Supervisor
David Kukle Councilman
Raymond Legg Councilman
Ernest Reale Councilman
Dolph Semenza Councilman

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian Secretary to the Supervisor
Ariel Woolheater Ambulance Administrator
Robert Blain Superintendent of Highways
Sgt. Robert Haines Hunter Police Department
Kimberly Prince-Walsh Town Justice
MarySusan Timpson Town Justice
Plus, all names on attached listing.

AUDIT – The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment by the Town Board:
General Fund (TW) Voucher #462 through #513 in the amount of \$22,904.46
General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1048 through #1057 in the amount of \$1,351.04
Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #220 through #265 in the amount of \$40,608.84
Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1109 through #1116 in the amount of \$28,195.92
Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #98 through #112 in the amount of \$19,851.19

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:01 PM to interview.
Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 6:27 PM.
Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

NEW HIRE

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire Renee Ment as a Full Time Court Clerk effective 1/1/2025, rate of pay \$40,100 annually. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Town Board offers gratitude and thanks to former Town Supervisor Coverly “Cubby” Chapman and a moment of silence is held for his passing.

MINUTES

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve regular meeting minutes of 11/26/24.
Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

POLICE -Monthly report acknowledged.

Town of Hunter Police Department

Monthly Report

November 2024

Calls for service:	101
Arrests made:	2
Criminal charges levied:	3
Criminal complaints:	4
Non-criminal complaints:	58
Assists to other agencies:	38
Uniform traffic tickets:	27
Parking tickets:	3
Accidents investigated:	3
Report requests:	0

Sgt. Haines states he is canvassing Greene County Civil Service to fill a Full-Time Police Officer vacancy.

Councilman Reale thanks Sgt. Haines and the Hunter Police Department for their quick response to put out a fire at his place of business. He adds they do so much more than just policing.

AMBULANCE- Monthly report acknowledged. (no electronic copy provided)

Discussion on sharing of duties (EMT and Driver). A. Woolheater states as of 1/1/25 all ambulance staff members will be Emergency Medical Technicians so the staff will flip flop who will be the EMT and who will be the driver either per shift or per week. She adds she has received a quote for a new ambulance through Savvik which the town plans to utilize ARPA funds for the down payment. She needs to confirm if the quoted price includes a stretcher. Discussion on needs for new tablets, she will get price quotes.

ASSESSOR - Monthly report acknowledged. (no electronic copy provided)

Acknowledged receipt of Senior Citizen & Disabled Tax exemption maximum income levels from Greene County

Acknowledged receipt of recommendation from M.Hommel to match Greene County.

Councilman Semenza offers RESOLUTION #6 of 2024 Authorizing the maximum limit for the Exemption of Real Property Owners by Disabilities and Limited Incomes and Senior Citizen Tax Exemption.

Authorizing the maximum limit for the Exemption of Real Property Owners by Disabilities and Limited Incomes and Senior Citizen's Tax Exemption

for Town Tax purposes for the year 2025.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hunter has unanimously voted to adopt the provisions of Real Property Tax Law Section 467 Paragraph 1 (b) (1) and Section 459-c Paragraph 1 (b) which is known as the "sliding scale" options.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The resultant exemption percentages will be as follows:

Maximum Income Limit	\$36,000.00	For		50%
	\$36,000.01	To	\$36,999.99	= 45%
	\$37,000.00	To	\$37,999.99	= 40%
	\$38,000.00	To	\$38,999.99	= 35%
	\$39,000.00	To	\$39,899.99	= 30%
	\$39,900.00	To	\$40,799.99	= 25%
	\$40,800.00	To	\$41,699.99	= 20%
	\$41,700.00	To	\$42,599.99	= 15%
	\$42,600.00	To	\$43,499.99	= 10%
	\$43,500.00	To	\$44,399.99	= 5%

Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

BUILDING/Code Enforcement - Monthly report acknowledged.

Monthly Report	2024	November
Permits	Total	Amount
Building	4	\$380.25
STR	14	\$11,500.00
*This includes renewal and fees		
Demo	0	\$0.00
Sign	0	\$0.00

Flood	0	\$0.00
Muni Searches	9	\$675
	Total	\$12,555.25

PLANNING -Monthly report acknowledged. (no electronic copy provided)

ABANDON SUBDIVISION

Acknowledged receipt of notice from Essllie & Frenia attorneys to abandon subdivision tax map#181.11-1.29.

PROPERTY DONATION

The owners of parcel 180.00-2-2 have advised they wish to donate it to the Town. Councilman Kukle states this parcel has manholes. The Town Board needs to investigate this with NYCDEP and what the process would be for getting manholes decommissioned and the liability. Also, the parcel is not contiguous to anything the town would have access to.

JUSTICE COURT -Monthly report acknowledged. No electronic report received for Justice Timpson.

TOWN OF HUNTER COURT

P.O. BOX 70

TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK 12485

518-589-5882 ext. 306

TO: Supervisor and Town of Hunter Town Board

FROM: Hon Kimberly A Prince Walsh

DATE: December 30th, 2024

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for November 2024

13 New cases for November 2024

2 Hunter P.D. Parking Tickets in November 2024 (between both judges)

0 Forest Ranger Parking Tickets in November 2024 (between both judges)

54 Closed cases in November 2024

For the Month of November 2024 total amount collected \$6,290.00

The court is now in session the 3rd and 4th Wednesday month for Hon. Kimberly Prince Walsh.

Working on record retention.

(Every case file must be pulled & updated)

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Kimberly A Prince Walsh.

PAY RATE CHANGE

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION effective 1/1/2025 Lisa Hommel will be part time with a rate of pay \$22.00 per hour for a maximum of six hours per week for the month of January for training. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

LANDFILL

Acknowledged received from Barton & Logudice: monitoring report for the 2024 fourth quarter/annual report. Supervisor Mahoney states quarterly reports need to go to a new contact within NYSDEC, H. Walsh will take care of this filing.

TOWN HALL/IT

M. Czermerys to set up cyber security training for employees.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to set Organizational meeting for 1/2/2025 at 6PM.

Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

BEREAVEMENT POLICY -To be discussed at workshop meeting.

GRANTS

Acknowledged receipt of notice: DEPT OF STATE grant \$75,000 Town of Hunter Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan

RESIGNATIONS

Acknowledged receipt of resignation from full-time police officer position from Amy L. Weiland effective 12/26/24.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to retain Amy Weiland for part-time work. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

MANITOU’S REVENGE ULTRAMARATHON

Councilman Semenza offers RESOLUTION #7 of 2024 granting permission to conduct the event.
A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF HUNTER GRANTING PERMISSION TO RUN WILD, INC. TO CONDUCT THE MANITOU’S REVENGE ULTRAMARATHON WITHIN THE GEORGAPHICAL JURISDICTION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER

Resolution #7-24

WHEREAS, the Run Wild, Inc. (hereinafter PERMITTEE). proposes the Manitou's Revenge Ultramarathon to be conducted within State ROW, on or along Platte Clove Road, located in the Town of Hunter (hereinafter MUNICIPALITY), Greene County, and

WHEREAS, the Municipality and the Permittee are desirous to have such above-mentioned event conducted within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Permittee will meet all State and Municipal requirements during the above-mentioned event, and

WHEREAS, the Municipality reserves the rights to monitor and inspect the above mentioned event conducted within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality, and

WHEREAS, the Permittee will conduct the above-mentioned event, as shown on the plans/maps and other documents related to the above-mentioned event and at no cost to the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Hunter, by means of this Resolution, grants permission to the Permittee to conduct the above-mentioned event within the geographical jurisdiction of the Municipality, and the Permittee shall maintain or cause to be maintained, at its own expense, the premises of the event and shall cover any expenses that may arise from the conducting of the above-mentioned event, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sean Mahoney the Supervisor/Town of Hunter has the authority to sign, with the concurrence of the Town’s Legal Counsel and by the Town Board, any and all documentation with the Permittee that may be necessary as a result of the above-mentioned event as it relates to the Town of Hunter, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the Town of Hunter is hereby directed to electronically transmit signed, sealed, notarized, stamped, and certified copy of the foregoing resolution to the Permittee.

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately,

Seconded by Councilman Kukuljevic.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

MORTGAGE TAX

Acknowledged receipt of second & final 2024 payment \$54,361.84

COLUMBIA GR. HUMANE SOCIETY

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to sign contract for housing for 2025. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

NYS DEPT AG & MARKETS

Acknowledged receipt of satisfactory rating for municipal shelter

CENTRAL HUDSON

Acknowledged receipt of a variety of information, EV charging, lighting incentives, etc. Town Board to review and discuss at a future meeting.

LAMONT ENGINEERS

Acknowledged receipt of Proposal-Agreement for Engineering Services.

Supervisor Mahoney states in the interest of time he would like to move forward with this proposal.

L. Hamrah-Poladian questions if the board has gotten numbers of what has been earmarked as of 12/31/24 re: ARPA funds. Supervisor Mahoney states they have.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to move forward with the proposal from Lamont Engineers. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

SWAC

Councilman Kukle and Supervisor Mahoney state they are interested in continuing to represent the town.

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to name David Kukle as a member and Sean Mahoney as an alternate to SWAC.

Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

CORRESPONDENCE

- a)Ack rec'd letter of gratitude for the generous donation of land to support the rail trail project
- b)Charter Communications-Ack rec'd price changes will take effect 1/15/25
- c)NEW YORK STATE POLICE asking for assistance with recruitment efforts
- d)NYC WATERSHED Ack rec'd 2024 annual report
- e)Bank of Greene: ack rec'd 2024 annual report
- f)NYS PUBLIC SERVICE Ack rec'd information on energy affordability for households

TRANSFERS/BUDGET Modifications

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize all items as per attached. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

No electronic copy available, see minute book.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 7:27 PM to discuss pending litigation and the employment of a particular person. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

C. Pascucci excused.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:19 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

POLICY- Ambulance

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to officially adopt the Hunter Area Ambulance Flip Flop Calls Policy. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION that the above policy include a daily sign in sheet that needs to be initialed. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:19 PM. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter