

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, AT 6:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

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

Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

Others Present: Sgt. Robert Haines Hunter Police Department
Marc Czermerys Planning Board Chairperson
Ariel Woolheater Ambulance Administrator
Robert Blain Superintendent of Highways
Plus, all names on attached listing.

Supervisor Mahoney calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ABSTRACT – The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment:

General Fund (TW) Voucher #514 through #539 in the amount of \$59,580.16
General Fund (TW) Voucher #1 through #33 in the amount of \$29,308.95
General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1001 through #1005 in the amount of \$1391.23
Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #266 through #284 in the amount of \$18,197.52
Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1117 through #1118 in the amount of \$1,557.63
Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #1 through #5 in the amount of \$3,372.98

GRANTS- Discussion: DOS Local Government Efficiency Grant (1/24/25 deadline)

Councilman Reale offers RESOLUTION #1 of 2025 authorizing the Supervisor to submit a request for grant funding from the NYS DOS for a DOS LGEG to construct a shared regional Community & Municipal Service Center. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Councilman Legg – Yes Councilman Kukle – Yes Councilman Reale – Yes

Councilman Semenza – Yes Supervisor Mahoney – Yes

Resolution Supporting Submission of a Request for Grant Funding from NYS Department of State for A \$1,250,000 Local Government Efficiency Grant to Construct a Shared Regional Community and Municipal Service Center

On a motion made by Councilmember Ernest Reale and seconded by Councilmember Dolph Semenza the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grant Program is intended to incentivize new actions among local governments and community partners that will reduce the cost of municipal operations and modernize the delivery of local services, thereby limiting growth in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Hunter has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long-term efficiency of public services and provide for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents; and

WHEREAS, continued climate change has resulted in impacts that must be addressed, including community gathering space and heating and cooling trends;

WHEREAS, the project partners consisting of the Town of Hunter, Village of Tannersville, Village of Hunter, Hunter Tannersville Central School District, and Greene County approve and endorse the proposed project described below; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hunter and its partners are desirous of constructing and sharing the following Mountain Top regional and local facilities, equipment, and/or personnel:

- New Regional Municipal Facility, including large Mountain Top regional community gathering space and meeting hall (Villages, Town)
- Expanded Highway Department with regional municipal garage and school bus repair facility and potential shared mechanic (Villages, Town, School District)
- Climate-Resilient Countywide Heating & Cooling Center and Emergency Shelter (All partners)
- Fuel Depot (Town of Hunter, Hunter Tannersville Central School District)
- Relocation of Village of Tannersville Department of Public Works facility out of the floodplain and integrated into shared Regional Mountaintop Community and Municipal Service Center
- New Fire Facilities (Town of Hunter, Village of Tannersville, Hamlet of Haines Falls)

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program will potentially provide \$250,000 per partner, up to \$1,250,000 maximum, in capital funds to the Town of Hunter and its partners to advance a shared services project; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program requires that Implementation Grants be matched by 10% of the total project cost in local funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hunter will commit up to \$138,889 in local matching funds over the next 2-5 years; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Hunter approves and strongly endorses the proposed project and authorizes the Town Supervisor to enter into an intermunicipal agreement among the project partners for construction of a new shared regional community and municipal service center consistent with this resolution and NYS LGE Grant Program Requirements.

AYES -5-

NOES -0-

ABSTENTIONS -0-

ABSENT -0-

AMBULANCE- Acknowledged receipt of bid specs rec'd for 2025 Crestline CCL-150, to be discussed at next meeting.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize setting aside no 30-day grace policy at end of employment (Lisa Hommel). Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize waiving 30 day wait period requested (Renee Ment). Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

CENTRAL HUDSON -Discuss/review information rec'd on initiatives, programs etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:48 PM to discuss Employment history of a particular person (s). Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 8:54 PM. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

NEW HIRE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to hire Jacob Fletcher as a part-time ambulance employee starting 2/2/25 until he gets his certification, starting hourly pay of a driver until he gets his EMT card. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire Zoe Moore as a full-time Administrative Assistant with a six-month probationary period, contingent on her approval of an offer letter to be send at an annual salary of \$43,680.00 plus full-time benefits of a town employee. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

PAY RATE CHANGE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to raise base pay for Ambulance EMT to \$22.00 per hour starting with the next pay period. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 8:58 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC

Town of Hunter