

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 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, RMC
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Others Present:	Lara Hamrah-Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
	Ariel Woolheater	Ambulance Administrator
	Sgt. Robert Haines	Hunter Police Department
	Robert Blain	Superintendent of Highways
	Rose Santiago	Code Enforcement Officer
	Plus, all names on the attached listing.	

ABSTRACT

The following vouchers were audited and approved for payment by the Town Board:

General Fund (TW) Voucher #183 through #239 in the amount of \$62,415.71

General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1017 in the amount of \$1,715.00

Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #69 through #96 in the amount of \$34,712.49

Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1023 through #1059 in the amount of \$165,625.59

Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #27 through #39 in the amount of \$19,980.13

Greta Hansen-Update Town Hall Complex

Project still in concept stages. Discussion on number of floors, allocation of highway garage bays, community center and EMS needs. Greta states she would like to get the design fleshed out in the next six months. Town Board to review and give feedback, then departments will do the same.

SHORT TERM RENTAL

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go forward with Deckard Technology at the price of \$15,425 and to not renew the contract with Granicus. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney will inform Granicus and Rose will speak with Deckard. Rose will also do a full export as the Town owns the data.

RUPCO

Councilman Reale makes a MOTION to authorize signature on letter to M&T Bank re: Pilot agreement.

Supervisor Mahoney states this is a side agreement as the PILOT has already been executed.

This side agreement states that if RUPCO goes defunct, M & T Bank will provide a guarantee of funding available for future growth of this project.

Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney adds the PILOT is a 40-year term and the Town of Hunter is the assessing unit for both villages.

HAINES FALLS CEMETERY

Supervisor Mahoney and Councilman Semenza met with Bruce and Beverly Feml who are the current trustees of the Haine Falls Methodist Church Cemetery located to the west of the Methodist Church. He adds they are no longer able to manage the cemetery and are asking the town to take it over in the form of a letter dated May 8, 2025, from the Haines Falls Cemetery, Inc.. He states the cemetery is 96% full with one plot containing six graves still available for sale. The town would be responsible for opening and closing this plot if sold. The cemetery would require mowing, plowing and general maintenance. The cemetery currently has \$60,000 in a mutual fund and if turned over to the town, the funds could be utilized for future use of the cemetery, potentially using the interest to maintain it.

The Town Board states Bruce and Beverly Feml has been taking care of this cemetery for 47 years.

Councilman Semenza offers RESOLUTION #3 of 2025 Accepting the Abandonment of the Haines Falls Cemetery and the Transfer of all Cemetery Assets. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

RESOLUTION #3 of 2025 OF THE TOWN BOARD

TOWN OF Hunter

Resolution Accepting the Abandonment of the Haines Falls Cemetery and the Transfer of All Cemetery Assets

Date: May 20, 2025

The Town Board (hereinafter "Town Board") of the Town of Hunter (hereinafter "Town"), duly convened in regular session at Town Hall, does hereby resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, there has been established in the Town of Hunter ("Town") a cemetery known as the Haines Falls Cemetery, Inc. (the "Cemetery"), which maintains a public cemetery on North Lake Road in the Town and owns real property in the Town identified as Parcel Grid Nos. 166.20-2-5.

WHEREAS, said Cemetery has under its care certain funds for perpetual care, permanent maintenance, special trust, general, deposited in various banking institutions;

WHEREAS, the Cemetery has been and still is unable to procure sufficient income from the above investments, the members of the Cemetery and from the representatives of the deceased persons interred in the Cemetery;

WHEREAS, the Cemetery, through a written request of the remaining Cemetery trustees, has requested that the Town pursuant to Section 1506(j) of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, accept the conveyance of the Cemetery premises and transfer of all assets. A copy of the written request of the Cemetery trustees is attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, Section 291 of the Town Law requires the Town to maintain abandoned cemeteries.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town for the Cemetery to be maintained and for the Town to accept the transfer of all Cemetery assets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town accepts the conveyance of all Cemetery property and assets, including real property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such conveyance shall be subject to all agreements as to lots sold and all trust, restrictions and conditions upon the title or use of the real property or assets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor and Town Attorney are authorized, directed and empowered to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the transfer of Cemetery property and assets, including real property.

ADOPTED this 20th day of May, 2025, at the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Hunter.

Motioned by: Councilman Dolph Semenza

Seconded by: Councilman Ernest Reale **All in Favor:**

All Opposed:

Sean Mahoney, Supervisor	Aye
David Kukle, Councilman	Aye
Raymond Legg, Councilman	Aye
Ernest Reale, Councilman	Aye
Dolph Semenza, Councilman	Aye

GRANTS

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to send a letter of support to Peoples' Climate Action Hudson Valley for the Mt Top Arboretum. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

HBRT

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize signature on letter to NYS DOT including proposed funding table project design and construction of ADA-compliant trail to connect Clove Road to Ski Bowl Road. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

TOWING

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize Supervisor to sign towing contract w/Pete's Auto and Haines Falls Auto. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney states the impound lot needs to be installed before Memorial Day weekend and the town will begin towing on that weekend.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize a contract with S&T Security based on the Supervisor's approval. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Acknowledged receipt of fully executed contract from same.

AMBULANCE

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize a Statutory Installment Bond w/The Bank of Greene County for a 5-year term, callable in the amount of \$223,872 for a 2024 wheeled Coach HR Transit Ambulance Savvik #16035. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney states the town is bonding the full amount, no ARPA funds being used.

I-GEL INTUBATION DEVICE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to approve the purchase of the i-gel Pack, three different sizes for both ambulances and to have the crew trained. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

A.Woolheater states this will not be utilized or purchased until everyone is trained on how to use it and the Town Board agrees all will be paid for the training time which is approximately two hours.

CONSOLIDATION of FIRE DISTRICTS Discuss/set date for meeting to discuss consolidation with Haines Falls and Tannersville.

Councilman Reale makes a MOTION to hold a meeting to discuss fire department consolidation on June 2, 2025, at 5PM at the Town Hall. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5-

Noes -0-

TOWN HALL May 27th Regular Meeting has been cancelled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:21 PM to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

C. Pascucci and L. Hamrah-Poladian excused.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 10:00 PM.

Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

PAY RATE CHANGES

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to pay Bereavement Pay to Helen Walsh at her regular rate of pay for 35 hours. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to establish a new rate of pay for our second year Full-Time Police Officers. The new rate will be \$29.00 per hour, also to establish a new rate of pay for fourth year Full Time Police Officers, to establish their new rate of pay to \$32.00 per hour and to establish that our Part Time Police Officers rate of pay is now \$28.00 per hour effective immediately. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to establish an overtime rate for Robert Haines, Sgt. At Arms, for his overtime rate to be set at \$50.00 per hour on as needed basis. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Councilman Legg makes a MOTION to adjourn at 10:04 PM. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC
Town of Hunter