# MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HUNTER HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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

Jayne Bogus Deputy Town Clerk

Others Present: Lara Hamrah-Poladian Secretary to the Supervisor

Sgt. Robert Haines Hunter Police Department

Susan Graham Office Assistant

Robert Blain Superintendent of Highways
Rose Santiago Code Enforcement Officer
Marc Czermerys Planning Board Chair
Ariel Woolheater Ambulance Administrator

Plus, all names on attached listing.

Absent: Corina Pascucci Town Clerk

5:00PMINTERVIEWS – Office Assistant

6:00PMAGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Mahoney opens the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

General Fund (TW) Voucher #359 through #393 in the amount of \$30,860.66

General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1043 through #1046 in the amount of \$875.50

General Fund (G) Voucher #3004 through #3007 in the amount of \$13,961.95

Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #164 through #175 in the amount of \$6,793.70

Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1085 through #1100 in the amount of \$52,468.93

Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #67 through #75 in the amount of \$6,182.24

## **GRANTS**

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to authorize signature with Northern Borders Regional Commission for grant administration. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Acknowledged Request for Qualifications due by 9/22/25 re: Consultants: COMPREHENSIVE Plan. Supervisor Mahoney will have posted on the website.

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to approve the Request for Qualifications for consultants with the amended changes from the Department of State. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Changes:

Use Comprehensive Planning Process instead of Comprehensive Planning Program.

Under A – Introduction add the following text:

"and must incorporate the Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning principles outlined by the NYS Department of State

Under Scope of Work, added Smart Growth.

Acknowledged receipt of fully executed copy of Intermunicipal Agreement (Town, Village of Hunter, Village of Tannersville).

#### **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN-**Discussion on members.

Intermunicipal Town of Hunter Comprehensive Plan Members (14 Members) Supervisor Mahoney feels this will be a super productive group.

## Town at Large Representatives

**Marc Czermerys** (Planning Board Chairman, Immaculate Conception Church Village Trustee, Mountain Top Cares Coalition Board Member, local resident)

**David Kukle** (Town Councilman, Mountain Cloves Scenic Byway President, Catskill Center Board member, local resident)

Trent Poole (General Manager Hunter Mountain and Vice President Vail Resorts, local resident)

School Board Member TBD

**Daryl Mercer** (Platte Clove Community Representative, local resident)

Neal Chernin (local resident)

Aleksandra Smith (Town of Hunter Planning Board Member)

Robert Johnson (Lanesville Resident, Stony Clove Rod and Gun Club, HD Lane Fire Co. )

Village of Tannersville Representatives

George Kelly (Village Trustee and Deputy Mayor)

**Kody Leach** (Village Trustee)

Serhiy Yevtushkenko (Local businessowner and resident)

Village of Hunter Representatives

Paul Slutzky (Village of Hunter Planning Chairperson, Local Resident)

Harout Dermenjian (Village of Hunter Planning Board, Local Resident and businessowner)

Kevin McArdle (Local Resident and Attorney)

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adopt the revised Town of Hunter Intermunicipal Comprehensive Plan Committee members. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

#### **ARPA**

Discussion on use of funds (currently approximately \$176,000 in ARPA funds with \$125,000 of that being Greene County Funding already allocated for professional services for the Town Hall project and paving) The Town ARPA portion is approximately \$51,000.

By 12/31/25 the \$100,000 must be spent on professional services. He adds either the town can get the paving of the parking lot done this year or give the funds back to Greene County.

R. Blain states KCK stated they would honor the price for paving from last year and asks the Town Board if they would like to go with KCK at the price of \$41,600.

Councilman Legg to check in with J. Farrell about the status of work in the "kitchen".

Supervisor Mahoney has asked department heads to put together proposals for items that are needed that the board would ultimately have to budget for.

Sgt. Haines has put together a proposal for new uniforms, the Hunter Police Department, for Class B (day-to-day use) and Class A (formal) and alterations at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00 with new holsters included.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to approve the spending of up to \$15,000 of ARPS money to allow Sgt. Haines to make the purchase. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to allow the Bookkeeper to transfer \$15,000 of the town ARPA money into the Town of Hunter Police equipment fund. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Supervisor Mahoney suggests that the Code Enforcement Officer and staff have a jacket that identifies them as Town of Hunter Building Department. R. Santiago to put information together for the board detailing their needs. He also asks that admin staff discuss any needs they have to make the workspace more functional and comfortable.

#### **AMBULANCE**

Discussion on Lucas (Automatic cpr machine). Town Board asks for more information on the warranty. Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to authorize the ambulance to purchase \$21,987.16 for a LUCAS chest compression system from Stryker which includes a one-year warranty and two Emma capnograph kits with wayform latex free at a cost of \$1,860.38 each. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to allow the Bookkeeper to transfer the total of the above-mentioned to the ambulance equipment fund. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Igel – two more employees to be trained.

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to hire Donald McGinnis as a full-time Town of Hunter ambulance employee at driver pay until such time he receives his EMT credentials at which time his compensation will be reassessed, effective 9/9/25. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

### TOWN HALL COMPLEX

Supervisor Mahoney states a special meeting may need to be held.

#### MUNICIPAL INSURANCE

Councilman Semenza makes a MOTION to authorize signature for binder: Marshall & Sterling effective 9/1/25. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

<u>JUSTICE COURT</u> -Discussion on JCAP grant. Supervisor Mahoney reads an email from Justice Timpson(see below)

To: Town Clerk

From: M.Timspon and K.Prince-walsh, Town Justices

Re: Application for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program

Date: August 26, 2025

The Town of Hunter Court is requesting authorization from the Town Board to apply for funding from the Justice Court Assistance Program during the upcoming grant cycle. One required component of the application is a Resolution from the Town Board authorizing the Town Court to apply for this funding.

If the Town Board authorizes the Town Court to apply for funding, the wording must be:

Be it resolved, The Board of the Town of Hunter authorizes The Town of Hunter, Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-2026 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

The grant process states the the board resolution must be certified.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your help with the Court's application. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Hon. Mary-Susan Timpson

Town of Hunter Justice Court

5742 State Route 23A

PO Box 70

Tannersville, NY 12485

(518) 589-5882 ext 305

Councilman Kukle makes a MOTION to allow the Justice Court to apply for the JCAP grant as stated in the above letter, which they (Justice Court) will administer and handle all the actions and reporting that has to do with this grant. Also, that the court share with the Town Board, after they win the grant, what they are purchasing to make the court more efficient. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney states any modifications made to the Town Hall would need the approval of the Town Board.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss the employment of a particular individual. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to come out of Executive Session with no action taken at 9:19 PM. Seconded by Councilman Kukle.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to adjourn at 9:19 PM. Seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes -5- Noes -0-

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC Town of Hunter