

MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL LOCATED ON RTE. 23A IN TANNERSVILLE, NEW YORK.

Present:	Sean Mahoney	Supervisor
	Ernest Reale	Councilman
	Raymond Legg	Councilman
	Dolph Semenza	Councilman
	David Kukle	Councilman
	Corina Pascucci	Town Clerk
	– Left at 7:00 p.m.	
	Lara Hamrah Poladian	Secretary to the Supervisor
Others:	Bruce Feml	Animal Control Officer
	Marc Czermerys	Planning Board Chairman
	Ariel Woolheater	Ambulance Administrator
	Robert Blain	Highway Administrator
	Robert Haines	Sargeant, Hunter Police Department
	Lee McGunnigle	Mayor, Village of Tannersville
	George Kelly	Deputy Mayor

Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to open the Workshop Meeting at 6:05 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes - 5 - Noes - 0 -

The Town Board audited the following and approved for payment:
General Fund (TW) Voucher #538 through #540 in the amount of \$6,240.71
General Fund (G) Voucher #3023 in the amount of \$738.32
Highway Fund (DA) Voucher #272 through #283 in the amount of \$18,179.54
Highway Fund (DB) Voucher #1143 through #1144 in the amount of \$51,575.00
General Fund (TW) Voucher #1 through #33 in the amount of \$13,278.75
General Fund (TOS) Voucher #1001 through #1002 in the amount of \$15,998.00
Highway Fund (TW) Voucher #1 through #6 in the amount of \$4,461.86
Highway Fund (TOS) Voucher #1001 in the amount of \$50,467.32
Landfill Closure Fund Voucher #1 through #5 in the amount of \$2,244.94

1. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

a. Mayor McGunnigle thanks highway superintendent for a successful job keeping the roads safe. The public has expressed their appreciation. Formally solidify that the Village did get the

highway grant in the amount of \$1.16 million and buyout for the highway garage in the amount of approximately \$400,000; for a total of almost \$1.6 million that the Village has to bring to the shared vision for the highway department.

b. Formalize the Village's commitment to the 250-year celebration for July 4, 2026, including fireworks, parade, bandstand, calendar of events. Mayor McGunnigle estimates a cost of \$20,000.00. The Village will pursue donations, additional legwork.

Supervisor Mahoney affirms the Town's support of making the celebration a success. Confirms that Diann Thorpe is working on the parade/celebration as well. Costs should be shared by Town and Village.

Councilman Reale recommends contacting the Air National Guard about performing a flyover during the 4th of July weekend celebration.

Raymond Legg will contact Greg Thorpe regarding same.

c. Supervisor Mahoney invited the Village Board to the next Workshop to examine and weigh in on the new highway garage and town hall plans. During the July 4th celebration, it would be a good time to show plans to the public. Set up a table for the public to stop by to see initial plans.

d. Mara Lehman, of Haines Falls, spoke about past meeting (planning board) cancellation. Marc Czermerys corrected that the meeting was not cancelled due to snow but went forward.

Regarding Szymansky site plan – what is being planned? She would like to be informed as she is a neighbor of the Szymansky property. Supervisor Mahoney explained that that is a subject that is discussed at the planning board meetings. He also explained that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., and that the public will still be able to weigh in on those plans. Marc Czermerys explained that Ms. Lehman is welcome to contact him and to come to the office to examine proposed plans, etc.

e. Lara Hamrah Poladian discussed July 4, 2026, celebration plans. She proposed a discussion with first responders here and in surrounding towns to gather information about events taking place in those towns as resources can be spread thin regarding safety, medical emergencies, police presence, etc.

2. DOG CONTROL LAW

Supervisor Mahoney discussed dog control laws/fees that are twenty +/- years old. Supervisor Mahoney drafted a new law which is essentially the same but §§7 – 14 is new information regarding seizure, impoundment, adoption, fees, redemption, etc. in accordance with Agriculture and Markets Law. Penalties shall be issued as outlined in the Agriculture and Markets Law. Civil penalties may be pursued by the Town for errant dog owners.

- a. Fees and fee schedule shall be adopted by the Town Board on an annual basis. Outstanding fees and penalties may result in an appearance ticket. The Dog Control Officer may issue a ticket for violation of this law. A ticket book will be purchased (Williamson Law Book) for Animal Control Officer Feml.
- b. Animal Control Officer Feml inquired about increase of fees. Supervisor Mahoney agreed that fees will have to be increased to cover current costs. Additional discussion regarding responsibility of dog owners, family members and adoption rules. Discussion regarding licensing and keeping license current.
- c. Town Clerk Pascucci inquired about the possibility of including a dog kennel in the new town hall building.
- d. Supervisor Mahoney proposed taking one more month before adopting anything regarding dog control laws, fees, etc. Animal Control Officer Feml agreed to research additional information.

3. HIGHWAY

- a. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney for John G. Farrell to be appointed as deputy highway supervisor. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 -

- b. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney for Highway funds in the amount of \$125,000.00 to invest in NY Class. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 -

- c. Peterbilt truck progress. Peterbilt is looking into the situation. Truck is still waiting for repairs. Breakdown actually took place while truck was on the road.

4. AMBULANCE

Deputy ambulance administrator position to be created. Ariel Woolheater would like Barbara Pforte to be appointed. Supervisor Mahoney stated that this is in title only, it will not come with additional pay. Barbara Pforte would be responsible for same duties as Ariel Woolheater when she is unavailable. If Ariel were to leave her position, the position would still be appointed by the Board. It would not be an automatic move up for Barbara Forte to Ambulance Administrator. Hunter Ambulance is still out for repairs. Martinez is still waiting for parts to complete repairs. Supervisor Mahoney asked Ariel Woolheater to call and follow up before she leaves for vacation. She confirmed that calls are made regularly to follow progress. Supervisor Mahoney defers to Councilman Legg regarding bays. He gave permission for a call to his cell phone if problems arise.

a. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney to appoint Barbara Pforte as Deputy Ambulance Administrator, with no additional pay. Motion seconded by Councilman Reale.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 –

b. MOTION made by Councilman Legg to hire C&R for emergency bay doors repair. Seconded by Supervisor Mahoney.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 –

Lara Hamrah Poladian discussed air conditioner/heating units (“mini-splits”) service contract. Councilman Legg recommended a call to Sinnott’s Plumbing regarding this. Councilman Legg has discussed it with Sinnott’s and would like to meet with someone from their company to walk through the building. Lara Hamrah Poladian provided concerns regarding the mini-split in use by the police station.

5. JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Diann Thorpe is interested in honoring veterans. The Village is interested in a much larger celebration. Supervisor Mahoney discussed letting the Village know that the Town is willing to donate \$5,000.00. Lara Hamrah Poladian stated that an agreement/contract would have to be entered into. She also recommended that the Town not be specifically involved with the firework production, for insurance purposes. Additionally, food trucks, hot dogs and local restaurant involvement were also discussed. The Bruderhof is looking to be part of the celebration regarding food. A budget and rundown of plans should be prepared by the Village and presented to the Town. The Village has stated that if fireworks do not take place at the park, they are not interested in doing (them). Diann Terns-Thorpe stated that she has money set aside that could be used for this celebration. She will be more involved when the weather is better, and she can approach businesses about it. Supervisor Mahoney stated that a meeting will be scheduled with the Village, and Diann Terns Thorpe will be made aware of date/time.

a. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney to go into Executive Session to discuss employment history. Seconded by Councilman Legg.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 -

b. MOTION made by Supervisor Mahoney to come out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 -

c. Supervisor Mahoney makes a MOTION to close the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Semenza.

Ayes - 5 -

Noes - 0 -

Renee Ment, Admin. Asst.

Corina Pascucci, Town Clerk, RMC