

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN  
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,  
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168  
MARCH 17, 2025**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by ***Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder*** at **7:00 PM** at the Town Hall.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

***(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder***

***(X) Council Diana Clark***

***(X) Council Kyle Kidney***

***(X) Council John E. DeFreest Jr.***

***(X) Council Tammy Madden***

***(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman***

***( ) Alden Goodermote, Highway Superintendent***

***(X) Jennifer Van Deusen, Assessor***

***(X) Legal Counsel, Chris Langlois***

A quorum (X) was ( ) wasn't established.

4 from the Public were present

*Supervisor Roder asks for a moment of silence to honor the recent passing of former Councilman Gerald Robinson.*

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

- Claim #52-25 through #74-25 in the amount of **\$29,600.90 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #38-25 through #57-25 in the amount of **\$42,262.55 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$71,863.45** audited and approved by the Town Board.

**MOTION BY: DEFREEST JR.**

**SECONDED BY: CLARK**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

Minutes of the **February 17, 2025, Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

**MOTION BY: KIDNEY**

**SECONDED BY: DEFREEST JR.**

**VOTES OF: 3 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**2 ABSTAINED (RODER & CLARK)**

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT:** The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$635.88** to the Supervisor for the month of **FEBRUARY 2025**.

**JUSTICE COURT REPORT:** The distribution from the office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the month of **January 2025** was **\$739.00**.

**TRANSFER STATION REPORT:** The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$5,581.00** for the month of **FEBRUARY 2025**.

Bags: **\$4,564**

C&D & Metal: **\$781**

Tires: **\$6**

Stickers: **\$145**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Appliances: **\$0**

*Council D. Clark reports that the Conex container has been delivered to the Transfer Station. It was \$2,700, it is used, but in good condition. This container is a requirement by DEC E-waste to store electronics.*

**ACCOUNT TOTALS:**

GENERAL \$1,522,455.87                      HIGHWAY \$692,188.73  
GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$637,543.75                      HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$744,652.70  
BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19                      BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

Supervisor Roder made a Motion at 7:15 PM to go into executive session with Legal Counsel for Attorney Client Privilege and requested the presence of Town Clerk S. Hoffman.

**Seconded By: Council Kidney**

VOTES OF:            5 AYE            0 NAY

Council Kidney made a Motion at 7:37 PM to come out of executive session.

**Seconded By: Council T. Madden**

VOTES OF:            5 AYE            0 NAY

*Council Clark provided the Alarms Report from the Fire Department & reported that the new ambulance is expected in early fall.*

<i><b>Fire Department Report for</b></i>	<i><b>February 2025</b></i>
<i>EMS with Transport:</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>EMS without Transport:</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle Accident with injury:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle Accident without injury:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Mutual Aid Given</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Standby</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Good Intent</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Weather Wires Down:</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Call Cancelled:</i>	<i>2</i>
<i><b>Monthly Total:</b></i>	<i><b>28</b></i>
<i><b>YTD:</b></i>	<i><b>48</b></i>

**RESOLUTION #29-25**

**ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF THE DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR**

**WHEREAS:** the Town Clerk received the resignation of Eileen Roder, Deputy Tax Collector, and

**WHEREAS:** she requested her resignation be effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Board accept the Deputy Tax Collector's resignation and authorize the Town Clerk to report such resignation to the required parties.

**MOTION BY: Clark**

**SECONDED BY: DeFreest Jr.**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY**

**RESOLUTION# 30- 2025**

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR LAW MOWING SERVICES FOR 2025**

**WHEREAS:** the Town Board requested sealed BIDs for the 2025 Lawn Mowing at the Town Park and the Town Hall, and

**WHEREAS:** the Town Clerk's Office received **1** sealed BIDs by March 17, 2025, at 7:00PM from:

1. Everything Green for the amount of \$173.00/ month for the Town Hall AND \$164.00/month for the Town Park.

now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** the Town Board would like to award the 2024 Lawn Mowing to Everything Green for the amount of \$173.00/ month for the Town Hall AND \$164.00/month for the Town Park.

**MOTION BY: RODER**

**SECONDED BY: KIDNEY**

**VOTES OF:**

**5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**0 ABSTAINED**

**RESOLUTION# 31- 2025**

**APPROVING THE SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING SURETY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN STEPHENTOWN AND MILK RUN SOLAR LLC.**

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Stephentown and Milk Run Solar, LLC have negotiated the terms of the Solar Decommissioning Surety Agreement, and

**WHEREAS,** the terms of the agreement are acceptable to the Town, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED,** that the Stephentown Town Board hereby approves the Solar Facility Decommissioning Surety Agreement between the Town of Stephentown and Milk Run Solar, LLC with respect to the Solar Energy facility to be developed on NY State Route 22 (Tax Map ID: 196.-1-2), and further

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute the same on behalf of the Town once in final form and as approved by legal counsel.

**MOTION BY: RODER**

**SECONDED BY: DEFREEST JR.**

**VOTES OF:**

**5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**0 ABSTAINED**

*Council DeFreest Jr. expressed his gratitude to the representatives of Milk Run Solar, LLC for providing the documentation and materials that were requested and working with the Town on the agreement.*

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Reminders to All Participants who would like to speak: (this meeting is on Live Stream and is being recorded)*

- *Raise your hand prior to speaking*
- *Announce your name and the Town you reside in.*
- *There is a 3-to-5-minute window for each speaker per Resolution 1 of the fiscal year*
- *Any disruptive conduct will be addressed at any meeting if the Town Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible. The Chair (Town Supervisor) may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its business.*

*T. Dormady inquired about the funding for the Senior group and expressed concerns that it is holding up trips.*

*L. Dudley now organizes and plans the trips for the Senior Group and reported that they are working on filling buses, she expressed concerns that the deposit prices continue to increase. The group understands that some of the funds for trips will need to be taken from the treasury funds.*

*Supervisor Roder provides an explanation of the past recent years and the reconstruction of the funds moving forward. The funding will be provided directly to the Senior Group rather than having vouchers submitted and the Town paying the vendor directly. The Town Board's expectation is that Stephentown residents have preference and expects a monthly or bimonthly report on where the funding is going.*

*Council DeFreest Jr. inquires if the New Lebanon Senior groups has merged with Stephentown.*

*L. Dudley reported that they have not merged with the group, however there is discussion on having a joint overnight bus trip with them and has a list of the proposed trips to provide for the Town Board.*

*Library Director K. Roppolo reported how successful Teen Night has been. The Easter party will be held on Saturday 4/19/2025 at 1 pm at the library with a rain date of 4/18. Another Trivia Night has been planned for 4/27, it will be located at the New Lebanon Community Center. She also inquired about the Youth Commission email address, it was created and managed by the library and since the library does not have oversight for insurance reasons, she would like to know how to proceed to get the incoming emails to the director for the youth commission.*

*Town Clerk Hoffman suggested that a Town email be made for the youth commission and the emails that the library has be forwarded to the new email account once created.*

*Supervisor Roder mentioned that NYSEG will be upgrading the current meters to Smart Meters, if more details become available he will report out.*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:04 PM**

**MOTION BY: DEFREEST JR.**

**SECONDED BY: T. MADDEN**

**VOTES OF:**

**5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**\*\*The next Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.**

*Stephanie M. Hoffman*

**Town Clerk**