

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN  
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,  
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168  
APRIL 21, 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**

**( ) Legal Counsel**

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

  2   from the Public were present

**AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

- Claim #75-25 through #94-25 in the amount of **\$21,671.96 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #58-25 through #57-25 in the amount of **\$62,642.79 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$84,314.75** audited and approved by the Town Board.

**MOTION BY: T. MADDEN**

**SECONDED BY: J. DEFREEST JR.**

**VOTES OF:        5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

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

**MOTION BY: K. KIDNEY**

**SECONDED BY: T. MADDEN**

**VOTES OF:        5 AYE**

**0 NAY**

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT:** The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,478.50** to the Supervisor for the month of **MARCH 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 **February 2025** was \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**TRANSFER STATION REPORT:** The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$7,406.00** for the month of **MARCH 2025**.

Bags: **\$4,956**

C&D & Metal: **\$2,141**

Tires: **\$54**

Stickers: **\$235**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Appliances: **\$20**

**ACCOUNT TOTALS:**

**GENERAL \$1,154,434.64**

**HIGHWAY \$1,496,525.29**

**GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$912,730.94**

**HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$744,652.70**

**BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19**

**BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.**

**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.*

*M. Winters inquired about having a roadside garage cleanup day on State Routes 22 and 43 and asked if the board would supply bags or support the event and allow the group to dispose of the garbage at the Transfer Station.*

*Town Board agrees it's a good idea, Council Clark reported that the Transfer Station employees should be aware of when it is going to take place. M. Winters reported that she would let the Town Board know when it will take place and has a friend with a trailer to transport the garbage.*

*Highway Superintendent Goodermote reported that the new truck is almost completed.*

*Supervisor Roder asked if the Clean Up Day was going to be entertained this year and if the Highway employees could work a Friday and switch a day. Highway Superintendent expressed concerns regarding the issues that took place last year. Council Clark reported that there were some concerns regarding folks coming in more than once, some of these people had more than one residence and were able to prove it with tax bills. Others had neighbors helping them get stuff to the transfer station. Council Kidney expressed the difficulties there were it appeared some people had saved things for the entire year and waited for the Clean up day to dispose of it. It was very filthy and ridiculous with the amount of stuff people packed in the vehicles.*

*Supervisor Roder proposed a date of June 6<sup>th</sup>, and requested a meeting with Council Clark, Highway Superintendent Goodermote and an employee from the Transfer Station so everyone is on the same page.*

*There is a Paint Recycling Day being held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at HVCC.*

*We have been notified that the Eastwick Press will no longer be printing the paper, and they will be going to a platform online, it will be called Capital Region Independent Media. The Historical Society sent a letter to thank the Town Board for their support. A celebration is being planned for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Country. Upcoming events – the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Wash will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> with the Stephentown Federated Church Bake & Plant Sale, the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Annual Picnic on July 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*Discussion about where the AED will be located until the Youth Summer Program, board agreed to install the AED case in the Town Hall next to the fire extinguisher.*

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 32 FOR THE YEAR 2025 OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR THE  
FURNISHING OF ALL LABOR, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL AND INSTALLATION OF AIR-SOURCE  
HEAT PUMPS FOR OFFICES OF TOWN HALL**

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to solicit bid for the project identified as the “Furnishing of All Labor, Equipment and Material and Installation of Air-Source Heat Pumps for Offices of Town Hall”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board hereby calls for bid proposals for said project, in conformance with the bid specifications and Notice To Bidders, available at the Town Clerk’s Office, which are to be received and considered publicly at Town Hall, on the 19th day of May, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., the time and place specified in said public notice.

**MOTION BY: RODER**

**SECONDED BY: MADDEN**

**VOTES OF:**

**5 AYE 0 NAY**

*Supervisor Roder explained that the Clean Energy Group worked hard to get NYSERDA energy grants for the Town to use for energy updates. The Town has \$26,000 in grant funds. The plan is to get heat pumps installed in the Town Offices this year and in the Hall within the next 2 years. Highway Superintendent reported that he requested the labor rates and will probably have to request them again for June.*

*Highway Superintendent expressed concerns regarding the rates for road materials are increasing, would like to have all town roads hard topped in the next few years, would suggest having a program set up for funding to get the roads done. Supervisor Roder invited Highway Superintendent to meet with him to discuss funding options and putting a plan together.*

*Supervisor Roder reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Sales Tax check for \$189,000.00.*

*The Town Board discussed the possibilities of selling the house and don't find it favorable, we will have a fire sale and take out what we can and sell things off.*

*T. Dormady asked what the ultimate plan was for the property.*

*Supervisor Roder the plan is to put additional parking for the Town Hall and the rest of the property will be used for the Highway Department. There will be no structure on the property, there are no big plans at this time or a rush to have anything done. Supervisor Roder asked the Town Board if anyone was against doing a fire sale or demo, board agreed that it was a good plan.*

*Highway Superintendent discussed the Bridge Replacement on Goould Road which will be an estimate of \$250,000.*

*T. Dormady asked about the Solar project and if it was completed. Supervisor Roder reported that the verbiage of the agreement still has some changes to be made and after that the agreement will be signed and completed. T. Dormady asked if there were any other solar projects in the making. Supervisor Roder reported that there was potential of a solar field going on West Road, and on the Deyo property. Council DeFreest, Jr. expressed that the Town's plan to recoup from the project is one of the best in the County. T. Dormady asked if there is history of solar fields going belly up. Council DeFreest, Jr. reported that the grid does not have room to store energy, and the panels will sit. Even if they are not in use when they bake in the sun half life goes down.*

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:03 PM**

**MOTION BY: DEFREEST, JR.**

**SECONDED BY: CLARK**

**VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY**

**\*\*The next Regular Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.**

*Stephanie M. Hoffman*

**Town Clerk**