

**Regular Town Board Meeting
September 15th, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on September 15th, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Prattsburgh Town Hall, Prattsburgh, NY. Supervisor Wordingham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT:

Albert Wordingham	Supervisor
Angela Einwachter	Councilmember
Elizabeth Peck	Councilmember
Pete Scheid	Councilmember
Janette Payne	Councilmember
Kim Sobolewski	Town Clerk

AGREEMENT

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the Board authorized Supervisor Wordingham to enter into agreement with Disaster Recovery Partners not to exceed \$80,000.00.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the August 18th, 2025, Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Einwachter, the September 2025 financial report was accepted as presented by Supervisor Wordingham.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

AUDIT OF BILLS

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the board approved payment of the following bills on ABSTRACT #9 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #9 is \$344,736.36. (Voucher# 337-369)

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid- Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

HIGHWAY

Since our last scheduled meeting we have graded upper cook school road, Simon's, Stanton, Blacklock, whiting, Wheaton, Moore, Chapmen, Reservoir, Tuttle, Sweeney, ford, and Sturdevent. Started our final round of roadside mowing. All of Ingleside is done, and we're working our way back toward town. We did our part with the summer festival, moving the stage for the committee. Reservoir road is now done. This month we upsized all the pipes on the road. Installed check dams in the ditches, and I had soil and water hydro seed all the ditch banks to help with erosion control. This work was done according to the specs laid out by FEMA after the damage from hurricane Deb a year ago. I've been in contact with Ryan Frykholm, regarding the FEMA funding. Everything seems to be heading in the right direction. I spent a day working on the budget for the October deadline. We had one large willow down on Waldo Road this month. I spent a day at the 75 shops with the pay loader, moving stone, and piling bank run, and in general cleaning and clearing for winter. I also have started mixing salt and sand and storing it in the sand barn for winter. We provided shared service for the county (they borrowed our sweeper for part of a day) and four days for the town of bath helping oil and stone. They will in return help us with gravel this fall. We have hopefully finalized the sale of the old excavator, and we have come to an agreement with Pulteney with the boom mower. And we should see the new used truck from arcade show up by the end of the month.

***Repairs and maintenance**

T-205 fixed exhaust

L-113 new cutting edge

E-025 new serpentine belt

Tr-117 new front tires, new ignition switch, and bolts for the wheel weights Currently t-100 is at Simmons and Rockwell getting the manifolds changed and new dip stick tube, and oil pan changed. In the future we are planning on finishing the grading, and we will cold patch one more time. We have ditching to do right up until the weather turns bad. And we will soon be setting our sights towards getting ready for winter.

Perry

Respectively John

WATER

I sent in our August 2025 Water Report to the DOH

I took our September Coli/Ecoli sample to the Savona Lab

I took our 2025 PFAS Sample to the Savona Lab

I replaced the faulty door on our verbatim callout box at the pump house

I replaced the chlorine injector at the pump house

I cleaned up around the water shop

Fred and I flushed 65 hydrants

Fred, Russ and I dug on Reservoir Rd to look for potential leak (No leak found)

Fred and I cleaned up our dig on Reservoir Rd

Fred and I fixed five broken curb boxes

I started an inventory list of things needed to be purchased for next year

I worked on the 2026 budget

I cut all the sumac trees down and removed them from the Pump house

I filled all the potholes at the pump house parking lot

UDIG

Tickets – 22

Mark outs – 3

Emergency – 1

Design – 0

CODE

Permits apps - 7

Appearance Tickets-0

Renewals mailed-0

Building inspections- 17

Fire safety/property maintenance inspections- 0

Septic Inspections – 0

C of O/C of C –2

Compliance inspections -2

Compliance orders – 0

Phone Calls – 124

Plan/Permit app. Reviews. 9 (136.50 hours)

Emails-48

Incidents – 0

Paperwork, In-service training

SUPERVISOR

8/14/25 Since covid it has been extremely difficult to update the highway equipment, particularly the 10 wheelers. The wait time is two to three years, and the cost has increased by approximately 30 %. A year or so ago John Perry made contact with the highway superintendent of the Town of Arcade. Arcade is on a schedule that turns over their equipment every eight years. The trucks are used full-time for six years then on a need basis for the next two years. Two employees of Prattsburgh's highway department thoroughly inspected the vehicle. We have an opportunity to purchase this truck ready to go for a little less than 50% off new.

8/19/25 John Perry and I met with Ryan Frykholm (Disaster Partners) regarding the ongoing negotiations with F.E.M.A. over the damages caused by Tropical Storm Deb last August. We hope to make a resolution regarding Lyons Hollow Road and Fisher Road in the next week.

8/21/25 Angela, Matt Bull, and I met with Lucas Martin our representative from the Economic Development Agency (EDA) to discuss the process and timeline for resubmission of the grant that was "clawed back" a few weeks ago. The meeting was very productive and encouraging. We will gather all of the data required and submit it in September.

8/25/25 We all owe Angela Einwachter and Kim Sobolewski a show of gratitude for the time they devoted to putting together the very successful annual festival last weekend.

9/4/25 John Perry and I attended a virtual meeting offered by H2O Partners. H2O Partners has been hired by Steuben County Office of Emergency Services as a consultant to assist in the preparation and planning of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan that was first put in place in 2019. This plan will address natural and human-caused hazards that impact Steuben County. This was an introductory presentation. The next meeting will be in November which is open to the public.

9/4/25 John Perry continues to look for another candidate to fill the vacancy at the highway department. If you or anyone you know is looking for a great job opportunity and have a CDL license, contact John Perry at the highway department.

9/4/25 Allison Barkowski Operations and Outreach Director for Congresswoman Claudia Tenney stopped by to introduce herself. We had a great conversation of possible solutions regarding the loss of the EDA grant for the waste water district. It was a great meeting and I feel confident that Claudia Tenney's office will assist us in retrieving the original grant or being awarded another grant to complete the project.

9/5/25 General Code Progress Update in July Angela received the Organizational Analysis and other documents from General Code as part of their work organizing our town laws for the purpose of creating a comprehensive list of local legislation accessible online. The

Organizational Analysis involves reviewing their work and answering questions pertaining to the

Laws, such as whether or not they are still in effect, are the titles correct and providing any missing documents. This task required Angela to go through each law in the three large binders containing the laws dating back to 1973. In doing so, it has become obvious to Angela that we have some “clean up” work to do with respect to laws that may be outdated but still on the books. We also have need to adopt resolutions regarding FOIL requests and Records Retention that are required by law but never happened. The benefit of the General Code putting these online in searchable form is that they will only include laws that are in effect, but this is only as accurate as the information we provide for them. The Organizational Analysis is due back to them by September 23 but Angela feels that an extension will be necessary to complete the job accurately.

9/8/25 Ryan Frykholm from Disaster Partners contacted me about his discussions with the F.E.M.A. group regarding the damage caused by Tropical Storm Deb 13 months ago. Ryan feels confident that he has finally reached an agreement where we can start receiving payments from F.E.M.A.

9/9/25 Matt Bull (I.D.A.) had a conference call with Allison Barkowski and Phil Gow (Claudia Tenney’s Office) regarding the E.D.A. Grant that was “Clawed Back” from the wastewater project. Allison and Phil are going to send a letter of support for our project and continue to work with us in the submission of a new request for retrieving the original grant or being rewarded with a new grant.

9/10/25 Phil Gow (Claudia Tenny’s Office) called this morning to reassure me that the federal money for the wastewater project was available and the Congresswomen Tenney’s office is going to reach out to all other agencies that can be of help.

TAX CAP

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the board approved the following:

TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH

Resolution No. 14 -2025

Proposed Local Law To Establish New York State Tax Cap Override For Fiscal Year 2026

Motion by Councilperson Einwachter, seconded by Councilperson Scheid to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York State has mandated a tax cap for annual increases of municipal budgets; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Prattsburgh does not anticipate exceeding the tax cap; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Tax Cap Law is complex to follow and includes significant penalties if all rules are not followed and such tax cap is violated; and

WHEREAS, an override of the tax cap is permitted under State Law and appears appropriate for the Town of Prattsburgh under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Local Law has been distributed to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to act as “Lead Agency” with respect to SEQRA issues related to this action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT

- 1. The Town Board designates itself as “Lead Agency” for SEQRA issues related hereto, determines that there will be no detrimental environmental impacts resulting therefrom, therefore declares this to be a “Type II” action and accordingly no environmental review will be undertaken.**
- 2. The Town Board of Town of Prattsburgh hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the residents and property owners of the Town of Prattsburgh to override the tax cap as provided in the General Municipal Law to ensure that the Town is not in violation of the tax cap law embodied in §3-c of the General Municipal Law for the year of 2026.**
- 3. A proposed Local Law overriding the tax cap pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 3-c has been circulated to the Town Board.**
- 4. That a public hearing on the proposed Local Law is hereby scheduled for October 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall and that notice thereof be made by legal counsel.**

CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF STEUBEN)

I, Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk for the Town of Prattsburgh, County of Steuben and State of New York, do hereby certify that the before mentioned RESOLUTION -2025 was adopted at the meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh held on September 15, 2025, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

Dated: September 16, 2025

Kim Sobolewski–Town Clerk

Town of Prattsburgh

ASSESSOR

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the board approved the reappointment of Katherine Deal for town Assessor.

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye**

**Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Nye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

WAYNE FINGERLAKES GAS

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the board accepted Wayne Finger Lakes natural gas bid.

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

BUDGET MEETING

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwechter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the board set the first 2026 budget meeting for October 7th,2025 at 6:00P.M.

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

SURPLUS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the board declared the CAT Excavator surplus equipment.

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the board declared the three sanders surplus equipment.

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

SOLAR

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the board proposed to adopt the Solar Energy Facility Regulations.

Town of Prattsburgh
Resolution No.15 -2025

Proposed Local Law To Adopt Solar Energy Facility Regulations for the Town of Prattsburgh.

Motion by Councilperson Einwachter, seconded by Councilperson Payne to adopt the

following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board is considering adoption of regulations pertaining to solar energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Town legal counsel has prepared a proposed Local Law with respect to this subject for consideration based upon a recommendation of the Town’s Planning Board, copies of which have been provided to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board intends to address the SEQRA issues related to the proposed adoption of those solar energy facility regulations.

Now Therefore, Be It RESOLVED THAT,

1. The Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh hereby establishes itself as “Lead Agency” for the SEQRA review of the proposed adoption of solar energy facility regulations, determines that such adoption should be a “Type 1” action and therefore a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) will be prepared, reviewed and completed.

2. The Town legal counsel is requested to prepare a Part 1 of an FEAF for SEQRA review of this proposed action and ultimate completion of the FEAF with a determination of significance.

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TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH)

I, Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk for the Town of Prattsburgh, County of Steuben and State of New York, do hereby certify that the before mentioned RESOLUTION 15 - 2025 was adopted at the regular meeting the Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh held on September 15, 2025, and is incorporated in the original minutes of said meeting, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

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Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

PAVING

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the Board authorized supervisor Wordingham to hire a paving company to seal the parking lot based on specs.

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Einwachter, and duly carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

**Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Payne- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye**

**Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk**

