

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 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
Edward Brockman	Legal Counsel
Kim Sobolewski	Town Clerk

**OFFICE OF THE AGING**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the board authorized the Veggie Van Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>, - October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025, 9 AM to 11am.

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

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the March 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 Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the board approved payment of the following bills on ABSTRACT #3 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #3 is \$66,922.29. (Voucher#82-119)

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye  
Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Payne- Aye  
Councilmember Scheid- Aye  
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

### **HIGHWAY**

Since our last scheduled meeting the highway department has..  
Plowed and sanded 7 times. And sanded for ice once

Used the grader for nine days pushing back drifts

Cleaned the store fronts with the help of Tim Hoose and Chris Underhill.

Fixed the stop sign on Allis Street. And two road signs, one on Fisher. And the other on Baker Road

Cut up several downed trees. And cut brush. And I sent the loader around for half a day removing large logs that have piled up over the winter, and from storms.

Opened pipes for drainage on walker, and Mattoon Road.  
Spent four days stoning ruts on various roads.

We've had deliveries of salt and hauled in sand. Mix and stack it in the barn.

Changed 60' of cross pipe on the top of Lyons Hollow. It was plugged with cord wood. And then the pipe collapsed. And also 60's cross pipe at the bottom of Lyons Hollow that was plugged as well.

Answered three emergency calls.

I did u dig paperwork and we managed one day of ditching.  
The county stopped in and worked on the repeaters in the radios

I spent two hours with Zack from soil and water looking at water damage on pipes on the Ingleside end of town. He's coming back again at a later date to do the rest of the town.

I've also had our regular meetings with FEMA. Things are progressing slowly.

Al and I have been working on equipment purchases.

Repairs and maintenance!!

All trucks were washed and greased multiple times.

T-305 & T-104 we both stuck badly, and I had to call Wilbris to have each towed out.

T-021- sanding lights, adjust clutch,

T-305 broken fender, taillights, battery cables. And replaced main cable to the engine, side tip hose, adjust clutch

T-103 tire studs, backing plate, master switch, marker lights. New front plow lights

T-104 new cutting edge

T-304 new front lights , new radiator, four spring blocks , sanding lights , spreader bar repair, back tail lights ,fixed tailgate pins , new v bar bolts , hydraulic line to the spinner

T-205 service , grease, change dump cylinder

Tr-117 get ready for inspection

Yr-122 re pack bearing , paint

C-130 new battery , fuel pump

We are starting to get ready for summer work. And in the process of getting plow items ready to go into storage. Been getting some measurements for tiling

I apologize for no minutes last meeting. That was when t-305 was stuck. A brief overview. For the meeting we plowed and

sanded and fought the wind the entire month.

Thanks for your understanding

John Perry

### WATER

I replaced the water meter at the Firehouse

I hooked up the new transmitter for the school water meter

I helped the highway and Tim clean off Main Street sidewalks

I sent in February's water report to the DOH

I have been working on our Emergency Response Plan

I started our Annual Water Quality Report

I have been searching for any information on the boundaries of the water district

I took our March Coli sample to the Savona lab

### **UDIG**

Tickets – 6

Mark outs – 3

Emergency – 2

Design – 0

### **CODE**

Permits apps - 7

Appearance Tickets-0

Renewals mailed-8

Building inspections- 6

Fire safety/property maintenance inspections- 0

Septic Inspections – 0

C of O/C of C –0

Compliance inspections -10

Compliance orders – 0

Phone Calls – 52

Emails-37

Incidents – 0

Plan/Permit app. Reviews. Paperwork, worked on code files, Meetings with town attorney regarding code cases, meetings with Iworq on new software, finished state annual report.

### **SUPERVISOR**

2/18/24 John and I met with F.E.M.A. to continue grouping roads for eventual repair. Each road needs its own paperwork for labor hours, equipment needed, and materials.

2/26/25 John and I had our weekly meeting with F.E.M.A. today. The discussion today was mainly focused on mitigation measures. Primarily upsizing existing pipes, adding overflow pipes, and installing cross pipes to better control the flow with increased volume.

2/27/25 I received a couple of calls from people concerned about the school crosswalk on county Rt.122. There are signs but apparently that is not enough to get some drivers' attention. I called Jim Risley at the county to see if the county could provide different signage and/or flashing lights. Jim was extremely helpful and said he would investigate the matter.

2/28/25 At 8:00 A.M. the county was at the county Rt. 122 school crosswalk replacing the signage and adding flashing lights on the top of the posts. We couldn't have asked for a better response than Prattsburgh received from Jim Risley and the county. A big thanks goes out to Jim.

3/4/25 John and I had our weekly meeting with F.E.M.A. to continue documentation of road damage and mitigation. Today we covered Dillenbeck and Flaherty.

3/7/25 I received an email from the state today informing the town that they wanted a start date and completion schedule for the main street project. Last November the state rendered their decision regarding the code issues that need to be addressed. To receive a permit, the applicants need to revise their drawings per state and submit them to our code department for final review.

3/11/25 At our meeting with F.E.M.A. this week we changed strategy. We emphasized the importance of a reimbursement guarantee in a timely fashion. Of course, no one at F.E.M.A. was willing to offer a repayment timeline. The best solution we came up with was to organize the damage in order of the least expensive roads to repair to the roads that will require the greatest upfront cost.

3/12/25 I had my meeting with the highway department today. There is no shortage of challenges with equipment repairs and replacement costs. John and I have had several meetings with equipment salesmen and received several quotes. We have chosen the manufacturer, now we will meet in a few days to put a deal together for our next board meeting.

3/13/25 I met with Matt Bull and Jamie Johnson from the I.D.A. We discussed the plan forward with the wastewater project for Main Street. Now that we have finally received funding from the state we can continue to form the wastewater district. Matt Bull will be at our March 17th town board meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding the project

#### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, The Board authorized Rotary to hold the annual Easter egg hunt in the Prattsburgh Town Park April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

#### **HIGHWAY RESERVFUND**

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

#### **Town of Prattsburgh**

#### **Resolution No. 3 -2025**

#### **Expenditure from the Town Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for The Purchase of a Wheeled Excavator For The Highway Department**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Prattsburgh previously established a “Type” Reserve Fund pursuant to GML §6-c entitled “Town Highway Equipment Reserve Fund Account # DA230”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of Prattsburgh is desirous of acquiring a wheeled excavator, the cost of which will not exceed \$220,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Local Finance Law (LFL) §11.00.28 the “period of probable usefulness” (PPU) for said item appears to be fifteen (15) years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT**

1. The Town Board finds that pursuant to LFL §11.00.28 the PPU for such grader is fifteen (15) years, the cost thereof expected not to exceed \$220,000.00.
2. The Town Board approves the purchase of a new Hyundai, Wheeled Excavator and the Town Supervisor is authorized to expend monies from the “Town Highway Equipment Reserve Fund Account #DA230” in the maximum amount of \$220,000.00, provided that the Town procurement policy is adhered to and such expenditure is subject to audit and payment authorization by the Town Board.
3. This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Article 7 of the Town Law and accordingly notice hereof shall be published and posted.

**CERTIFICATION OF CLERK**

STATE OF NEW YORK    )  
COUNTY OF STEUBEN    )  
TOWN OF PRATTSBURGH)

I, Kim Sobolewski, Clerk for the Town of Prattsburgh, County of Steuben and State of New York, do hereby certify that the before mentioned RESOLUTION 4 2025 was adopted at the regular meeting the Town of Prattsburgh Town Board held on March 17, 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: March 18, 2025

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Kim Sobolewski – Town Clerk

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

### **S.C.T**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, The Board approved SCT contract service quarterly.

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

### **GRAVEL BIDS**

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, The Board approved Highway to seek 2025 gravel bids.

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

### **LITTLE LEAGUE**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Payne, the board authorized Prattsburgh Jr Leagues use of the “green” for the 2025 season. Prattsburgh named on insurance.

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 approved the following:

#### **Town of Prattsburgh**

#### **Resolution No.4 -2025**

#### **Proposed Local Law Extending the Moratorium on Industrial Solar Energy Facilities and Battery Energy Storage Facilities and/or Processing of Applications With Respect Thereto, and Scheduling Public Hearing and Referring the Matter To the Steuben County Planning Department**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town board previously adopted a Local Law establishing a moratorium on the above referenced solar energy matters which moratorium was for a period of six (6) months from the effective date thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Prattsburgh Planning Board has been developing a proposed local law establishing regulations for solar energy facilities but requires additional time beyond the expiration date of the current moratorium period in order to complete that proposed local law and for the potential adoption thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board is contemplating an extension of such moratorium.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT**

1. The Town Board designates itself as “lead agency” for SEQRA purposes and determines that the enactment of a moratorium extension on industrial solar energy facilities and battery energy facilities is a Type II action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c) (36) and therefore is not subject to review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act 6 NYCRR §617.
2. The Town Board determines that it remains in the best interests of the residents and property owners of the Town of Prattsburgh to consider development and adoption of regulations to control industrial solar energy facilities and battery energy storage facilities within the Town of Prattsburgh and that pending such regulations being developed and adopted a moratorium extension of nine (9) months on construction, acceptance of, consideration of or approval of applications with respect to such facilities be enacted.
3. A public hearing shall be held with respect to this proposed Moratorium Law of 2025 on April 21st, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Prattsburgh Town Hall, 19 North Main Street, Prattsburgh, NY. Due notice with respect thereto shall be made by the Town Clerk through the Town legal counsel.

Ayes: 3

Noes:2

**Certification**

I, Kim Sobolewski, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Prattsburgh, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed abstract of the minutes of the meeting of the Town Board, held on the 16th day of September, 2024, including the Resolution contained therein, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Town Board and of such Resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original so far as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of said Town Board had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held and that, pursuant to Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, said meeting was open to the general public and that notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given in accordance with such Article 7.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Town Board present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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Kim Sobolewski

Town Clerk – Town of Prattsburgh

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, with all Board Members favor, the Board will go into Closed secession to confer with legal counsel.

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

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, and seconded by Councilmember Peck, the board agreed to exit closed session and reenter regular session.

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 Scheid, and duly carried, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk