

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on April 20th, 2026, at 6:30 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
Edward Brockman Legal Counsel
Kim Sobolewski Town Clerk

GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Piercy from the Prattsburgh American Legion spoke to the board regarding the town gazebo for veteran name plates.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the March 16th, Meeting Minutes and March 20th Special Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

On a motion made by Councilmember Peck, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the April 2026 financial report was accepted as presented by Supervisor Wordingham.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-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 #4 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #4 is \$147,414.80 (Voucher#133-186)

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

APPROPRIATIONS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the board approved the April 2026 appropriations.

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

HIGHWAY

3/17 plowed and sanded. We received shared service from the county on the separate occasions, two, to haul trucks to Rochester and Geneva, and today to salt Mattoon for us. It was icy and I have no trucks suited for winter work. Safety clean came and pumped the oil and water separator tank. We spent three days approximately, and two days in ingleside. Cleaning streets. And shoulders from the winter plowing. At this point, all plows, wings, and plow frames are off the trucks. Plows have been painted. And it will be stored for summer. We changed pipes on Rolison (job left over from last year) and we replaced a pipe on Lewis that was failing. On our way there we cleaned pipes on Nickles Road. Cook-school was a mess after the thaw. And we spent a full day and hauled approximately 600 tons of gravel to the road to address the pothole issue until the weather gets better, and we can grade it properly. This month we have had several down trees again. Plus, we spent a couple of days trimming in isolated spots. The men cleaned the 75 shop floors and cleaned out under the wooden barn on 75 as well. Getting ready to fix the foundation in the fall. 4/7/26 the men attended the annual OSHA training in Hammondsport. All the snow fences have been taken down and stored away for the summer. 3/31/2026 Flooding started around 4:30, I called Ben, Kasey, and John. They worked from 5-9pm that night Ben with the loader, and John and Kasey with the excavator ingleside, on Dillenbeck, then came into town. To try and get the big pipes on cook school open. The next day, we spent most of the morning listing damaged areas, opened all the roads we could for travel. Unfortunately, Presler, and fisher had to stay closed. We made a list prioritizing which damaged areas needed to be done first. We are answering complaints as quickly as we can. I'd also like to say thank you to the town of Italy and the town of Naples both places sent over mini excavators for us to use. It's really been a godsend.

Repairs and maintenance

T-18 rebuilt a cylinder, service grease, coolant leak. Two rear brake chambers 2 hydraulic lines

T-103 brake lights. New ECM unit.

(which had to be done in Rochester)

T-104 suddenly wouldn't start. Men changed fuel pump checked fuses. Went to Regional. And it's still there.

T-305 plated his front snowplow before storing

T-100 new plug on sander and front brakes

T-301 new brake line. And brake pads

T-200 brakes and rotors. (It should be all set for Tim to mow with)

T-21 front lights service grease coolant light is still on sent back to lucky (warranty work)

Unfortunately without T-104 we are unable to patch pot holes or fix the small sections of road shoulders that were damaged from the flooding. We are currently working on Pressler Road. Andy should be down tomorrow (hopefully) there was only about 12' of road left and it was impassable for RV traffic to get to the campground. The campground opened on 5/5/26 at this point. Tuttle is still down to one lane. Everything else is open.

But ruts, shoulder damage, and washes are everywhere, so drive slowly. And give us some time. Like always, we will get there. And additional information call me at 607 590 0470

WATER

I sent in our March Water Report to the DOH

I took our April Coli/Ecoli water sample to the Savona Lab

I took our Iron & Manganese, Nitrate and PFAS samples to the Savona Lab

I sent our Annual Water Quality Report to the DOH for a final approval

I had our annual Sanitary Survey with the DOH

I had three power failure alarms at the Pump house

I have been working with three customers inquiring about new water services

I built new shelves and reorganized the water shop

Tim and I installed a new windshield in the small John Deere tractor

I filled in potholes and fixed the parking lot at the pump house

I filled in a hole in under the fence at the pump house that the DOH wanted fixed

I cleaned up the Reservoir driveway after the Highway Department cleaned the bigger debris

UDIG

Tickets – 78

Mark outs – 5
Emergency – 10
Design – 0

CODE

Report for 03/17/2025 thru 04/19/2026
Permits apps - 12
Appearance Tickets-0
Renewals mailed-2
Building inspections- 10
Fire safety/property maintenance inspections- 0
Septic Inspections – 1
C of O/C of C –3
Compliance inspections -1
Compliance orders – 0
Phone Calls – 87
Plan/Permit app. Reviews. 12
Emails-158
Incidents – 0
Paperwork, Completed NYS yearly Report, Completed Census report

SUPERVISOR

3/13/26 I spoke with Matt Bull (I.D.A.) regarding the E.D.A. Grant we are trying to recover. Our Representative from the E.D.A. hasn't contacted Matt for a couple of weeks requesting any additional information. Hopefully they have received all the documentation they need.

3/16/26 The town received a letter terminating the Restore New York Grant. The grant was terminated for lack of progress and timeline for completion. The director on the grant called me to reassure us that if the project owners establish a new timeline and all issues are resolved the town could certainly reapply.

3/23/26 Last week the town received some disappointing news. The grant application we have been working on from the E.D.A. was denied. Today, Angela Einwachter, Matt Bull (I.D.A.), and I had a conference call with our representative. He shared some interesting information. He informed us that about a year ago the regional director for our area retired and was not replaced. What they have done is move the responsibility of the grant awards to an office in Chicago. Another bit of information we learned that there were NO grants awarded to anyone in the Southern Tier Central. We also learned that a grant was denied for Alfred (Allegany County). At this point we are requesting a meeting with our representative's superior for a more comprehensive explanation. I have continued to be in contact with Claudia Tenney's office for any assistance they can provide.

3/25/26 John Perry and I had a meeting with one of our gravel suppliers. The owner gave us a tour of his facility along with a demonstration of his equipment that crushes and piles the gravel to the specifications that the town requires.

3/27/26 At March's town board meeting we passed a resolution strongly urging the immediate review of electric delivery charges. Demanding improved cost controls and transparency. This authorized a formal complaint to the PSC (Public Service Commission) for the escalating cost of electricity. This effort by Prattsburgh and many other towns has raised enough concern that I received a call from Katrina Mancini (Municipal and Community Relations Manager) from NYSEG – RG&E to request a meeting. We (Howard, Wheeler, Avoca, and Prattsburgh) are scheduling an in-person meeting with Katrina in the next couple of weeks to discuss.

3/31/26 At 6:00 P.M. the town of Prattsburgh went into a State of Emergency for a period of thirty days as a result of the flash flooding. This declaration will remain in effect until 5:59 P.M. on Thursday, April 30, 2026. As always, the highway department handles challenges quickly and efficiently.

4/1/26 At March's board meeting I was given the authority to replace the town's existing bank. The bank we are currently using has limited investment vehicles and virtually no personal service. Angela, Jeannette, and I have had a couple of meetings with the Municipal Relationship Manager from Chemung Canal Trust Company. They are focused on servicing municipalities and along with that provide a number of investment vehicles that will provide additional interest income throughout the year. Along with that, they will help us with setting up a mic reader (check reader) and credit card system which will save numerous trips to Bath every week to make deposits. This week I talked

to the supervisors of Caton and Montour. These two towns have been doing business with Chemung for ten and twenty-one years respectively. Both towns were totally satisfied with their personal service and tech support.

4/2/26 I received a letter from Chad Zimar (Steuben Brewing Company) informing me that the 4th Annual Keuka Lake Gravel Classic (KLGC) is scheduled for Sunday June 7th, 2026. The cycling event will have approximately 400 riders. The course will pass through Pulteney, Urbana, Wheeler, Bath, and Prattsburgh. Local first responders have been notified.

4/14/26 At the March town board meeting a resolution was passed urging immediate review of the cost of electricity.

This resolution was sent to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, New York Governor, and the New York State Legislature. Apparently, many towns also passed this resolution which prompted NYSEG's public relation representatives to contact us for a meeting to discuss. The representatives explained in detail the NYSEG charges that we all receive monthly. It turns out that approximately 12% of every bill goes directly to the state for basically the green energy programs. The NYSEG representatives presented their own resolution that they would like the board to consider. The resolution is basically requesting that the state eliminate that monthly charge of 12%. We were told that there is growing support in the state legislature to eliminate this charge on all electric bills. We will be discussing at the April board meeting.

NATURAL GAS BID

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

GENERAL RESOLUTION

FOR THE PURPOSE OF

PARTICIPATING IN A COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATED BY

THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF

ONTARIO, SENECA, WAYNE AND YATES COUNTIES

FOR

Cooperative Natural Gas Supply Bid for the Period of 10/01/2026 – 09/30/2027

WHEREAS, The (County) (Town) (Village) of Prattsburgh of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase for supply of natural gas. And...

WHEREAS, The (County) (Town) (Village) of Prattsburgh of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o... And...

WHEREAS, The (County) (Town) (Village) of Prattsburgh of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the _____ of New York State and making recommendations thereon...

THEREFORE...

BE IT RESOLVED, That The (County) (Town) (Village) of Prattsburgh of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The (County) (Town) (Village) of Prattsburgh of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services... And...

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The (County) (Town) (Village) of Prattsburgh of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding... And...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Supervisor on behalf of the (County)(Town)(Village) of Prattsburgh of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

4-29-26
Date

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Municipality Representative
Town of Prattsburgh
(County) (Town) (Village)

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

GRAVEL

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Squires, a motion was made for Councilmember Einwachter to authorize using the County's bid for gravel.

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

SURPLUS

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the Board Declared the f-250 as a surplus for the purpose of scrap.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-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 7:40 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk