

The regular meeting of the Prattsburgh Town Board was called to order on May 18th, 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
Sandra Squires	Councilmember
Pete Scheid	Councilmember
Edward Brockman	Legal Counsel
Kim Sobolewski	Town Clerk

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the April 20th, Meeting Minutes were accepted as presented with change.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

AUDIT OF BILLS

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Squires, the board approved payment of the following bills on ABSTRACT #5 to be paid as presented. The total amount to be paid on ABSTRACT #5 is \$xxxx (Voucher#187-200)

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

HIGHWAY

Most of this report will be centered on the flooding from 3/31/26 and fema road construction.

As of now Pinney road, and Hotchkiss road are done to fema protocol. We started work on Pressler road on 4/14/26 and finished on 4/23/26 I put the road back according to the fema damage assessment. At this point I feel the road will take another high water event, if one should occur. The project still isn't finished at this point fema is talking, of either a box

culvert, or bridging of some sort. This might not occur for a couple of years more studies need to be done. I'll keep you posted when things develop.

4/27/26 we settled in on the fema project for fisher road. It's still on going at this point. I'm hoping with a little luck we can have it wrapped up by the end of the month. There's still a long way to go. As we speak gravel is being hauled in to do the road surface. I've been in contact with our fema representatives, so I build the road exactly to the specs that fema has mandated for the road.

Once fisher is done, we are going to address our normal road work for the season. I apologize for the pot holes and the washed roads. I have damage across the entire town ship. At this point I can't grade yet anyway. We have to finish converting truck 304 into the new brine truck. So far the flat bed has been built, the frame is at Marcus Zimmermans getting sand blasted. Then we need to paint, undercoat, and move the tank from the Mack to the Volvo.

Also this month the crew was split for two weeks. Ben, and Asa were addressing trouble spots around town, filling washes, ditching, and changing pipes. While the other guys worked on Pressler,

We were supplied shared service from the county one morning i had them salt Mattoon for me before school. It was all icy and all my equipment was switched over for summer work.

We had trees down twice from the storms, we filled two sink holes that developed from the 3/31 flooding. One on academy, one on bean station. Lyons hollow suffered damage from the flooding as well. A section of the road bank gave way. And the road dropped about 18". We have filled it for now, but it's going to need more attention later.

We made 300 ton of cold patch

Changed a failing pipe on nickels

Swept fisher and Gleason roads

Repairs and maintenance

T-104 new oil pan, and gasket, grease

T-304 new flat bed,

T-305 new coolant tank

Sent from my iPhone

I'd like to say thanks to everyone whose been helping along the way.

Sincerely John Perry

WATER

I sent in our April Water Report to the DOH

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

I finished our Annual Water Quality Report and posted it on The Town of Prattsburgh Website

I installed new rear tires on the small John Deere tractor

We installed 1- ¾ inch water service line to a customer

We installed a new 6 inch dedicated sprinkler line to the new Empire building

Fred and I had training in Big Flats

I took an online Neptune Meter Reading Training

I fixed the fallen soffit rebuilt the fascia and painted both at the water shop

I trimmed weeds at the pumphouse and around the fence

I installed our new backflow hydrant meter up to the highway shop hydrant

UDIG

Tickets – 49

Mark outs – 7

Emergency – 0

Design – 0

CODE

Permits apps - 11

Appearance Tickets-0

Renewals mailed-2

Building inspections-8

Fire safety/property maintenance inspections- 4

Septic Inspections – 1
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Compliance inspections -0
Compliance orders – 2
Phone Calls – 101
Plan/Permit app. Reviews: 11
Emails-65
Incidents – 1

SUPERVISOR

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 the state to 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.

4/23/26 Jeanette and I met representatives (Zak Knapp and Sarah Williamson) from Chemung Canal Trust Company to start the process of moving Prattsburgh's accounts. As mentioned previously this change offers numerous benefits that we have not been offered by our current bank.

4/30/26 Ryan Frykholm (Disaster Partners), John Perry, Greg Hotaling (MRB Group), and I met to discuss the engineering that will be needed on the Pressler Road bridge. Greg is an engineer with the MRB group that specialize in municipal road and bridge construction. In order for F.E.M.A. to pay for the repair an engineering firm must be hired by the town to design a long-term solution. The engineering work would also be paid for by F.E.M.A.

5/5/26 Matt Bull (I.D.A.) and I met with our ESD (Empire State Development) representative to discuss the status of the waste water project. They are concerned that with the denial of the E.D.A. grant application that the project will be unable to move forward. However, I have put together a plan with a number of options to continue the project. Because ESD Grant will be two years old this December I requested a 12-month extension. Carly requested that I submit a document with a detailed plan to move forward.

5/6/26 I submitted to Carly (ESD) my plan to move forward with the waste water project.

5/12/26 I received an email from Carly (ESD) that my request is being reviewed and that we would receive an answer shortly.

5/14/26 I received an update from Ryan Frykholm (Disaster Partners) that the agreed amount for repairs to Whiting, Hubbard, Butts, and Wheaton roads is about to be obligated by F.E.M.A. The town should receive the funds within about four weeks. Another important update. Any dollar amount for repair was 75% paid by F.E.M.A. and 12.5 % is paid by the state. Now the state is picking up the remaining 12.5 %. Now if the town is obligated \$200,00 for a project, the town receives \$200,000. This new rule applies to any road project that has not been completed.

GAZEBO

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the new Legion gazebo design.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Squires- Aye

Councilmember Scheid-Aye

Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

MEMORIAL DAY

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Squires, the Board approved use of the park for Memorial Day activities.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye

Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Squires- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

BOA

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the Board re-appointed Dave Peck and appointed Deb Wordingham for 3 years.

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

NYSEG

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the following was approved:

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Squires- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Nye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye
RESOLUTION NO. 8

**CALLING ON GOVERNOR HOCHUL TO DECLARE AN “ENERGY STATE OF EMERGENCY”
RELATED TO ESCALATING ENERGY COSTS**

WHEREAS, New York State’s energy costs are among the highest in the country; and

WHEREAS, New York State residents have been facing an escalating energy burden this winter due to escalating supply costs and government mandates contributing to all-time high and unsustainable energy costs causing financial hardship for our residents, businesses, farmers, and manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, delivery rates have increased, however they are set by the Public Service Commission and can only increase with its approval and on a schedule prescribed by such authorization. This authorization does not include sudden spikes in energy commodity costs which are market driven; and

WHEREAS, due to several factors including a colder than average winter, New York State’s lack of adequate energy supply has been a significant contributing factor to increased supply costs, and the strained supply has placed an undue burden on customers; and

WHEREAS, the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) administers the markets under regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to ensure transparent price signals for all market participants, including utility companies who purchase supply on the market and then pass-through that supply charge to customers; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission in October, 2025 noted, “a residential electric customer using 600 kWh per month is expected to pay about \$60 per month for supply this winter, and an average residential customer using 719 therms of natural gas can expect to pay an estimated \$224 per month, up 1.4% and 8% respectively; and

WHEREAS, during the months of January 2026, a typical NYSEG or RG&E residential customer saw supply costs increase 39% from this same period in 2025; and

WHEREAS, a typical NYSEG natural gas customer experienced a 72% increase in supply costs in February, 2026 as compared to February, 2025; and

WHEREAS, supply costs were significantly higher among time-of-use customers, which experienced a 75% increase in daytime supply costs and 87% increase in nighttime supply costs as compared to 2025; and

WHEREAS, New York State's lack of energy generation regulation is placing a hardship on residents across the state which will only continue without change; and

WHEREAS, the need to make investments in our electric grid, increase supply for new economic development, and pay for new state mandated programs have been the primary drivers of increased delivery costs; and

WHEREAS, in addition to declaring an "Energy State of Emergency" the state should also require the Department of Public Service to produce a study analyzing cost growth from delivery and supply charges including evaluating the numerous state programs that are funded by ratepayers through their utility bills; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Prattsburgh request to declare an "Energy State of Emergency" would allow immediate action to lower bills, place safeguards on utility bills to protect our consumers from extreme price spikes, initiate suspension of taxes, fees, and surcharges on energy bills, and expedite the construction of base load generation; **therefore be it**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Prattsburgh urges the Governor to declare an "Energy State of Emergency" to protect the Town of Prattsburgh residents and all New York State ratepayers from extreme and unsustainable price spikes, promote stabilization of the power grid, and to promote affordable energy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature will forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Hochul, **Senator Tom O'Mara**, Assemblyman Phillip Palmesano and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the following was approved:

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

HOST

On a motion made by Councilmember Scheid, seconded by Councilmember Peck, the Board adopted the Host Community Agreement.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye

Councilmember Squires- Aye
Councilmember Scheid-Aye
Supervisor Wordingham-Aye

AUTHORIZE

On a motion made by Councilmember Einwachter, seconded by Councilmember Scheid, the Board authorized Supervisor Wordingham to execute the modified agreement subject to his approval of the modification thereto and provide that none of the town board members object there to on or before May 21st, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

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

The Wordingham's will gift the Town of Prattsburgh 125 thousand dollars to pay the engineering cost of the wastewater project, once the engineer agreement is approved by the Board and Town Lawyer.

MEETING

On a motion made by Councilmember Squires, seconded by Councilmember Einwachter, the Board changed the June 15th, 2026, to June 18th, 2026.

Councilmember Einwachter- Aye
Councilmember Peck-Aye
Councilmember Squires- 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 7:03 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Sobolewski, Town Clerk