11-5-26 TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Supporting documents for this meeting are available in the Town Clerk's Office

Members Present:
Deputy Supervisor Jim Brewster, Attorney Raeann Johnson, Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Board Members; Tina Ladd & Chuck Ovitt.
Members Absent:
Highway Superintendent Andy Gilbert & Board Member Tim Hilker.

6:45 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Jim Brewster opened the Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2027.

There were no public comments on the proposed budget.

6:46 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Jim Brewster closed the Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for 2027.

7:00 P.M. Deputy Supervisor Jim Brewster called the meeting to order and all. cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Pre-Paids:

General:	**$ 1,254.60**	**Highway:**	**$ 722.00**
Water 1:	**$ 728.83**	**Water 2:**	**$ 1,465.00**
Sewer:	**$ 263.90**	**Street Lighting:**	**$ 3,198.80**

Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	**$ 33,079.66**	**Highway:**	**$ 17,510.67**
Water 1:	**$ 1,722.87**	**Water 2:**	**$ 1,006.91**
Sewer:	**$ 1,631.78**	**Cemetery:**	**$ 700.00**
Park:	**$ 695.00**		

Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Budget Transfers
GENERAL:
DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BALANCE) BY $10,000.00, CREDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS), SUB-CODE 1620.4 RE: COST OF EMAIL MIGRATION AND ADDITIONAL SECURITY PROTOCAL TO BRING SEERVER UP TO DATE AND IN COMPLIANCE.
DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BAL) BY $11,000.00, CREDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS), SUB-CODE 1430.1 (PERSONNEL) RE; ADDITIONAL PAYROLLS DUE TO EMPLOYEE HIRING
TRANSFER $1397.77 FROM CODE 1990.4 (CONTINGENCY) TO CODE 16204. (BUILDINGS)
TRANSFER $536.54 FROM CODE 1990.4 (CONTINGENCY) TO CODE 6772.4 (AGING)
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

HIGHWAY
TRANSFER $722.00 FROM CODE 5140.4 (BRUSH/WEEDS) TO CODE 1910.4 (UNALLOCATED INSURANCE)
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

SW1
DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BALANCE) BY $1585.90, CRDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS), SUB-CODE 8320.4 (SOURCE)
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

SW2
DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BALANCE) BY $802.00, CREDOT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS), SUB-CODE 8330.4 (PURIFICATION)
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

SEWER
DEBIT CODE 909 (FUND BALANCE) BY $941.00, CREDIT CODE 960 (APPROPRIATIONS), SUB-CODE 8120.4 (SANITARY)
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Provided in Folders: 10-8-26 Town Board Meeting Minutes, Letter from Town Historian, Copy of Resolution 279-2026 from Saratoga County regarding Tax Exemption for Veterans, Copy of Report from Assessor outlining the effect of Veteran's Exemption for Hadley, Copy of Letter from Eileen Bennett's Resignation from the Ethics Committee effective 11/5/26, Copy of Proposal for New Generator, Copy of Agreement between Hadley, Lake Luzerne and Rockwell Falls Ambulance
Reports; Town Clerk & DEC**,** Supervisor, Fuel, Building Inspector, & Operating Statement, Budget Transfers

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Acceptance of 10/8/26 Town Board Meeting Minutes
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Acceptance of October 2026 Supervisor's Report
Motion made by Tina Ladd, Second by Chuck Ovitt. All Ayes. Approved.

Highway Superintendent's Report:
- Town Clerk DeMarsh provided proposal for a new generator for Town Hall from Highway Superintendent Gilbert.
    - After discussion, the board tabled the proposal until the December meeting when they could ask Highway Superintendent Gilbert some questions. The main concern was if the generator was large enough for the entire building.

Supervisor's Report:

- Deputy Supervisor Brewster requested that the Town Board adopt the Proposed 2027 Budget.
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Resolution #45
Be it resolved that the Town Board of the Town of Hadley hereby adopts the 2027 Budget, as presented, for the Town of Hadley.
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

- Deputy Supervisor Brewster also requested that the Town Board appoint Supervisor-Elect Eileen Bennett as Town of Hadley Supervisor and Saratoga County Supervisor – effective immediately.

Resolution #46
Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby appoints Supervisor-Elect Eileen Bennett as Town of Hadley Supervisor and Saratoga County Supervisor for Hadley – effective immediately.
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Town Attorney Report

- Attorney Johnson reported that the Agreement between the towns of Hadley & Lake Luzerne & Rockwell Falls Ambulance Service is complete, and she advised that the Town of Hadley enter into the Agreement.
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Resolution #47
Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby approves entering into the Agreement between Towns of Hadley and Lake Luzerne and Rockwell Falls Ambulance Service, Inc. for Emergency Ambulance Service in the Town of Hadley Ambulance District and the Town of Lake Luzerne Ambulance District.
Motion made by Tina Ladd. Second by Chuck Ovitt. All Ayes. Approved.

- Attorney Johnson also discussed the town's consideration of Proposed Local Law regarding Veteran's Exemption. She asked for direction from the Town Board if they would choose to pursue a Local Law supporting it.
  After discussion, the board directed Attorney Johnson to prepare a Local Law and present to the Town Board at the December meeting. If the board chooses to proceed, they would schedule a Public Hearing for the January Meeting.
  Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Historian Report:

- Historian Kathy Trackey requested permission to purchase cleaning supplies to clean the historical graves of our ancestors. They are located in Lake Luzerne Cemetery, and she will seek permission from them before cleaning the stones. She has money in her budget but is asking for Town Board Approval before purchasing.
  Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Town Clerk's Report

- Town Clerk DeMarsh reported that she received a letter of Resignation from the Ethics Board from Eileen Bennett and asked permission to advertise. It is an unpaid position that is appointed by the Supervisor at the Organizational Meeting, so no motion needed. The Board approved advertising the opening.

- Town Clerk DeMarsh also asked Permission to advertise for opening on Board of Assessment Review due to the death of a member.
  Motion made by Chuck Ovitt, Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Other items – Town Board had no additional items.

7:23 p.m. Deputy Supervisor Brewster entertained a motion to adjourn.
Motion made by Tina Ladd. Second by Chuck Ovitt. All Ayes. Approved.

UPCOMING MEETING - Thursday, December 10th, 2026, at 7pm