

2-12-26 Town Board Meeting Minutes – REVISED 3/13/26

Supporting documents for this meeting are available in the Town Clerk's Office

Members Present: Supervisor Arthur Wright, Highway Superintendent Andrew Gilbert, Attorney Raeann Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk Stephanie Lansburg, Board Members; Charles Ovitt & Tina Ladd

Members Absent: Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Board Members James Brewster & Tim Hilker

7:00 p.m. Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order and all cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:	\$ 134,716.01	Highway:	\$ 11,184.07
Water 1:	\$ 607.25	Water 2:	\$ 2,214.97
Sewer:	\$ 1,172.42	Street Lighting:	\$ 3,059.23
HO 25 Refuse:	\$ 110,292.31	Ambulance:	\$ 115,000.00

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	\$ 22,744.71	Highway:	\$ 72,325.24
Water 1:	\$ 911.71	Water 2:	\$ 3,084.19
Sewer:	\$ 398.93	HO-25 Equipment:	\$ 15,000.00

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

Provided in Folders: Minutes 1-8-26 Town Board Meeting, Proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increases

Reports: Town Clerk & DEC, Fuel, Code Enforcement, Supervisor, Operating Statement

Public Comments

Sue Wilder thanked the town for the support & passed out HL Historical Society pamphlets.

Acceptance of 1-8-26 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

Acceptance of January 2026 Supervisor's Report

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Highway Superintendent Gilbert reported that the Garbage Truck is down – pump will be replaced Tuesday.
- He also requested permission to post roads if necessary.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

Supervisor's Report:

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Supervisor Wright requested the board to schedule a Public Hearing for the following proposed Water/Sewer Rate Increases.

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| - Sewer 2025 Rate | \$205 Residential | \$310 Commercial |
| - Sewer Proposed 2026 Rate | \$225 Residential | \$340 Commercial |
| - Water 1 2025 Rate | \$150 Residential | \$220 Commercial |
| - Water 1 Proposed 2026 Rate | \$170 Residential | \$250 Commercial |
| - Water 2 2025 Rate | \$3.10 per/1000 gal. | |
| - Water 2 Proposed 2026 Rate | \$3.40 per/1000 gal. | |

Resolution #23

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby schedules a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 12th, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. at the Hadley Town Hall, 4 Stony Creek Road, Hadley to hear those members of the public who wish to be heard regarding modification of the water and sewer rates and charges.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

Supervisor Wright also reported that he received a quote from Tim Rodriguez to re-do the sign at Fowler Lot (the road less traveled by). The quote is for **\$3,000.00**. He is in the process of getting a **\$10,000** Economic Development Grant from Saratoga County and the **\$3,000** could come out of that. He would like board approval to give Tim the okay to do the sign.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

Supervisor Wright also requested approval to purchase a 2026 F550 Recycling Truck at the State Contract Price of **\$94,315.00**. This includes a Stainless Steel Dump Box. Payment will not be due until the truck is received.

Resolution #24

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby approves the purchase of a 2026 F550 Recycling Truck including a Stainless Steel Dump Box for the price of \$94,315.00 from State Contract.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

Supervisor Wright also reported that the town of Lake Luzerne Attorney has some issues with the contract with Rockwell Falls Ambulance/Lake Luzerne and Hadley. Attorney Johnson (Hadley's Attorney) is working with the town of Lake Luzerne Attorney to address these issues.

He also requested permission from the board to have our town attorney draft a Local Law to Establish a 6 Month Moratorium regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems in the town of Hadley. He stated that North Hampton is in a mess regarding this and wants Hadley to work with NYSERDA so that the town is prepared.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

- Town Attorney Johnson will present a draft to the town board at the March 12th, 2026 meeting. If board wishes, a Public Hearing can be scheduled at the time.

He also reported that the new Frontier phone system is up and running and working great. A spring project will be putting a phone at the Recycling Center.

Town Historian Report:

Town Historian Kathy Trackey presented the board with a Canvas portrait of Jeremy Rockwell (1765-1835) in honor of Hadley's 225th Birthday, to be displayed at the entranceway of the town hall meeting room.

- Jeremy Rockwell was one of the first settlers of Hadley.
- He built the first grist mill and first general store.
- He served as Postmaster, Town Clerk, Supervisor, Judge and member of the NY State Assembly.
- Rockwell Falls was named after him.

She also requested a walkway with solar lights to provide safe passage between the park pavilion area to the Senior/Community Center.

- Supervisor Wright said they something can be done.

Town Clerk's Report:

Deputy Town Clerk Lansburg requested approval from the board for the following appointments. Town Clerk DeMarsh contacted both and they are interested in serving again.

Appoint Jennifer Pike to another term on the Planning Board. **Term 1-1-26-12-31-30**

Resolution #25

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby re-appoints Jennifer Pike to the Planning Board for the Term 1-1-26 through 12-31-30

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

Appoint Liya Byron to another term on the Board of Assessment Review **Term 10/1/25-9/30/30**

Resolution #26

Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley hereby re-appoints Liya Byron to the Board of Assessment Review for the Term 10-1-25 through 9/30/30.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

She also gave a few announcements;

- Saratoga County is looking for Election Inspectors. If interested call Saratoga County Board of Elections at 518-885-2249
- FREE Pancakes for Supper at St. Mary's Church – Tuesday, February 17th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Pancakes with Maple Syrup, Sausage, Home Fries, Juice, Fruit Dessert and Hot Beverage.

7:24 p.m. Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved

UPCOMING MEETING

March 12th, 2026

6:45 p.m. Public Hearing – Rate Increases for Water/Sewer

7:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting