

5-14-26 Town Board Meeting Minutes

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

Members present: Supervisor Mo Wright, Highway Superintendent Andy Gilbert, Attorney Raeann Johnson, Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Board Members; Tina Ladd, Jim Brewster, Tim Hilker & Chuck Ovitt

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

Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:	\$ 13,644.89	Highway:	\$ 10,218.42
Water 1:	\$ 266.22	Water 2:	\$ 1,611.11
Sewer:	\$ 460.18	Street Lighting:	\$ 2,826.13

Motion made by Chuck Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Approval of Paying Bills:

General:	\$ 21,951.24	Highway:	\$ 22,644.79
Water 1:	\$ 1,505.40	Water 2:	\$ 1,721.87
Sewer:	\$ 1,174.07	Park:	\$ 389.13

Motion made by Chuck Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Budget Transfers

General

Transfer **\$2290.00** from Account 1990.4 (Contingency) to Account 1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance)

SW1

Transfer **\$1370.19** from Code 8330.4 (Purification) to Code 8320.4 (Source)

Motion made by Chuck Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Provided in Folders: 4/9/26 Minutes.

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

Public Comments

- Sue Wilder congratulated Jean Cieslik and the American Legion Auxiliary for the successful Maple Festival.
- She also provided the board with a Calendar of Events from the Hadley-Lake Luzerne Historical Society.
- Jean Cieslik reported on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary about the Maple Festival
 - o 300 breakfasts served
 - o 200 antique/vintage cars for the show
 - o 900 train riders
 - o They are looking forward to next year!

Acceptance of 4-9-26 Town Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Chuck Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

**Acceptance of April 2026 Supervisor's Report
Motion made by Chuck Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

Hadley Youth Report:

- Youth Director Jean Cieslik gave an update on the Youth Summer Program & Staffing
 - o Staffing is complete.
 - o New Assistant is Hannah Breason
 - o She provided the board with employee job descriptions.
 - o Program will run for 5 weeks, 5 days a week w/lunch provided.
- Attorney Johnson provided the board with the Inter-Municipal Agreement Between the Towns of Hadley and Lake Luzerne for the 2026 Summer Youth Program in the Town of Hadley.

Tim Hilker made a motion to accept the following agreement.

RESOLUTION #32

Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby agrees to enter into the following agreement between the Towns of Hadley & Lake Luzerne for the 2026 Summer Youth Program in the Town of Hadley.

INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF HADLEY AND LAKE LUZERNE FOR THE 2026 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM IN THE TOWN OF HADLEY

THIS AGREEMENT, made this ____ day of _____, 2026, between the Town of Hadley, a municipality duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, situate in the County of Saratoga, with offices at 4 Stony Creek Road, P.O. Box 323, Hadley, New York 12835, and the Town of Lake Luzerne, a municipality duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, situate in the County of Warren, with offices at 539 Lake Avenue, Lake Luzerne, New York 12846; now therefore THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows: WHEREAS, the Town of Hadley has appointed a Hadley Youth Director and is going to operate a 2026 Summer Youth Program in the Town of Hadley, to provide recreation and youth services to children residing in the Town of Hadley, including participation in programs, field trips, events and activities; and WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Luzerne has requested that children residing in the Town of Lake Luzerne be able to participate in the Town of Hadley's 2026 Summer Youth Program, including participation in programs, field trips, events and activities; and WHEREAS, the Town of Hadley has agreed that children residing in the Town of Lake Luzerne shall be able to participate as guests in the 2026 Summer Youth Program in the Town of Hadley, including participation in programs, field trips, events and activities, in consideration of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) payment by the Town of Lake Luzerne to the Town of Hadley (the costs of field trips and certain activities will be additional and are the responsibility of each child participating); NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of \$13,000.00 and other good and valuable consideration and mutual promises and agreements stated herein, the Parties agree as follows: 1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUTH PROGRAM: The Hadley Youth Director shall operate a 2026 Summer Youth Program in the Town of Hadley, to provide recreation and youth services to children residing in the Town of Hadley (and to children residing in the Town of Lake Luzerne, as guests, for the term specified herein), including participation in programs, field trips, events and activities for approximately 5 weeks, commencing on or about July 6, 2026 and ending on or about August 7, 2026. The 2026 Summer Youth

Program in the Town of Hadley shall be overseen by the Hadley Town Board. 2. TERM: This Agreement will take effect upon the date entered into and shall be for the summer of 2026, with activities taking place from approximately July 6, 2026 through August 7, 2026. 3. MODIFICATION: This Agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below. TOWN OF HADLEY By:

_____ Arthur M. Wright, Supervisor Dated: _____, 2026 TOWN OF LAKE LUZERNE By: _____ James Niles, Supervisor Dated: _____, 2026

Motion made by Tim Hilker. Second by Tina Ladd. All Ayes. Approved.

- *Supervisor Wright signed the Agreement. Agreement will be sent to Lake Luzerne for Supervisor Niles to sign.*

Tax Collector Report:

- Tax Collector Pam Wright presented the board with the following End of Tax Season Report.

Town Supervisor and Town Board Members:

The 2026 Tax Collection season came to a conclusion close of business March 31st. I delivered my books and settlement papers to the County on April 9th. Of the 1,541 tax parcels, all but 117 paid. Following is a summary:

ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF WARRANT	\$2,529,177.06
PAID TO TOWN SUPERVISOR	\$1,565,245.57
RELEVIES PAID TO COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 2,627.63
ADJUSTMENT – Ed Spotswood/Sewer Relevy	\$ 205.00
PAID DIRECTLY TO COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 774,175.28
TOTAL DELIQUENT ACCOUNTS	\$ 186,923.58
Includes Time Warner Bill #1475	
General Town - \$181.87	
Highway - \$246.24	
TOTAL EQUAL TO WARRANT	\$2,529,177.06
BASE AMOUNT	
TOTAL DUE TOWN SUPERVISOR	\$1,746,686.39
ACTUAL PAID TO SUPERVISOR	\$1,565,245.57
BALANCE DUE SUPERVISOR	\$ 181,440.82
Credit for 2 nd Notice 117 @ \$2.00 per notice	\$ 234.00
TOTAL	\$ 181,674.82

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela A Wright
Tax Collector, Town of Hadley

- She also stated that the town has been made whole.

Highway Superintendent's Report:

- Highway Superintendent Gilbert reported that.
 - o Poles are installed for the new sign in Fowler Lot
 - o Spring Clean-up is next week.
 - o They will be starting the pathway to the Senior Center next week.
- He also reported that the Diagnostic Computer at the Highway Garage is no longer working. He requested board permission to purchase a new one.

RESOLUTION #33

Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby approves the purchase of

- o **HTCOMP Lenovo 420 Laptop Computer to diagnose vehicles and equipment w/Windows 10, ultimate JPro Software by direction, Heavy and Medium, OEM Level Truck Software including Repair Info and Wiring Diagrams, Nexiq USA LINK3 w/6 & 9 Pin Connector and OBD II. The price is \$7500.00.**

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

Supervisor's Report:

- Supervisor Wright requested that the Town Board set up a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law 2 of 2026 – “A Local Law Amending Chapter 128 of the Code of the Town of Hadley, Pertaining to Sewers, Which Code of the Town of Hadley Was Codified by Local Law Number 2 of 2003.”

RESOLUTION #34

- **Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby schedules a Public Hearing for below proposed Local Law 2 of 2026 – “A Local Law Amending Chapter 128 of the Code of the Town of Hadley, Pertaining to Sewers, Which Code of the Town of Hadley Was Codified by Local Law Number 2 of 2003”. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. at the Hadley Town Hall, located at 4 Stony Creek Road, Hadley NY 12835.**

TOWN OF HADLEY LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF YEAR 2026 “A Local Law Amending Chapter 128 of the Code of the Town of Hadley, Pertaining to Sewers, Which Code of the Town of Hadley Was Codified by Local Law Number 2 of 2003”

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Hadley, County of Saratoga, State of New York, as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to amend Chapter 128 of the Code of the Town of Hadley, as Codified by Local Law Number 2 of 2003, which Section pertains to Sewers, to include prohibited waste, right of entry, notice of violation, penalties, other remedies and termination of service.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENT

The Town Board of the Town of Hadley hereby amends Chapter 128 of the Code of the Town of Hadley as follows:

§128-10: PROHIBITED WASTE

No person(s) shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described water, wastewater or waste to the Town of Hadley Sewer District sewage system:

A. Any liquids, solids or gases which, by reason of their nature or quantity, are or may be sufficient, either alone or by interaction with other substances, to cause fire or explosion or be injurious in any other way to the sewer system. Prohibited materials include but are not limited to gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, benzene, toluene, xylene, ethers, ketones, peroxides, chlorates, perchlorates, bromates, carbides, hydrides and sulfides and any other flammable or explosive liquid, solid or gas.

B. Any waters or waste containing toxic or poisonous solids, liquids or gases in sufficient quantity, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, to injure or interfere with any waste treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance or create any hazard in the receiving waters of the sewage treatment plant.

C. Any waters or wastewater having a pH lower than of 5.5 or having any other corrosive property capable causing damage or hazard to sewers, structures, equipment and personnel of the wastewater works.

D. Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction in the flow of sewers or other interference with the proper operation of the wastewater facilities, such as but not limited to cooking oil, grease, petroleum products, non-flushable wipes, rags, ashes, bones, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, unground garbage, manure, hair, paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc., either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

§128-11: RIGHT OF ENTRY

The Hadley Wastewater Commissioner and other duly authorized employees of the Town of Hadley, bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter upon all properties at reasonable hours for the purpose of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling and testing, in accordance with the provisions of this article.

§128-12: NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Any person found to be violating any provisions of this article shall be served by the municipality with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit not exceeding 30 days for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall within the period of time stated in such notice permanently cease all violations.

§128-13: PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES

Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time specified in said notice, or any violation of this article, shall be punishable, for each violation, by a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both. Each day in which any such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

§128-14: OTHER REMEDIES

Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall become liable to the municipality for any expense, loss or damage occasioned said municipality by reason of such violation.

§128-15: TERMINATION OF SERVICE

The Town may terminate or cause to be terminated sewer service to any premises if a violation of any provision of this law is found to exist or if a discharge of wastewater or prohibited waste causes or threatens to cause contamination, pollution or damage to the municipal sewer system. The remaining provisions of Chapter 128 shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: REPEALER

All ordinances, local laws and regulations of the Town of Hadley, New York in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby superseded and repealed to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Local Law shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect or impair in any way any other provision and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

Motion made by Chuck Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

Town Clerk Report:

- Town Clerk DeMarsh reported.
 - o Hadley's 225th Birthday Celebration (Founder's Day) July 11th at Hadley Park. Opening Ceremonies begin at 2pm.
 - o Sewer Bills are now past-due but can still be paid *including penalty* at Town Clerk's Office.
 - o Water 1 Bills (Flat Rate) have been mailed out and are due by the end of this month.
 - o Water 2 Bills (Metered) will be mailed out soon.

Other Items:

- Councilman Ovitt suggested that our Water/Sewer/Highway/Code Enforcement/Assessor (anyone who has to go out on the road for town business) have badges identifying them as Town of Hadley employees. He also stated that town vehicles should have identification on them as well. Highway Superintendent Gilbert stated that the license plates say Town of Hadley on them, but he would add the signage on the vehicles. All agreed these were good ideas.
- He also asked if the Town Board wanted to purchase flowers from Chickadee Valley Farms this year. The Board said yes. He requested that the flowers be watered on the weekends, so they don't dry out. Highway Superintendent Gilbert stated that the Water/Sewer Dept. could water the flowers on the weekends.

7:26 p.m. Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Jim Brewster. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.

UPCOMING MEETING –

Thursday, June 11th, 2026

6:45 p.m. Public Hearing Proposed Local Law 2 of 2026

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP STARTS MONDAY MAY 18TH !!!

Have everything roadside by Monday!