

## 1-8-26 Town Board Meeting Minutes

*\*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, Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh, Board Members; James Brewster, Tina Ladd, Tim Hilker and Charles Ovitt

**6:45 p.m.** Interview for Planning Board Member

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

### Approval of Pre-Paid:

General:                   **\$ 108.78**                   Ambulance:                   **\$ 25,000.00**

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

### Approval of Paying Bills:

General:                   **\$ 14,704.92**                   Highway:                   **\$ 2,742.18**  
Water 1:                   **\$ 331.29**                   Water 2:                   **\$ 325.69**  
Sewer:                   **\$ 711.40**

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

**Provided in Folders:** Minutes from 12-11-25 Town Board Meeting, 12-29 End of Year Meeting & 1-2-26 Organizational Meeting

Reports: Town Clerk (w/DEC), Code Enforcement, Supervisor, Fuel, Operating Statement

### Public Comments

Sue Wilder asked if the town could hang some 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners/flags around town. She stated she will bring the pictures in to show the Supervisor.

She also reported that the Henry Knox Train Reenactment was awesome. They will be traveling from Albany to Boston on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Once completed, the sleds that were made by BOCES will be put into the Smithsonian Institute Museum.

### Acceptance of 12-11-25, 12-29-25 & 1-2-26 Town Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

### Acceptance of December 2025 Supervisor's Report

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

### Audit of Books

The Town Board conducted an audit of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Bookkeeper's books for 2025.

### Resolution #19

**Be it resolved that the town board of Hadley conducted an audit and approved the books for; The Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Bookkeeper.**

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

The Town Board conducted an audit of the Justice/Court books for 2025.

**Resolution #20**

**Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley conducted an audit and approved the book for the Justice/Court.**

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

**Highway Superintendent's Report:**

Highway Superintendent Andrew Gilbert reported that the garbage truck is here and that he is working on specs for a new Recycling Truck.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Supervisor Arthur Wright reported that after conducting an interview for a new Planning Board Member, he requested that the board appoint Brandon Diehl to fill the vacancy from Doug Dutcher's resignation. The term will expire 12-31-28.

**Resolution #21**

**Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby appoints Brandon Diehl to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy for Doug Dutcher who resigned as of 12/31/25.**

**Brandon's term will expire 12/31/28. His rate of pay will be \$68.42 per meeting.**

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

He also requested that the town board appoint Donna Ellis to be Chairperson of the Planning Board.

**Resolution #22**

**Be it resolved that the Town Board of Hadley hereby appoints Donna Ellis to Planning Board Chairperson. Her rate of pay will be \$98.57 per meeting.**

**Motion made by Tim Hilker. Second by James Brewster. All Ayes. Approved.**

Supervisor Wright also reported that he is working with Frontier to upgrade the phone system for the town offices. Frontier will replace the phones at no charge. After completion, the town will save approximately \$500 per month. Project should be complete between 6-8 weeks. He requested a motion to support the upgrade.

**Motion made by Charles Ovitt. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

**Town Clerk's Report:**

- Town Clerk Colleen DeMarsh reported that she provided the 2026 meeting dates for Planning and Town Board meetings in the board's folders.

**7:11 p.m. Supervisor Wright entertained a motion to adjourn.**

**Motion made by James Brewster. Second by Tim Hilker. All Ayes. Approved.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**