

**TOWN OF HORNBY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2025**

Present at the October meeting of the Hornby Town Board were: Supervisor Justin Eberlin, Councilmembers Hazel Russell, Ken McLaughlin, John Hale and Steve Reed, Highway Superintendent Ron Divens and Town Clerk Pam Smith. Eunie Taggart, County Legislator Carol Ferratella, Thomas Havens, and Michael Martin also attended the meeting.

The Town Board meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Eberlin.

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Russell,
To approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings dated September 8, 2025.
No discussion was held.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Reed,
To approve the payment of General Fund vouchers, numbered 148-162 on abstract G-10-25 in the amount of \$9,292.10; the payment of Highway Fund vouchers numbered 131-148 on abstract H-10-25 in the amount of \$446,789.53; and the payment of Trust and Agency voucher numbered 63 in the amount of \$7,086.93.
Discussion was held on the highway checking account balance.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

Supervisor Eberlin stated that he applied for an application for a cybersecurity grant. He also registered for a webinar on the new requirements for dog shelters. He is working on the hazardous mitigation plans for the County. Historian Eunie Taggart is helping with a possible grant for the sign.

Ambient was closed today, so there is no update on the replacement of the heat exchanger.

Jason Rial will consult with someone on the lights for the parking lot. Discussion was held.

Highway Superintendent Divens stated that they are done with the big projects for the year. Now that the phone line has been moved, they can do the ditching on Chambers Road. Discussion was held on removing the oil from the town hall sidewalk. Discussion was also held on leaves not being removed from Miller Rd before the oil was put down.

Discussion was held on union negotiations.

The NYS mandated website was discussed. Scanning equipment will be needed in the town hall.

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Hale,
To accept the website quote from IB Design Studios, Inc.
Vote: Eberlin – no, Reed – aye, Russell – no, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

CPR IT gave two the Town new quotes and discussion was held on the quotes: \$1612.94 for a new laptop to replace the Supervisor's laptop, including three-year support of the laptop; and \$624.03 for a cloud gateway, but no one understands what that means. Clarification is needed.

Finger Lakes Landscaping gave an updated quote with no tax, which is \$1300.00 for the removal of the tree at the museum.

Discussion was held on the new fire contract.

MOTION by Russell, seconded by Reed,
To accept the new fire contract as written.
Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

Supervisor Eberlin stated that County Planning rejected the solar moratorium law again. They suggested changes that if made to the law, they would then approve the law. Discussion was held. The town board approved the Supervisor giving the changes to the planning board for their review and approval.

The meeting was opened to visitors:

County Legislator Carol Ferratella stated that the County would start work on their budget the next day. She also gave a list of dates that are critical to the creation of

the tax bills and a list of things that can delay the creation of tax bills to the town clerk.

Historian and Hornby Historical Society Treasurer Eunie Taggart requested to submit a bill for reimbursement of \$335.15, which is half of the cost of the paint for the museum. It was agreed to put it on next month's abstract of bills.

Highway Superintendent Divens brought up the cemetery issue that occurred recently, where two families tried to bury family members at the same time at Central Valley Cemetery. The one family had told Mr. Divens the date and time of their planned burial, but the other family had not made him aware of their plans. Discussion was held. This was not the Town's fault. It was suggested that Mr. Divens require a date and time when a mark-out of a cemetery plot is done.

Discussion was held on making Billy Clark the backup for Highway Superintendent Divens for mark-outs. Mr. Divens will contact Mr. Clark to see what compensation he would require as backup.

The old Dandy will be a smoke shop soon. Discussion was held.

The tentative budget was discussed. The Town is putting \$230,000 into the unexpended fund balance to lower taxes. Councilmember Russell stated that the Town cannot keep doing this, but it is fine for this year. Currently the budget is under the tax cap. Both Councilmembers McLaughlin and Russell would like to go 1% over the tax cap. The pole barn will need a new roof next year, so \$30,000 was put into buildings in General for this reason. The budget was reviewed line by line. Discussion was held.

The following changes were made:

A1620.4	was \$ 22,000.00	increased to \$ 42,000.00
DA5130.4	was \$104,297.74	increased to \$142,297.74
A1001	was \$126,684.15	increased to \$146,684.15
DA5112.2	was \$159,000.00	decreased to \$150,000.00
DA2401	was \$ 6,425.39	decreased to \$ 4,425.39

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Reed,
To make the tentative budget the preliminary budget, with the following modifications:

A1620.4 was \$ 22,000.00 increased to \$ 42,000.00
DA5130.4 was \$104,297.74 increased to \$142,297.74
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Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Russell,

To adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.

Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

Pamela A. Smith
Hornby Town Clerk