

**TOWN OF HORNBY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

Present at the February 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. County Legislator Carol Ferratella, Eunie Taggart, Cassia Maloney from Sprague, and Brad Laverty also attended the meeting.

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

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Reed,
To approve the minutes of the Town Board meetings dated January 13, 2025.
No discussion was held.
Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Hale,
To approve the payment of General Fund vouchers, numbered 11-28 on abstract G-02-25 in the amount of \$55,784.00; the payment of Highway Fund vouchers numbered 13-25 on abstract H-02-25 in the amount of \$13,120.36; and the payment of Trust and Agency voucher numbered 55 in the amount of \$7,086.93.
No discussion was held.
Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

Discussion was held on if the highway department had enough salt, and they do have enough, but will be placing an order soon.

Highway Superintendent Divens stated that the generator will be installed in February. Discussion was held. The highway department is using a lot of salt/sand mixture and steaming pipes. More discussion was held.

Cassia Maloney presented the NYMIR insurance quote to the town board and answered questions. There was an increase for inflation. The price went from \$40,488.90 up to \$42,792.58. Discussion was held.

MOTION by Eberlin, seconded by McLaughlin,
To add the insurance voucher for \$42,792.58 to the current abstract.
Vote: Eberlin – aye, Reed – aye, Russell – aye, McLaughlin – aye, Hale – aye.

Discussion was held on keeping money in NYCLASS versus CD's. NYCLASS is not federally insured, but has a great interest rate that is compounded daily. CD's are safer, but low interest rate. Discussion was also held on setting up a couple of reserve funds – one for highway equipment and one for building repair. Supervisor Eberlin will present hard numbers at the next meeting.

MOTION by McLaughlin, seconded by Russell,
To re-appoint Laura Landolf to the Board of Assessment Review, term of 10/01/2024-9/30/2029.

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

The firefighter exemption topic will be tabled until April.

Supervisor Eberlin discussed the training classes online thru NYMIR. Discussion was held.

Councilmember Russell wanted an update on the highway fund money issues. Discussion was held. A CHIPS payment of approximately \$192,000.00 will be payable in March. Supervisor Eberlin will get solid numbers from the bookkeeper and CPA.

Supervisor Eberlin read updates from the Assessor Holley Smalt's monthly report.

The meeting was opened to hear from visitors.

Code Enforcement Officer Brad Laverty submitted his annual report to NYS and also his training credentials. Discussion was held.

Historian Eunie Taggart would like to set a celebration date for the Town's 200th birthday next year. Discussion was held. Possibly a date in May, with a small something on the actual incorporation date of January 27 at the town hall. Also, she would like to set a date to meet with the public to see what they would like to see for the celebration.

County Legislator Carol Ferratella stated that the County will be sponsoring a roadside cleanup again this year. She also talked about the Steuben County Land Bank, which acquires property and returns it to a taxable status that enhances communities. Discussion was held.

Carol Ferratella also stated that she is not running for re-election.

MOTION by Hale, seconded by Russell,

To charge a \$20 NSF fee for returned checks.

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

MOTION by Russell, seconded by Reed,

To adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm.

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

Pamela A. Smith
Hornby Town Clerk