

Town Board Minutes  
January 13, 2026

The monthly town board meeting held on January 13, 2026 at 56 Geneva St. Dresden New York was called to order by Supervisor Peter Martini at 7:30PM.

Present: Supervisor Pete Martini, Council; Colby Petersen, Bruce Henderson, Kathleen McGrath, Robert Miller

Others present: George Thompson, Grant & Linda Downs, Gary McIntee, Dave Goff, Donna Rae Sutherland, Dwight James, Tim Chambers

Mr. Martini led the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor welcomes Robert Miller to his seat at the Town Board and acknowledged Former Councilman Downs presence in the audience.

December minutes: Motion by Ms. McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson to approve December minutes carried by all.

**Abstract of vouchers** - Mr. Martini presented the abstracts.

Motion by Mr. Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Miller that the bills on the General A & B Accounts in the amount of \$ 37,371.80 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Ms. McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson, the bills on the Highway DA & DB Accounts in the amount of \$ 54,875.27 be paid, carried by all.

Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen, the bills on Water District 1 Administration account in the amount of \$ 350.00 be paid, carried by all.

Supervisor presented accounting software contract with Williamson Law for 2026. Motion by Ms. McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Petersen authorizing the Supervisor to sign contract with Williamson Law for Accounting Software in the amount of \$ 2,531. Carried by all.

Supervisor presented LL 1-26: Motion by Mr. Petersen 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Miller to set a public hearing for,

**Local Law 1-26 Tax Cap Override 2027**

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board of the Town of Torrey, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comment upon a proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Board of the Town of Torrey has reviewed the draft of the aforementioned proposed Local Law attached hereto as Exhibit

"1" and deems it in the best interests of the Town of Torrey to proceed in accordance with the Code of the Town of Torrey and the Laws of the State of New York in adopting said Local Law,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing to be held on February 10, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrey Town Hall, 56 Geneva Street, Dresden, New York; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, authorized to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "2"; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town of Torrey sign board and take all other necessary actions to properly bring the aforementioned Local Law before the Town Board of the Town of Torrey for its consideration; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Town Clerk be, and hereby is, authorized to provide all other notices as required by law for the adoption of this local law.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Martini- Aye Councilmen: Petersen Aye Henderson - Aye McGrath Aye, Miller Aye (5 Ayes 0 Nays) carried.

Supervisor presented a NYSEG Excavation Permit for 2026. This allows excavation along roadsides and ROW throughout the Town. Motion by Ms. McGrath, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Henderson, authorizing the Supervisor to sign the NYSEG Excavation Permit for 2026, carried by all.

Mr. Martini introduced the slate of 2026 Appointments and Compensation.

Motion by Mr. Miller 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. McGrath to accept and approve the following slate of Appointments and Compensations, and carried by all.

- ❖ Any town official /employee, board members to attend training sponsored by the Association of Towns & local training during the year, at the Towns expense.
- ❖ Finger Lakes Times, Chronicle Express as official newspaper of the Town
- ❖ Town Board Meeting date 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30PM
- ❖ Community Bank NA official bank of Deposit for Health District, Town Clerk/ Tax Coll. and NYSDEC
- ❖ Community Bank NA, Lyons National -official banks of deposit for Gen. A & B, Highway DA & DB, Fire Protection, Trust Agency, WD 1
- ❖ Code Officer - Dwight James \$25,705. / year & mileage

- ❖ Setting mileage reimbursement for .72.5 per mile.
- ❖ Deputy Supervisor-Colby Petersen \$609. /Year
- ❖ Deputy Highway Supt. - Josh Wood \$2165. /Year
- ❖ Deputy Town Clerks- Darlene Conley, \$20.00/hr.
- ❖ Supervisors Bookkeeper- Betty Daggett \$ 25. /hr.
- ❖ Justice Data Entry Clerk - Betty Daggett/Michael Peacock \$ 20. /hr.
- ❖ Town Attorney - Jeff Graff at 150. /hr.
- ❖ Make necessary Inter fund transfers of money on overdrawn accts. for General or Highway
- ❖ Highway HEO Fulltime- starting at \$25.24 to \$27.38 with medical benefits and OT
- ❖ Highway Plow P/T \$ 18. /hr., No benefits
- ❖ Highway Laborer part time - \$ 15.50/hr. no benefits or OT
- ❖ Lifeguards/ Rec. Leaders- \$17.00 hr. no benefits
- ❖ Beach/ Rec. aides- \$ 16.00/hr. no benefits
- ❖ Planning Board Chairmen/Sec. each \$ 300. /Year
- ❖ Planning Board Members each 200. /Year
- ❖ ZBA Chairman/ Sec - \$ 300. /Year
- ❖ ZBA Members each \$200. /Year
- ❖ Janitor \$ 20. / Hour
- ❖ Board of Assessment Review 2025 \$100./Year each

**Highway Report-** Mr. Chambers stated the 2026 10 wheeler has arrived at dealers and having equipment installed, Slated for delivery to Town in July. Plowing an sanding with winter equipment maintenance being performed.

Met with state officials regarding impasse at Perry Point Culvert Projects. State will reimburse Town for Engineering cost. The Town will tentatively shelve this North Culvert project. It will be impossible to meet the rising financial cost on this project, while researching an effective way to resolve the culvert issue.

Regarding the South Culvert Project on Perry Point Rd. Mr. Chambers will plan for an alternate route in case of emergency. He has access to a machine that measures the thickness of pipe walls to find weak spots.

Received 80 tons salt to be mixed with sand for ice control.

Installed 2 culverts at Nutt Road vineyard.

**Code Report-** 8 Building progress inspections, 7 meetings, 1 short term rental inspections, traveled 124 miles  
 Year end stats 62 building permit, 17 rental permits, 35 other permits, Fees collected for 2025 \$ 23,444.10  
 Total value of projects \$ 5,710,000.

**Assessor Report** Agricultural renewal applications are coming in. I received 2 senior citizens applications. 5 arm's length property sales since October. Received one Cold War veteran exemption application.

**WD #1 Report** submitted by Jayson Hoover

**Dresden Fire Dept Report** Submitted by Chief Jeremy Henries

**Perry Point Water District** Brief discussion on water route coming from either Rte 14 or Kings Hill Rd direction.

Grant Downs appeared to discuss the towns 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026 Possibly commemorating the date with a time capsule project. He handed out a timeline for the project. Donna Rae Sutherland spoke of a successful time capsule project she was involved with at Geneseo and gave examples of time capsule memorabilia. The board concurred that this is a great project for the town to support and thanked Grant for his interest in bringing this to the townboard.

There being no further business before the board Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. McGrath carried at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

Betty M Daggett  
Town Clerk