

April 10, 2025

Regular Meeting

(Amended to reflect boiler repair at Highway Barn rather than the Water House)

PRESENT: Supervisor Nathaniel Baker, Town Councilman James Bradt, Town Councilman Kenneth Quick, Town Councilman Matthew Beecher Town Councilman Matthew Rathbun, Town Accountant Joel Carpenter, Highway Superintendent Scott Taylor, Local Ordinance Officer William Humphries, Town Historian Erik Pekar, and Deputy Town Clerk Julia Goff

ABSENT:, Town Clerk Jenny Martelle, Dog Control Officer Kathy Hall, Sole Assessor Bobbi Stone

Supervisor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Baker

Councilman Bradt moved to approve the minutes of the March 13th Regular Meeting, second by Councilman Beecher, with Councilman Rathbun abstaining due to his absence. All in favor, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Baker reported that paperwork is complete, and all ARPA Funds have been reconciled with US Treasury. He also said that Granville High School Student, Amariah Splittgerber, has requested permission to work inside the Hill Cemetery on Honey Hill Road as part of a community service requirement at her school. It is her intent to try to clean and straighten any stones that appear to be in disrepair. Supervisor Baker gave her permission to move forward with her project.

BUDGET OFFICER'S REPORT: Budget Officer Joel Carpenter reported that the only issue with the budget at this time is that the Snow Removal Contractual is over budget. All else is looking good for now.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Highway Superintendent Taylor reported that repairs to dirt roads continued, frozen culverts were opened, intersections were swept and trucks serviced. # 20 truck was returned from repair work and is working well. The staff attended safety training. There was continued discussion regarding truck #6. with questions as to whether to fix it or try again to sell it. Supervisor Baker questioned the possibility of installing a re-manufactured motor to bring it back to serviceable status. Superintendent Taylor will contact CAT for a price on the motor. The staff took the boiler at the Highway Barn apart and made a welding repair as a hole in the jacket was pouring water out. It will need to be replaced before winter.

NORTH GRANVILLE WATER DISTRICT REPORT: The Water District has pumped a total of 1,016,000 gallons for the month with a daily average of 32,774 gallons. A water leak was located at the McMorris property at the barn location. The water was turned off at the pit until it is repaired.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board opened the one and only bid received for mowing the Abandoned Cemeteries and the Town Highway yard. As it was significantly higher than what was budgeted, Councilman Bradt moved to reject the bid, second by Quick, all in favor, motion carried. A motion was made by Councilman Bradt to solicit bids for mowing one more time, second by Councilman Quick. All in favor, motion carried. We will publish a Public Notice requesting bids in the next 2 issues of the Granville Sentinel, to be opened at the May 8th meeting.

Resolution #28 -2005: Authorization for the Town Assessor to conduct a full re-assessment for the year 2026, the purpose being to bring us back to 100% valuation. Councilman Quick moved to go forward with the re-assessment, second by Councilman Bradt. All in favor, motion carried. The Assessor also requested to move Grievance Day in the Town of Granville to the first Wednesday in June immediately following the fourth Tuesday in May, which will be June 4th this year. Councilman Rathbun questioned the complicated calculation.

Supervisor Baker stated that it is as worded by NY State. Councilman Quick made the motion to approve the change, second by Councilman Bradt. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of signing with a new solar program in which we would purchase our Electric supply from NYSEG at a 10% discount. This discount will not apply to Street Lighting, but only to the Town owned properties' accounts. There is no long-term contract needed, and the Town could exit the program within a two-billing cycle period if desired. Supervisor Baker will investigate further.

Discussion was made regarding the purchase of Road Salt for next winter season. There is an option to go with Atlantic Salt, which Highway Superintendent Taylor says has a superior product. No decision was made.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: N/A

SOLE ASSESSOR REPORT: Sole Assessor submitted a written report on her activities for September, which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

LOCAL ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT: Local Ordinance Officer Humphries submitted a written report which is on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: N/A

At 7:28 pm, Councilman Quick moved to go into closed session, second by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor, motion carried. At 7:52 pm, Councilman Rathbun moved to return to regular session, second by Councilman Quick. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Bradt moved to approve the new Employee's Handbook with updates for 2025, second by Councilman Quick. All in favor, motion carried. As a result of this approval, Highway Superintendent Taylor requested that his part-time employee be moved to full-time status as was previously agreed. Councilman Rathbun made a motion to move him to full-time, second by Councilman Quick. All in favor, motion carried. There was continued discussion regarding the purchase of a new Highway Truck. Supervisor Baker will follow up with Allegiance Trucking for an update.

AUDIT OF BILLS: as there were no bills prepared for the meeting, Supervisor Baker announced a special meeting to be held on April 16th at 3:00 pm for the purpose of Audit of Bills and any other business that may arise.

Councilman Quick moved to Adjourn at 8:10, 2nd by Councilman Rathbun. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by: Deputy Town Clerk, Julia Goff