

Town of Amboy  
TOWN BOARD MINUTES-February 19, 2024  
Amboy Town Hall-7:00pm

Present: Kathleen Wilkinson-Supervisor

Bruce Stone (Excused), Larry Rayder, Holly Humphries,  
& Dick Bryant-Board Members

Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk (Excused)

Renee Ukena-Deputy Clerk

Paul Baxter-Tug Hill Circuit Rider

John Perkins III-Highway Superintendent (Excused)

Also Present:

Tom Vona-Planning Board

Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm., by Mrs. Wilkinson.

Approval of the Minutes-With corrections made from the January meeting Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the January, 2024 minutes, and dispense with the reading of them, seconded by Larry Rayder and carried.

Mrs. Wilkinson also said we are actively searching for a Historian. If anyone has anybody interested please contact her.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- No report.

Legislator-Dave Holst was not present. No report given.

Highway Dept.- No report.

Tug Hill-Mr. Baxter provided a written report for the supervisor, board members, and deputy clerk. Deadline is approaching for the 2024 Tug Hill Local Government Conference, scheduled for May 1-2 at Turning Stone Casino for best registration rate. The regular rate applies to those registered online or postmarked by April 1,

2024. Rates will increase starting April 2. The form is available on the Tug Hill website at <https://tughill.org/localgovernmentconference>. Descriptions in detail of program offerings are available at: <https://tughill.org/local-government-conference-presentations/>.

The first Salmon Rivers Council of Governments meeting for calendar year 2024 is looking at dates in the second half of March.

The Tug Hill Commission is scheduled to meet in Pulaski on Monday, March 18 at 10:00am and in Central Square at the village hall on Monday, May 10.

Through the Tug Hill Commission Mr. Baxter has provided base maps of town roads to several municipalities for the planning purposes of the superintendents of highways and the highway departments.

Mr. Baxter also mentioned that the Commission has a traffic counter that it loans out to Tug Hill towns and Villages.

There is nothing new to report about the status of wildlife management area payment legislation.

Code Enforcement-Mr. Marsden issued 2 building permits and had 1 violation in January. He has completed his year end reports for the state.

Town Historian-No report.

Planning Board- Mr. Vona provided a written report of Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 & 2 Narratives for Town of Amboy Zoning Law Revisions 2024 and meeting minutes for January 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for the supervisor, board members, and deputy clerk. No meeting was held on February 4<sup>th</sup> due to low quorum. He also expressed a need for file cabinet space and Mrs. Wilkinson said there are multiple file cabinets that can be used.

Dog Control-Nothing to report.

Town Clerk- \$461.40 was taken in for the month of January, 2024, for 8 certified copies, 10 dog licenses, 2 building permits. \$451.40 to the Supervisor and \$10 to Animal Population Control.

Tax Collector- Ms. Ukena submitted a written report. As of 02/17/24, \$1,057,772.89 has been collected, with \$550,412.92 still outstanding. The town was paid, as per the Warrant, \$802,488.75 on 2/5/24.

Old Business- Mrs. Wilkinson said the state of NY has declined McFee Ambulance Certificate of Need (CON) coming back to Amboy. She said there is no risk of not having ambulance service at this time, she has heard, but not yet confirmed, Northshore Ambulance is available. She is pursuing other options.

Mrs. Wilkinson said The Office of the Aging will be starting their outreach program at the Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month starting in February through November from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

New Business- Mrs. Wilkinson said the Office of the Aging has contacted her about using space at the town hall when needed for their services to clients as some of their offices are under construction at this time. Mr. Rayder is in contact with them about their needs and will open the town hall as needed.

Open to the Public- An Amboy resident said he was having issues with a neighbor regarding the neighbor having a street light put in from National Grid and said it was a problem for him sleeping and was under the assumption it is against NY state laws to have done this. Mrs. Wilkinson will research any state laws and will speak with Ron Marsden and John Perkins and someone will contact him with more information.

Approval of the Bills-Mr. Bryant made the motion to approve SF General Fund voucher #1A, in the amount of \$113,000.00, seconded by Mrs. Humphries, and carried. Mr. Rayder made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #29-42 in the amount of \$5404.16, seconded by Mrs. Humphries and carried. Mr. Bryant made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #20-41 in the amount of \$22,974.39, seconded by Mr. Rayder and carried.

Supervisor's Report-Balance sheets and reconciliation summaries are provided, and a copy of the full monthly financial statement is provided. A copy of all financial reports are available from either Ms. Butler, town accounting officer, or from the supervisor.

Mrs. Wilkinson mentioned she was contacted by a reporter from the Watertown Paladian News regarding how often we have open public meetings. Mrs. Wilkinson said the monthly Board Meetings are open to the public. The Town of Amboy will be mentioned in this paper. Discussion revolved around a Code of Conduct during these meetings. Mrs. Wilkinson had developed one and will get a copy to Mr. Baxter to add to the website.

Adjournment-At 7:42 pm, Mrs. Humphries motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bryant, and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Ukena

Amboy Deputy Clerk