Town of Amboy
TOWN BOARD MINUTES
October 19, 2026
Amboy Town Hall-7:00 pm

Present: Holly Humphries- Supervisor
Larry Rayder, Brandy Wheeler, &
Sarah Babcock-Town Board Members
Mary Ann Clark-Town Clerk
John Perkins & Al VanSanford-Amboy Highway
Heidi Tompkins-Tug Hill Circuit Rider
Patti Holst-Legislator
Chris Race & Jesse Babcock-Planning Board
Chris Race- W. Amboy Fire Dept.

Excused: Bradner Whaley

Also Present- Doug Cleveland- Queen Central News,

Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, by Mrs. Humphries, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes-Mrs. Wheeler made a motion to accept the September 2026 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Babcock and carried.

Recording Meeting- Mrs. Humphries let everyone know that a new device was being used during the meeting, to record the meeting, to help with the production of minutes. The device was used during budget meetings, and it worked well.

Dept Head Reports:

Fire Dept- Chris Race said he didn't really have a report. The department has received a a total of 323 calls to date. The annual Halloween party will be held at the Fire Dept., on Halloween, from 5-8 p.m. Donations of candy, and volunteer support for distribution during the event was requested. Mrs. Humphries stated that she would be working, and had candy to donate, and Mrs. Wheeler said she had some candy to donate as well.

Legislator- Patti Holst reported on the passage of a multi-year snow and ice agreement with the towns. The contract passed unanimously on the legislative floor and is a 3-year contract. Mrs. Holst also mentioned that the county is still making budget preparations, and is working on unfunded State mandates. Mrs. Wheeler will be messaging Mrs. Holst detailing highway garage repairs and funding needs, specifically insulation and heating.

Highway Dept.- Mr. Perkins reported that tires will be put on the loader on Friday. Trucks are all set for winter, and a dozer from the county will be delivered on Friday. Still has some tree work to do, and snow stakes also need to be put up. Mrs. Humphries stated that Spectrum will be delivering internet boosters to the garage on Thursday, the 22nd, between 10 and 11 am. Mrs. Humphries put in a call to Unifirst, the uniform company the town has been using, regarding billing charges. The town is evaluating switching to a direct clothing allowance, to reduce costs. This will all be discussed at a meeting with the Teamsters Union, on 10/21/2026. A mini-split option to heat the highway was also discussed.

Tug Hill- Heidi Tompkins gave the report from the monthly bulletin. The annual dinner between SRCG and NorCog was held at the Greenview Country Club in West Monroe. Both COGS adopted their 2027 budgets, and held elections, with all current officers being reelected. A vacancy will open at the end of the year for the Salmon Rivers vice chair, Mrs. Humphries didn't attend the dinner, but told Heidi Tompkins she would be glad to fill that role. The Local Government Conference has been scheduled for Monday, 04/26/27: Initial date/opening, and Tuesday, 04/27/27: Full day of conference sessions. Heidi Tompkins hopes to make the December meeting, but will be out on maternity leave after that. Her in-person attendance coverage people will be Rodney and Nathan, Special planning areas will be covered by Matt Johnson-Matt@tughill.org, Salmon Rivers Planning Accord-Maria Covey-Maria@ tughill.org, Grants-Jennifer Harvill-Jennifer@tughill.org, or for general matters-Katie Malinowski-Katie@tughill.org

Code Enforcement- Mrs. Humphries read the report she received from Mr. Marsden. He issued 2 building permits, cited 3 properties for violations, has issued renewal notices for expired permits, and is working on ongoing inspections for 35 active permits.

Town Historian- Mrs. Humphries reported that she attended the Oswego County Historian's Meeting in Oswego, and met with Deb Allen, who is the Oswego County Historian. She also met with Steve Stelmashuck, who is the new town Historian for Parish. Ongoing county historical initiatives include a project documenting the Underground Railroad in Oswego County. Mrs. Holst mentioned that she had also met with Mr. Stelmashuck for talks about developing youth engagement programs.

Planning Board- Jesse Babcock reported that the Planning Board and Tug Hill Commission are coordinating sample local laws concerning campers, and small data centers/terminals.

Dog Control- No report was given. Things have been quiet.

Town Clerk- Took in a total of $488.00 for September 2026. This included 1 Marriage license, 14 dog licenses, and 2 building permits. A check for $451.50 was paid to the supervisor, $22.50 was paid to the NYS Health Dept., for their share of the marriage license fee, and $14.00, was mailed to Animal Population Control in Albany.

Old Business- There was no old business to discuss.

New Business- Mrs. Humphries said that the Tax Collector, Renee Ukena had requested an action from the board. She requested approval from the board to change the municipal depository banking institution from M & T Bank, which has closed its branch in Camden, to Community Bank, also in Camden, for her tax collecting purposes in 2027. Mrs. Wheeler made a motion to move to Community Bank, seconded by Mrs. Babcock, and carried.

Mrs. Humphries also asked for a motion to pay for the Ambulance Contract with McFee Ambulance, in the amount of $15,400.00, for 2027, which is $400 more than 2026, and $15,800.00 for 2028, another increase of $400.00. Mrs. Wheeler made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Rayder, and carried.

Mrs. Humphries also reported that 2 public hearings are scheduled for November 5, 2026, at the Town Hall. The first hearing is at 6 p.m. to review the preliminary budget, and the second hearing is at 6:30 p.m. to pass a local law to exceed the tax cap, if necessary.

Open to the Public- Doug Cleveland from the Queen Central News wanted to know if the town had decided to open the roads to ATV usage? He had attended a meeting earlier this year, where it was being discussed and hadn't heard the final decision. Mrs. Humphries stated that no, it hadn't been approved by the town, but an alternate route had been found north of our town. She also stated that a Resolution had been passed by the board prohibiting the roads from being opened. Mr. Cleveland also asked about Ricellis, and Finnerty Road? Mrs. Humphries responded that multiple areas had been patched, and the town crew corrected some uneven spots for winter plowing purposes. Mrs. Humphries also stated that she had a sit-down meeting at the town hall with Rich Riccelli, and felt it was a worthwhile meeting.

Beverly Leverault wanted to know the best way to report illegal ATV use? Calling law enforcement was suggested, but she responded that she hadn't had luck with that at all. Mrs. Humphries said that she could provide a phone number at the end of the meeting, for someone Beverly could call.

Approval of the Bills – Mr. Rayder made the motion to approve General Fund vouchers #155-165, in the amount of $6,540.65, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, and carried. Mrs. Babcock made the motion to approve Highway Fund vouchers #230-259, in the amount of $51,162.75, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, and carried.

Supervisor's Report- A copy of the monthly supervisor's report and financial reports are available upon request from Holly Humphries, Town Supervisor.

Adjournment-At 7:47 pm, Mrs. Humphries made the motion to adjourn, and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Clark,
Amboy Town Clerk