

Town of Lowville
Regular Town Board Meeting
November 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lowville, County of Lewis and the State of New York was held at the Municipal Office Building, 5533 Bostwick Street, Lowville, NY on the 21st day of November 2024

Roll Call:

Robert Mullin, Supervisor
Paul Virkler, Deputy Supervisor
John D. Ross, Councilman
Jacob Monnat, Councilman
Stephen Farney, Councilman – entered at 9:36 a.m.

Others Present:

Raymond Meier, Town Attorney entered at 9:45 a.m.
Thomas Widrick, Highway & Special Districts Superintendent
Aimee Murphy, Town Clerk
Nick Astafan, Dog Control Officer

Also Present: Chuck Terrillion, Village Trustee; Vincent Nortz, County Legislator; Andrea Moroughan, County Legislator; Mickey Dietrich, RACOG – entered at 9:41 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Supervisor Mullin who also led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion by Councilman Virkler, seconded by Councilman Ross to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024 regular meeting as presented by the Town Clerk.

ADOPTED – AYES – Monnat, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Farney

VOUCHERS

Motion by Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Monnat to approve bills be paid as listed in the following amounts.

ADOPTED – AYES –Farney, Monnat, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0

General – Abstract #11	Voucher #280 to #313	\$ 29,471.97
Highway – Abstract #11	Voucher #169 to #188	\$437,378.81
Water – Abstract#9	Voucher #70 to #86	\$ 90,492.99
Sewer – Abstract#9	Voucher #33 to #39	\$ <u>96,721.45</u>
	Total	\$654,065.22

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Receipts:	Town Clerk	\$ 1,887.14
	Town Court	\$ 5,475.00
	Zoning	\$ (\$1,965.00 ytd)
	Lewis County	\$ 20,972.11 (Mortgage Tax)
	Bridge NY	\$159,683.17 (O’Brien Rd)
	Bridge NY	\$264,951.39 (Gardner Rd)
	Absolute Auctions	\$ 51,000.00 (Loader)
	Absolute Auctions	\$ 10,400.00 (Bull Dozer)
	Bridge NY	\$203,353.42 (O’Brien Rd)

Supervisor Mullin’s financial report is included in the Board Members’ packets. An oral activities report was given.

1. The Town is again eligible to apply for a NY Restore grant for the Stevens Block.
2. Received bill from the Village for the youth recreation program; Mayor Beagle asked to hold payment until the end of year in case grant funds are received.

Motion by Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Virkler to accept the Supervisor's receipts, activities and financial reports.

ADOPTED – AYES –Farney, Monnat, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DOG CONTROL

1. The Dog Control Officer's (DCO) monthly report is included in the Board Members' packets.
2. Report of DCO conference in Guilderland: Article 26C: new law takes effect 12/2025 – new equipment requirements; will need written agreement with Veterinarian for services.
3. Shelters will have many new requirements that will affect cost to towns.
4. Would like a new shelter agreement

TOWN ATTORNEY

TOWN CLERK

1. The Clerk's Monthly Report is included in the Board Members' packets.

ZONING/PLANNING

1. Certificate of Compliance:

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS/SPECIAL DISTRICTS

ASSESSOR

Exemptions:

RACOG

Mickey Dietrich gave a brief update on the happenings of RACOG and the Tug Hill Commission. The next RACOG meeting will be January 23, 2025 at the Town of Wilna offices.

BUDGET OFFICER/BOOKKEEPER

The monthly financial report and proposed budget amendments were provided in the Board Members' packets.

OLD BUSINESS

Water Line Extension (#3 Rd):

Motion by Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Virkler to adopt **Resolution No. 61-2024, "Approve Budget Amendments."**

ADOPTED – AYES –Farney, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Monnat

RESOLVED the following Budget Amendments are approved as listed.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Protection Contract

The next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting will be December 19, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Councilman Farney, seconded by Councilman Virkler to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

ADOPTED – AYES –Farney, Mullin, Ross, Virkler NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Monnat

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee L. Murphy, RMC
Town Clerk