

Minutes of the Smithville Town Board
Oct. 20, 2025

OPENING of Town Board meeting 6:30PM
ROLL CALL/PLEDGE/LATE ADDITIONS:

Supervisor John Cammarata	ALSO:	Alison Owens, Town Clerk
Board members:		Vince Witkowski, Hwy Supervisor
Shane Butler		Kenny Gardner resident
Russell Wark		Barbara Tallet, Resident
Fred Heisler		
Dakota Warren		

PUBLIC HEARING ON SNOWMOBILE/SEASONAL RDS 6:35PM

CORRESPONDENCE 6:45PM

C1) Memorandum from Chenango County Clerk requesting an email for the Planning Board as all of their correspondence will be done via email starting November 1st
C2) Munibit requirements for .gov website: This includes minutes, agendas and financial reports. Ms. Owens will take care of adding these to the website.

NEW BUSINESS 6:55PM

NB1) Accept Snowmobile/Seasonal Rd. list. New information from the Association of Towns now indicates there is no need for a Public Hearing on Snowmobile/Seasonal Roads, unless there is a Local Law for such roads. however they do need to be posted on the Town website. Starting next year, such roads will be posted

RESOLUTION #50 (2025): ACCEPT LIST OF SNOWMOBILE/SEASONAL ROADS FOR 2025/2026

On motion by Mr. Warren, 2nd by Mr. Butler, the following Resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Warren Cammarata
NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to accept the list of Snowmobile/Seasonal roads in the Town of Smithville for the season Nov.1st 2025 to April 1st 2026. These will also be posted on the website.

NB2) Accept Phil Montelione's expected resignation as Clerk Part Time (not available)
● Accept Deirdre Purdy's resignation as Clerk Part-time, Appoint Deirdre as Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION #51 (2025): ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF DEIRDRE PURDY AS CLERK, PART TIME AND APPOINT HER AS A DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

On motion by Mr. Warren, 2nd by Mr. Butler, the following Resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Warren Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Deirdre Purdy as Clerk, Part-time and appoint her as a Deputy Town Clerk.

NB3) **Email from Pam Sousa: wants a culvert pipe fixed at the end of her driveway.** There have been several communications between Ms. Sousa and the Town. Board members asked about the problem and Hwy Supt Witkowski explained that the water comes down her driveway, goes across the road and into the ditch. He will make arrangements to go and talk with her about the situation

NB4) **Discuss date for 4 Public Hearings: Geneganslet and Smithville Center fire district budgets, 2026 Preliminary Budget and Local Law # 1 2025 to Override the 2% Tax Cap for the Town of Smithville:**

The Board considered the dates of November 5th and 6th and ultimately decided on November 6th starting at 6:30PM.

RESOLUTION #52 (2025): ADVERTISE FOR 4 PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NOVEMBER 6th

On motion by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Wark, the following Resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Warren Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to advertise for 4 Public Hearings on November 6th:

Genegantslet Fire District Budget @ 6:30PM

Smithville Center Fire District Budget @ 6:35PM

2026 Town of Smithville Preliminary Budget @ 6:40PM

Local Law # 1 2026 to Override the 2% Tax Cap @ 6:45PM

These will be advertised in the Evening Sun for 1 week.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES IF ANY)

7:05PM

OB1) continued discussion on Wilcox cemetery:

Mr. Butler shared with the Board that unofficially, the Town has been given ½ of the grant money applied for to install fencing and have the gate of Wilcox cemetery refurbished. When the official letter is received the Board will need to write a letter of acceptance or rejection of the \$3000. Toward the \$6,000. project.

OB2) questions from Kenny Gardiner were asked about the water district. He was referred to the Town Board minutes of July 14th and August 18th. The water system for the hamlet was officially scrapped.

REPORTS

7:05PM

R1.) Highway: report submitted

- Buckley Hollow, part of N. Tyner, Round Pond, part of Marvin Rd were paved
- The 2015 Volvo has been sandblasted and painted
- The 2024 Mac got upgrades
- Town of German would like to purchase the grader; Mr. Witkowski has asked for offer and is hoping for \$40K
- Town of Pharsalia is interested in the '02 but the Smithville Hwy Sup't won't sell until the new truck is delivered
- Tenco Equipment will honor the 2022 price of box plow, wings and light systems which Mr. Witkowski ordered for the new truck which was never delivered

- The 550 is still being worked on; needs manifolds+, maybe around \$4800; possible transmission work. This was bought through CHIPS so it needs to be kept another 2 years. There is a possibility of using sales tax revenue at the end of the year to help with repairs
- Chenango County has requested to park a truck at the Smithville Hwy barn for the winter

R2) Assessor: report submitted

R3.) Enforcement Officer: no report submitted

R4.) Planning Board: minutes submitted

R5.) DCO: no report submitted. There seems to have been some miscommunication regarding the dog bite in June.

R6.) vacant

R7.) Justice: no report submitted

R8.) Custodian/Groundskeeper: no report submitted

R9.) Playground Committee: no report submitted.

R10) Town Clerk: report submitted.

- Ms. Owens related a story about a Smithville cemetery gravestone being found for sale on Facebook Marketplace. With the financial help of the Smithville Historical Society, she is trying to have it returned to its location.
- The computers ordered for the Assessor and the Town Clerk are in and will need a computer guru's help to get up and running.

R11) vacant

R12) Supervisor's Report: submitted

- Estimates for hiring a bookkeeping service next year are about \$22K. Current Bookkeeper Virginia Smith would stay with a new program for bookkeeping, starting it in December 2025 in order to set things up. The monthly fee would be \$223. or annually for \$2210 per year.
- Many counties are overriding their budgets for 2026. The cost of goods and services are continually going up.

2026 Preliminary Budget: Mr. Cammarata made the following statements regarding the 2026 Preliminary Budget:

- Materials for the Highway are up 8.94%
- Equipment for the Highway is up 10.25%
- Pension costs for the Town are up 10%
- Health insurance for the Town is up 15-18%
- Town insurance is up 12%
- Raises for the Highway are up 3%; no estimates given for the General

It will not be possible to stay under the 2% NYS Tax Cap this year, therefore, in addition to a Resolution to accept the 2026 Preliminary Budget, another Resolution will need to be done to override the Tax Cap of 2% for the Town of Smithville for 2026.

RESOLUTION #53 (2025): APPROVE THE 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE

On motion by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Butler, the following Resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Warren Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Smithville. A Public Hearing will be held at 6:40PM November 6, 2025 at 6:40PM

RESOLUTION #54 (2025): APPROVE LOCAL LAW # 1 2025 TO OVERRIDE THE 2% TAX CAP FOR THE TOWN OF SMITHVILLE

On motion by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Butler, the following Resolution was approved

AYES: Heisler, Butler, Wark, Warren Cammarata

NAYES: 0

RESOLVED to approve Local Law # 1 to override the 2% Tax Cap for the Town of Smithville for the 2026 Budget. A Public Hearing for the proposed Local Law will be held Thursday November 6th at 6:45PM

The Supervisor's report reviewed. An Interfund transfer for the truck payment will be made.

A motion to accept the Supervisor's report was made by Mr. Warren, 2nd by Mr. Wark. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVAL for September 22nd 2025

7:40PM

The minutes of Sept. 22nd were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Butler, 2nd by Mr. Wark to approve these minutes. All five Board members in favor, motion carried.

WARRANTS

7:45PM

General Warrant # 10, Vouchers # 135-152 in the amount of \$6082.39 were submitted for payment. There were questions surrounding the payment to Oneonta Rent a John. Town Clerk Owens replied they had not sent an invoice since May and were trying to catch up on doing so. The amount paid for August will be applied to September's bill with only the month of October remaining to be billed.

A motion to pay these claims was made by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren, All five Board members in favor, motion carried.

Highway Warrant # 10, Vouchers # 116-128, in the amount of \$70109.22 were submitted for payment. Mr. Cammarata mentioned we will have to pay the FedEx bill because the Att'y said it would cost more to fight it than to pay for it. After discussion the Board asked Mr. Cammarata to have the Att'y write a letter to FedEx and include a copy of all the paperwork proving FedEx's mishandling of the incident and that the Town does not owe this bill. Voucher # 127 was removed from the payment list, and the remaining vouchers #116-126 and #128 were authorized to be paid in a motion by Mr. Heisler, 2nd by Mr. Warren. The total of the warrant was changed to \$68,405.55. All 5 Board members in favor, motion carried. were paid

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:55PM

No Additional business

The meeting was declared adjourned by Supervisor Cammarata at 7:43pm

Alison Owens

Smithville Town Clerk