

Town of Prattsville Monthly Meeting August 10th, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Prattsville, NY and County of Greene, NY held a Monthly Meeting at the Prattsville Town Hall on Monday, August 10th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

Present:	Greg Cross	Supervisor
	Joyce Peckham	Councilperson
	Heidi Ruehlmann	Councilperson
	Mason Chase	Councilman
	Theresa Whitworth	Town Clerk
Absent:	Eli Martin	Councilman

Others present: Deb & Jim Dymond, Carole Cangelosi, Charlie & Beverly Santos, Stephen & Lisa Birnbaum, Melissa Peters, Dan Peckham, John Lane, David Whitbeck, Eugene LaSalle

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve of the Clerks minutes for the Regular meeting of July 13th, 2026.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0
Absent 1 Martin

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve the monthly financial report.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0
Absent 1 Martin

Comments from the floor-

John Lane announced that the Maplecrest Fire Department is organizing a fundraiser for the Dempsey family, who were affected by an ATV accident last month. The event will be held at CD Lane Park on September 5th from 3 to 6 PM. They will have a chicken BBQ and a chance auction. Donations of new items for the auction are welcomed. Community members were directed to contact Jane Lane for tickets or donations.

Eugene LaSalle thanked the Board for allowing the firework display last month. The Board also thanked him for presenting a good show for the town.

REPORTS:

1. Highway – Superintendent Olmstead submitted a written report stating that paving of Cozy Hollow has started. Prattsville received minimal damage from the rainstorm and has had Lexington a bit with their damage. Sand is being trucked in for the upcoming winter season.
2. Water District – The monthly water flow was reported around 33,848 gallons. All DOH samples and monthly reports were submitted and approved by the DOH. Dave mentioned an issue regarding Doris Pasternak's Hotel, which showed an unusually high flow of approximately 840 gallons per day. Dave went to check the meter and found that it was not reading properly for that amount of flow. He said that he took note of the reading and would go back to check it soon to compare it to the reading he took a couple weeks ago. That would determine if it was a leak at the facility or if it was a broken meter. Dave also mentioned that DOH did an inspection

at the ballfield. They flagged that they might need an intensity meter on the UV light. Dave found one online for a couple hundred dollars. Dave contacted the normal DOH office that we use to get clarification and they said they didn't think it was actually needed and would call Dave back soon.

3. WWTP report – The wastewater treatment plant reported an average daily flow of 29,000 gallons. An SBR PLC power issue was identified this month, a replacement was ordered and the issue was resolved without further incident. The plant conducted pressing operations for 11 days during the month. It was explained that pressing is an all-day, approximately 12-hour process requiring dedicated staffing. Which is why it is not done more often.

4. Code Enforcement Report- 1 permit was issued, 1 inspection and the camper violation is being worked on.

5. Pratt Rock – The DEC grant paperwork for reimbursement was successfully submitted after a few minor changes. Councilman Chase has been working on the DOT permit application; he has made a few tweaks and will be meeting with them to make sure there is no objections to the work being done. \$40 in donations were received last month from the sign at Pratt Rock. The donation of bluestone is ready for pick up and the Highway guys would be notified.

6. Tax Collector Report- The Tax Collector reported that the books are officially closed. All matters are in order and the final check will be delivered without issue.

7. Billing Report- Sewer bills have \$8,780.43 outstanding and second notices have been sent out. Second round of the water bills are on the agenda.

8. 250th Celebration- The event shirt was presented to the board. The youth and adult shirts costed \$7.20 and the 2XL shirts were \$9.70 each. The Board discussed an appropriate sale price with suggestions ranging from \$15 to \$20. The price was set at \$15 per shirt. 200 shirts were ordered and it was decided to presale the shirts in the office until the event. Approximately 20 vendors have committed to coming, the touch a truck is filling up, and the parade is finally gaining momentum. The event is scheduled for August 29th from 1 to 7 PM rain or shine.

BUSINESS:

1. Eugene LaSalle – Eugene presented an informal proposal to revive “Old Prattsville Days”. He would like to have live music, vendors, arts and crafts, family-oriented activities and a firework display. He would like to do a firework display more like Windham has in the past years. He noted that he would like to start planning this soon as it will take some time to figure everything out and would like to find sponsorships for the event. A target date of August 7th, 2027, was proposed. The Board received the proposal positively and agreed to revisit it in a future meeting once a written presentation is prepared.
2. Water bills – The Board reviewed several water bills that reflected unusually high usage during the current billing cycle. The accounts in question were Doris Pasternak (the Hotel), Jim Rion (Pam Carr's trailer) and William Briggs. Dave reported that upon physical inspection of the Pasternak meter, the meter was not actively running like it had a leak. A possible meter malfunction was suspected. When Dave checked it he made note of what the actual meter read and said that he would go back to take a follow up reading to compare them to what was read in the end of July to see if there was a leak. The Board discussed potential causes, including a garden hose running or a leaky toilet. They discussed what these residents have received in the past to see if it is a normal occurrence for them, sometimes they had slight overage but nothing like how they were now. Jim Dymond said that he would go manually check Jim Rion and William Brigg's meters again this week to compare the numbers he got in the end of July. It was decided by the Board to apply the same precedent used in the past for bills that have not intentionally misused the system. They would receive the highest normal bill on record for each respective account. For the residential that would be \$147.68, the hotel

would be compared to the tavern at \$214.55. Before these bills are sent out we will wait for the water department to check their meters again.

3. Town Use Form- The town use form is for a family sporting event on August 15th that includes the pavilion, ballfield, soccer field and basketball courts.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Supervisor Cross to approve the town use form for August 15th.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Absent 1 Martin

Supervisor Cross provided an update on the New Well Project. He reported that two meetings were held last month with the Department of Health (DOH), project engineer Mike Harrington, and the Town's legal counsel, Allyson Philips. During the first meeting, DOH appeared unsupportive of the PW-1 and PW-1A locations, even though the Town secured the required easements, which have not yet been reimbursed. Supervisor Cross expressed frustration that the Town has spent approximately \$300,000 on engineers and attorneys over eight years without breaking ground. DOH cited concerns about the wells' proximity to the flood area and the casing height. Supervisor Cross noted that the wells' water quality has consistently met DOH standards, including during a prior boil water notice, making the objection to the location especially frustrating. After speaking with Mike and Allyson, Supervisor Cross stated that the project should not proceed until DOH provides written confirmation approving PW-1 and PW-1A as acceptable locations. He said it is unfair to the Water District to continue moving forward and raising bills without any visible progress. He also requested that Mike prepare a revised project cost estimate, as the original \$1,400,000 estimate from 2018 is no longer applicable.

Resident Charlie Santo asked if there was any update on the Town's ATV law. Supervisor Cross noted this is still an open matter and that the town attorney has been on maternity leave, which has stalled this matter.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilmember Ruehlmann to pay the bills on abstract #8 for August.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Absent 1 Martin

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Absent 1 Martin

Respectfully Submitted
Theresa Whitworth
Town Clerk