

Town of Prattsville
Monthly Meeting
February 10, 2025

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, February 10, 2025, at 7:00pm.

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

Others present: Dan Peckham, Danny Peckham, Donnie Rion, Connie Brigg, John Young, John Lane, Dave Whitbeck, Carole Cangelosi, Malachi Olmstead, Shelly Brainard
Zoom: Mike Ryan, Tom Olson

Supervisor Cross opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Cross open with a statement about a News article in the Mountain Eagle written by Mike Ryan. Supervisor Cross stated that the Board takes seriously the health of all its residents and also the contract of thousands of dollars is also a concern. Rich Tompkins statement was “he was surprised to receive a 5-page contract from Prattsville” odly enough Ashland’s’ Lawyer contacted Prattsville’s Lawyer to write up a contract. Supervisor Cross suggested dropping the Mountain Eagle as the Towns newspaper. Councilperson Ruehlmann questioned as to where Mike Ryan got his information for the article. Mr. Ryan replied that it should be in the article, that he got his information from Rich Tompkins and Greg Cross. Mr. Ryan said he needed to protect his sources. He also stated that he has another article coming out about the \$45,000 mistake! Councilperson Ruehlmann stated that the article should have more facts on such an important matter.

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the Clerks minutes for the Regular meeting of January 13, 2025 and the Organizational meeting on January 13, 2025.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to approve of the monthly Financial report.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann
Nays 0

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. John Young and Malachi Olmstead spoke on behalf of the Discover Life Church as representatives they are requesting well easements of 200 feet as it will be a public well. Some of the paths will be on Town property so they have requested contacting the Towns’ lawyer. The Discover Life Church will draw up all the legal matters.

REPORTS:

1. Highway – everything good and running smoothly
2. Water District report – it is believed that there is a service line leak somewhere as the supply tank is losing water and the Waste Water Treatment Plant isn't getting the extra water. Water Superintendent Jim Dymond has contacted Rural Water, and someone is supposed to be coming on Tuesday.
3. Code Enforcement report – had just three inspections
4. WWTP report – average daily flow was 24,000 gallons, DEP completed a quarterly inspection, the replacement SCADA computer was scheduled to start February 5th. A new claw is scheduled to be installed in the Timm Rd. pump station on Wednesday, Feb 12th. Monthly samples have been delivered to Adirondak Labs, Monthly reports have been sent in and accepted.
5. Tax Collectors report – the following are paid in full – Fire, Sewer, Water, Lighting, & Ambulance -- General and Highway still have balances.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Court Books Audit – Both Judge Peckham and Judge Rion's books were approved and signed. Judge Rion asked to have Supervisor Cross removed from his checking account. A motion was made by Supervisor Cross to remove his name from the checking account and seconded by Councilman Martin.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

Clerks Book approved and signed

2. Planning Board appointment – A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to appoint Elliot Oakes to the Planning Board.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

3. Greene County EMS contract – A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to sign the contract for EMS services through Greene County.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

4. County Waste Agreement – Supervisor Cross feels that there should be only one dumpster to be located at the Sewer Plant and the contract should be for one year instead of five.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to change to one dumpster at the Sewer Plant and sign a contract for one year.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

5. Full-time /Part-time benefits – Supervisor Cross feels that everyone should be on the same plan. The Union says that they will cover all. The Towns Lawyer will write something up about Juneteenth. This will be reviewed at the March Board meeting.

6. Town Historian – Carolyn Bennet has served as the Town Historian for several years and she has done great work. Carolyn has decided to resign her position as of February 28, 2025. She will be missed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Chase to accept Carolyn Bennetts resignation as of February 28, 2025.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann

Nays 0

7. Town Hall building elevation pre-bid – The Town Hall lift will now be funded 100%, there will be a meeting held on February 19, 2025, and bids are due to be returned by March 20, 2025.
8. Laura Jane Musser Fund – Tim Furstnau would like to apply for this grant in the future to continue his work on the knotweed eradication.

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Supervisor Cross asked Tom Olson about a quote for a new fire siren. Tom Said a new would be \$2700 and we provide the lift. The first quote was just shy of \$6,000. The Fire Commissioners will review this at their next meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Cross and seconded by Councilman Martin to move to an Executive session at 8:10pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to come out of the Executive session at 8:28pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to pay the bills on abstract #2 for February.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann
Nays 0

Councilman Chase spoke with Michele Yost in hopes for support in getting the Melon Grant. All documents have been received on the stone restoration. The DASNY grant needs to be reapplied for.

With no further business a motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm.

Ayes 4 Cross, Martin, Chase, Ruehlmann
Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Whitworth/Town Clerk