

Town of Prattsville Monthly Meeting June 8th, 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, June 8th, 2026, at 7:00pm.

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

Others present: Dan Peckham, Connie Briggs, Deb & Jim Dymond, Carole Cangelosi, Stephen Birnbaum, Eugene LaSalle, Paul Brody, David Whitbeck, Mike Ryan(zoom)

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

A motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilperson Ruehlmann to approve of the Clerks minutes for the Regular meeting of May 11th, 2026.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0

A motion was made by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to approve the Monthly Financials report.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase
Nays 0

Comments from the floor-

A resident, Paul Brody, addressed the Board regarding the complaints he made in April wondering where they stand today. Mr. Brody said that he helped the septic system issue house with connecting with DEP and CWC. The one complaint remains the same that there is an ongoing nuisance issue with a large commercial-grade generator operating at a neighboring property. He states that the persistent noise and vibration affect his home around the clock. Supervisor Cross stated that he spoke with the building inspector who cannot go on private property without a written complaint. Mr. Brody was encouraged to gather neighbors willing to sign a complaint form that can be found in the office or online, he indicated that he should be able to get three or four of them to do that.

REPORTS:

1. Highway – Superintendent Olmstead submitted a written report stating the new truck has been ordered and that the old truck has been cleaned up, touched up, and is nearly ready for sale. The son of Nina Levinson on Barney Moore Road reached out, his mother sadly passed away, and the property is currently in probate. They will continue to patch up the road until a new plan is formed. The CHIP's budget was approved at State level, and he will work on getting quotes for paving.
2. Water District report – The Board reviewed the water district report. The approximate daily flow was 29,500 gallons a day. The AWQR and the Lead and Copper certification were sent to the DOH.
3. WWTP report – The wastewater treatment plant reported an average daily flow of 24,000 gallons. The DOT had inquired whether the town had sewer infrastructure near the barrier dam, due to a recurring pothole in that location; the town confirmed no sewer lines run in that area. On the maintenance side, the J-press was temporarily repaired, a VFD was installed on Skid A, and the new

pump for Tank 2 on Skid A was installed with finishing work underway. The budget was reported to be coming around.

4. Code Enforcement Report- 1 CO was issued, 6 permits were issued, and 2 inspections were done last month.

5. Pratt Rock – Councilman Chase reported that the sidewalk permit application was submitted to the DOT; follow-up is anticipated within a few weeks. It was also noted a \$250 donation was received from a Margaretville resident who visited the trail, remarked that it looked great.

6. Tax Collector Report- The Tax Collector reported that notices will be going out within the next few weeks. The tax books close at the end of July, at which point collections transfer to Greene County.

7. Billing Report- Water bills still showed \$6,300 outstanding. Sewer bills had just gone out and \$2,270 has been collected.

8. 250th Celebration- The time capsule has been received and is on display in the office. A stone has been found and the sign for the stone and T-shirts have been ordered. Currently a Chinese auction, a parade and finding vendors is being worked on.

BUSINESS:

1. Town Use Forms – The Board reviewed two submitted Town Use Forms. The first was from the adult soccer group, it was a modification from their first request. The first request that was approved was for Wednesday's, and they are now requesting us of the field on Tuesdays and Thursdays until August. The second form was submitted by the Prattsville Softball League for their annual Philly Cheesesteak Day at the Conine Pavilion. The League paid their deposit and elected to donate the deposit after the use. The board approved both requests.
2. Fireworks application – A resident, Eugene LaSalle presented a detailed application to conduct a consumer grade (1.4) fireworks display at the Conine Memorial Ballfield. He outlined plans for a show designed and choreographed by himself and his son, lasting approximately 45 minutes and running from 9:15 to 10 PM. Eugene described extensive safety preparations, including coordinating with Fire Chief Tom Olson for a pumper truck on site and contacted the sheriff's department to also be on site. The Board requested that the EMS personnel also be on site in case something happens. The duration of the show was discussed as the adjacent property owner was consulted and he expressed no objection to the fireworks but did not want it for an excessive amount of time. It was discussed what was an excessive amount of time and the Board thought anything over 40 minutes might be excessive. A certificate of insurance was submitted but had a note on it that the board was unsure about and it was determined that the Town's insurance company should be contacted about it.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ruehlmann and seconded by Councilman Chase to approve the firework application, contingent upon insurance verification by the Town's carrier, EMS to be present on site and the final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

Ayes 5

Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

3. Cemetery- Supervisor Cross discussed a proposal from a vendor to digitize the Fairlawn Cemetery records. The system would include a searchable online database, GPS-guided navigation to individual grave sites via QR code, and the ability for families to add photos, obituaries and personal memories remotely. The vendor has done approximately 700 cemeteries nationally including one in Richmondville. The initial cost was quoted at around \$10,000 to set the system up and an annual fee of approximately \$2,000. Supervisor Cross stated that he would like this to be a thought to add to next year's cemetery budget. Whitworth Clark indicated that she was able to find two additional companies that also offer these services.

4. Highway Roof – The Board discussed the need to replace the roof on the Highway garage on Main St, noting that an area is already slightly leaking. The Board agreed to put the project out to bid and Councilman Chase said that he could put it on the bidding website he used to find a bid for Pratt Rock.
5. Gazebo – The Board discussed the previous issues from the last meeting. Our landscape company S&D Landscaping put in a quote for \$49 for 3-gallon boxwood and \$69 for 5-gallon boxwood. It was noted that at Home Depot last month was \$57 for 1 gallon. Highway Superintendent Olmstead advised against placing boxwoods as they would trap moisture against the wood causing the same issues, we have now. He suggested leaving the mulch or planting perennials. The Board discussed these options but noted they would keep the boxwood planted away from the structure and the drip edge. It was agreed that the Board members would visit the gazebo to better assess how many plants would be needed. The wood to fix the gazebo was not yet quoted. The Board moved to discuss all this at the next meeting.
6. Ambulance – Supervisor Cross briefed the Board on a proposal from the Ashland and Windham Town Supervisors, who were unable to attend the meeting, for a collaborative mountaintop ambulance service district. The proposal would bring together the Towns of Windham, Ashland, Jewett, Prattsville and Lexington to collectively fund and operate a ambulance service. The Town of Hunter was asked to join but they expressed interest in joining at a later stage once the district was established. The concept would have a shared tax assessment across all five towns and pool the existing supplemental funding from Greene County. The Board expressed general support with key concerns including whether the combined service would reduce the number of units required, the importance of the fly car, the need for financial transparency, including caps on reserve fund accumulation and governance structure. It was noted that the Lexington supervisor is also pushing for greater transparency. The timeline for formation was estimated at approximately two years.
7. Letter of Support – The Board considered a request from the Town of Hunter for a letter of support in connection with a grant application to address inflow and infiltration issues in the Hunter Highlands septic/wastewater system, which the Town of Hunter recently assumed responsibility for.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Supervisor Cross to sign the letter of Support for the Town of Hunter for their grant application.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

8. Resolution for Septage Study- The Board reviewed a resolution and contract to authorize Lamont Engineering to proceed with the design phase for the septage receiving facility. The design work is fully funded by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) at the cost of \$195,000. The Board agreed to do it but before the next portion of the project proceeds they will negotiate with the DEP to ensure a portion of the projects proceeds will be directed into a capital reserve fund for the sewer district. The Board agreed to have Supervisor Cross sign the contract with Lamont Engineers to move to the next phase of the septage study.

RESOLUTION NO. #4 of 2026

APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF PRATTSVILLE TO APPLY TO THE CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION FOR FUNDING FOR DESIGN COST RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT SEPTAGE AT THE TOWN' S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

WHEREAS, with funding from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), the Town of Prattsville completed a feasibility reviewing the Prattsville Wastewater Treatment Plant' s (WWTP) ability to receive septage and provided a copy of the report to the Catskill Watershed Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the completed feasibility study concludes that changes can be made to the WWTP to allow it to accept septage; and

WHEREAS, the completed feasibility study also estimates design cost for capital improvements necessary for the Prattsville Wastewater Treatment Plant to accept septage generated from the West of Hudson Watershed will be an amount not to exceed \$195,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Prattsville authorizes the Supervisor to apply to the Catskill Watershed Corporation for design cost related to capital improvements necessary for the Prattsville Wastewater Treatment Plant to accept septage generated from the West of Hudson Watershed in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilperson Peckham to pass resolution 4 of 2026: Approval for The Town of Prattsville to Apply to The Catskill Watershed Corporation for Funding for Design Cost Related to Capital Improvements Necessary to Accept Septage at The Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ayes 4 Cross, Peckham, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Recused 1 Martin

9. ATV- A lengthy discussion was held regarding the operation of ATVs and UTVs within the Town of Prattsville. Over the past several weeks, the Town has received numerous complaints concerning ATV and UTV activity, including reports of trespassing on private property, excessive speeds, operation by underage riders, riders not wearing required helmets, and use of County and State highways where such operation is prohibited. It was noted that some individuals have cited Local Law #1 of 2025 as justification for these activities. However, Local Law #1 of 2025 only permits the use of designated Town roads for the purpose of accessing approved trails and routes and includes specific regulations and requirements that must be followed. Concerns were raised that many of these requirements are not being observed. Several options were discussed to address the ongoing issues, including increased enforcement of permit requirements, the adoption of additional regulations, and the potential repeal of the local law. Following discussion, the Town Board agreed to send a letter to Greene County Sheriff Peter Kusminsky requesting an increased law enforcement presence and enhanced enforcement of applicable laws and regulations. The Board also agreed to send a letter to the 607 Riders, the organization that originally approached the Town Board regarding the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2025. The Board will request that the organization communicate with its members regarding compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and encourage responsible operation among all local riders. The Town Board emphasized that if these issues continue and meaningful improvements are not seen, it will consider rescinding Local Law #1 of 2025, thereby eliminating the ability to operate ATVs and UTVs on Town roads under the provisions of that law.

A motion was made by Councilman Chase and seconded by Councilman Martin to pay the bills on abstract #6 for June.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

With no further business a motion was made by Councilperson Peckham and seconded by Councilman Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Ayes 5 Cross, Peckham, Martin, Ruehlmann, Chase

Nays 0

Respectfully Submitted
Theresa Whitworth
Town Clerk