

February 8, 2024- Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town of Hartland, County of Niagara, State of New York, was held on the above date at the Town Hall, 8942 Ridge Road, Gasport convening at 7:00 p.m.

Members present:

Supervisor: Margaret M.
Zaepfel (absent)

Councilman: Joseph Reed

David Huntington

Sean Walp

Elizabeth Neadow

Attorney: Michael Dowd

Attended by: Sign in sheet
attached

Deputy Supervisor Neadow led the meeting in Supervisor Zaepfel's absence.

Deputy Supervisor Neadow called the meeting to order with all present standing for the pledge to the flag.

Councilman Walp delivers opening prayer

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 29-2024

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Walp to accept the audit of the court books.

Ayes: 4- Neadow, Walp, Reed Nays: 0 Abstain: 1- Huntington CARRIED

RESOLUTION 30-2024

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded Councilman Reed by to adopt the minutes from the January 11, 2024 Board Meeting as presented.

Ayes: 4- Neadow, Walp, Huntington, Reed Nays: 0 CARRIED

RESOLUTION 31-2024

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington resolved that the bills, having been reviewed by the Town Board, be authorized for payment.

Ayes: 4- Neadow, Walp, Huntington, Reed

Nays: 0

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

ASSESSOR/ CEO REPORT

Assessor's report provided and attached as an exhibit to these minutes.

HIGHWAY/WATER REPORT:

Highway report provided and attached as an exhibit to these minutes.

PARK AND PAVILION RENTAL:

Deputy Supervisor Neadow - "Normally we would take a \$50 deposit for the pavilion and then it would get returned. We are looking over options of charging the \$50 but keeping it to put in to the funds to help support the park. I made a report on different parks in Niagara County and what they do as far as pavilion rentals. We will talk about that again at another meeting if people wanted to look into it ask any questions when we bring it up again, this is your time to look into the issue. We also talked to our grant writer today regarding putting in an inclusive park and that's moving right along. We may midsummer be able to get started on that over there which will be handicap accessible so I shared some information that was shared with me today on that.

(Comparison Park Pavilion Rental Prices attached)

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR

Kevin Campbell- EDF Renewables – "Good Evening Everyone, just wanted to make a comment on the citizens group you're putting together for renewable energy and community engagement. A colleague of mine and myself were here during the hearing evening, we signed up our names and highlighted as you suggested for people who wanted to sign up for those committees. I saw in the paper though, I guess you are not inviting people who are not citizens to be on those boards, including EDF Renewables. I just wanted to let you know that we are available to be on those boards if you wish for us to do so and we are also happy to share any of our consultants with you or experts to help with providing information from both sides obviously. Bottom line is we just want to support those committees as we can and as you'd like us to do so.

Linda Ark- Root Road - "I'm not looking for anything to be said to me I simply put something together and I simply want it to be a matter of the record. 'We just want to talk to everyone, feel like we're a community and we can work together'- Neadow. 'We would like to be able to look at everything that was held back from us for the last four years'- Zaepfel. It's difficult to trust these newly appointed spokespeople when the two previous statements are so unequivocally false. If you read the minutes for the last four years with eyes wide open and not closed it would be abundantly evident how the same voices of opposition were given the ability to speak month after month, year after year. The purpose of me speaking is to make sure it is a part of the town record. I'm clearly not doing it for any other purpose because that is an exercise in futility. Those of us that support solar have been called greedy and money hungry. I am so proud of those of us who support solar and we have taken the moral high road when maybe we desire to respond in a much different way. The committee being formed will be self-serving in one direction, that's not lost on me. You invite the community to have their voices heard regarding the moratorium, the real question is why? It was for show and nothing more. You couldn't even pretend to be fair minded, serving the whole community with all voices being heard. If so you wouldn't have voted immediately after. The purpose of a public hearing is for the governing body members to hear and consider the views of the public when making the decision. Maybe even to hold the record open for additional write in views. At the end you should explain the steps the board will be taking to use the information that was gathered to make your decision. Your mind was already made up. All voices being heard? Serving the whole community? Do you really know what you're doing or are you just marching to the beat of the opposition just to save face? After all, it wouldn't serve you well to change your position at this point. I just really wanted that to be a matter of the record because if you look back you will see that a lot of things were shared over, and over, and over again and all voices were heard on both sides over and over again. So if you want people to really take you at your word, you need to start with your word being accurate and that is not."

Darrin O'Shea - Pearson Road- "Has the town ever sent out like a questionnaire to every property owner in Hartland asking their opinion, not the EDF one that showed up in some pamphlet. "

Elizabeth Neadow- " There was a questionnaire, I believe that was the one that was hidden inside that packet."

Darrin O'Shea- "So this was the EDF questionnaire that most people I know never even saw or knew about it. We filled it out, but I don't care what EDF thinks of it, I want to know what the Town of Hartland people think about it. The town board should be asking the Hartland people. Everyone that lives in this town and pays taxes. I'm not saying I'm for it or against it but I feel like it comes down to what the people want. That's what a republic does, it goes by what the people want. It's not a democracy it's a constitutional republic so it's based on what the people want. "

Elizabeth Neadow states this will be addressed again to see if something can be sent out to every household. At this time there is a public comment that they believe the previous mailer was formulated by previous Supervisor Annabel and put in the flyer. Elizabeth Neadow states the results were posted however she realizes a lot of people did not see this and a better way will

need to be constructed to retrieve this information. Darrin O'Shea suggests sending this questionnaire with the water bill.

Donna Weeks- Hosmer Road- You have spoken a lot of misinformation regarding solar to misinform and scare the residents of Hartland. You claim you want professionals to come speak to the people of Hartland regarding solar in our communities so I say to you, the board, do just that. Get Cornell to come to speak to the issues with the true facts about solar and how it will affect agricultural land and the environment. Cornell is highly respected and will not be biased with the facts they present. The people in this community deserve to hear the truth."

RESOLUTION 32-2024

MOTION by Councilman Huntington, seconded by Councilman Reed resolved to approve transfers attached hereto.

Ayes: 4- Neadow, Walp, Huntington, Reed

Nays: 0 CARRIED

RESOLUTION 33-2024

MOTION by Councilman Reed, seconded by Councilman Huntington that since there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting be adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Ayes: 4- Neadow, Walp, Huntington, Reed

Nays: 0 CARRIED

The next meeting date will be Thursday March 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Hartland Town Hall @ 8942 Ridge Road, Gasport New York 14067

Respectfully submitted,



Caitlin Clark
Town Clerk

2023
Hartland Town Board Members Annual
Checklist for Review of Hartland Justice
Courts Records

Town of Hartland

Months Reviewed January through December of 2023

Name of Justices: Hon. Joanne L. Sullivan

Hon. James L. Minner

Reviewed by the following Town Board Members:

(Please sign and date below)

Board Member: Joseph P. Rea **Date:** 1-29-2024

Board Member: Elyse L. O'Neale **Date:** 1-29-24

Board Member: Sean A. Wafar **Date:** 1-29-24

Board Member: _____ **Date:** _____

Town Supervisor: Margaret M. Gessner **Date:** 1-29-2024

To the Town Board of the Town of Hartland:

Pursuant to Section 119 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following statement of monies received during the month of January 2024

Fund	General	General PT	Highway
Beg. Balance	37,592.84	53,385.43	64,205.65
Savings	50,000.00		75,000.00
Interest	9.32	16.97	21.27
Planning/Zoning		340.00	
Dogs		303.00	
Town Clerk/Cons	147.39		
Bingo	1,961.13		
Misc/Registry	16.36		
Health Ins.	882.40		220.60
EDF	15,000.00		
Snow & Ice			33,181.20
Royalton fuel	747.77		
Sales tax	17,706.53	12,135.94	102,790.67
From General			4,177.77
Justice Court	4,368.50		
TT/Village/MVFC			1,937.69
Niagara County		7,110.80	
Niagar County Ins			4,573.00
To Hwy	-4,177.77		
Niagara Metals			112.50
Total Receipts	124,254.47	73,292.14	286,220.35
Disbursements			
To Savings			75,000.00
To B			
Abstract	44,806.06	9,134.74	84,109.30
Payroll	24,681.72	1,398.78	27,881.52
Payroll	18,895.75	1,128.09	16,289.41
PR			
ARPA Money to Capital Projects			
To Capital			
Total Disbursements	88,383.53	11,661.61	203,280.23
Balance	35,870.94	61,630.53	82,940.12
Savings	92,275.29	84,620.39	798,564.60
Total	128,146.23	146,250.92	881,504.72

Water Cash**1/31/2024**

Beg Balance	395,475.04
Refund	0.00
Taxes	0.00
Deposits	66,108.66
Interest	653.90
Unpaid Water	
Health Ins	551.50
Village of Middleport	123.78
AR-Bull	0.00
Total Receipts	462,912.88
PR	9,780.78
PR	4,103.08
Abstract	70,159.66
Abstract	161.54
PR	0.00
NSF	
National Grid	20.61
Scanner	35.00
Total Disbursements	84,260.67
Balance	378,652.21

TOWN OF HARTLAND

OFFICE OF ASSESSMENT/ ZONING-----

8942 Ridge Rd
Gasport, NY 14067
Telephone (716) 735-7778

February 7, 2024
Hartland Town Board
RE: Town Board Meeting

Assessor's Office

- Earlier in January the board wanted to check validity of the resolution for revaluation in the town. We are getting to the point where I have to get started.
- The revaluation is a good thing.
- New Numbers for the upcoming year we will be at 56%
- Normal work in office-gathering exemptions, sales processing, splitting tax bills.
- Closing and valuing permits

Zoning Office:

- Cash receipts attached
- Lights on quaker road have been shielded.
- Building conference will be March 11-15
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Code Enforcement/Sole Appointed Assessor
Michael S Hartman IAO

Hartland
Cash Receipts Report

From: 01/01/2024 to 01/31/2024

Created By: All

Payment Date: 01/02/2024

Module: Permit

Transaction: 1172

Type: Alternate Energy System

Payor: Standby Generator Solutions

Payment Amount: \$50.00

Payment Type:

Check

Payment #:

00000988

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Alternate Energy System	\$50.00

Transaction: B-002

Type: Business

Payor: Mark M Misso

Payment Amount: \$50.00

Payment Type:

Check

Payment #:

00000989

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Existing Business	\$50.00

Transaction: B-007

Type: Business

Payor: Timothy Hill

Payment Amount: \$50.00

Payment Type:

Check

Payment #:

00000990

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Existing Business	\$50.00

Permit Group Totals: \$150.00

01/02/2024 Totals: \$150.00

Payment Date: 01/03/2024

Module: Permit

Transaction: 1173

Type: Remodel Existing Home

Payor: Great Lake Services

Payment Amount: \$80.00

Payment Type:

Check

Payment #:

00000991

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Additions/Alterations	\$80.00

Permit Group Totals: \$80.00

01/03/2024 Totals: \$80.00

Payment Date: 01/10/2024

Module: Permit

Transaction: B-006

Type: Business

Payor: Alissa Silsby

Payment Amount: \$50.00

Payment Type:

Check

Payment #:

00000992

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Existing Business	\$50.00

Hartland
Cash Receipts Report

Payor: Bonnie M Hagen

Payment Amount: \$50.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Check

00000999

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Existing Business	\$50.00

Permit Group Totals: \$250.00

01/16/2024 Totals: \$250.00

Payment Date: 01/17/2024

Module: Permit

Transaction: A-004

Type: Business

Payor: Diggers Heavy Equipment Repair

Payment Amount: \$50.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Check

00001000

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Existing Business	\$50.00

Permit Group Totals: \$50.00

01/17/2024 Totals: \$50.00

Payment Date: 01/19/2024

Module: Permit

Transaction: 1174

Type: Garage

Payor: Frederick W House

Payment Amount: \$80.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Check

00001001

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Garage Fee	\$80.00

Permit Group Totals: \$80.00

01/19/2024 Totals: \$80.00

Payment Date: 01/23/2024

Module: Permit

Transaction: B-47

Type: Business

Payor: Steven Seamans

Payment Amount: \$50.00

Payment Type:

Payment #:

Check

00001002

Fee Type:	Fee Amount:
Existing Business	\$50.00

Permit Group Totals: \$50.00

01/23/2024 Totals: \$50.00

Payment Date: 01/31/2024

Module: Permit

Transaction: F-01

Type: Business

To: Town of Hartland Town Board
TRANSFERS

December 31, 2023

Transfer From:	Transfer To:	Amount
SR.8160.400 Refuse & Garbage Collection	SR.8160.100 Refuse Person Service	1,318.80
SR.8160.400 Refuse & Garbage Collection	SR. 9030.800 Social Security	100.43
B.1990.400 Contingent account	B1989.400 ZBA Contractual	255.88
B.1990.400 Contingent account	B.3510.400 Dog Control Cont	256.62
B.7110.400 Parks Contractual	B.7140.400 Playgrounds Cont	2,028.19
B.1990.400 Contingent account	B.8010.200 Zoning Equip	465.43
B.1990.400 Contingent account	B.8020.400 Planning Cont	754.17
B.7320 Joint Youth Projects	B.9060.800 Hospital & Medical	1,297.23
DB.5110.400 General Repair Cont	DB.5132.400 Garage Contractual	8,711.15
DB.5110.400 General Repaid Pers Serv	DB.5142.100 Snow Pers Serv	7,478.63
DB.5130.100 Machinery Pers Serv	DB.5148.100 Other Gov's Pers Serv	9,410.80
DB.5130.400 Machinery Cont	DB.5130.200 Machinery Equipment	25,996.57
DB.5140.400 Brush & Weeds Cont	DB.5130.200 Machinery Equipment	8,327.96
DB.5142.400 Snow Removal Cont	DB.5130.200 Machinery Equipment	8,526.05
DB.5148.400 Serv other Govt Cont	DB.5130.200 Machinery Equipment	24,860.50
sw.8340.400 Trans/Dist Cont	SW.8310.400 Water Admin Cont	2,415.35
A.1110.400 Justoce Eqiopment	A.1110.400 Justice Contractual	1,000.00
a.1220.400 Supervisor Cont	A.1355.400 Assessor Cont	1,977.50
A.1220.112 Conf Sec Confidential Sec Pers	A.1110.100 Justice Pers Service	1.00
A.1220.112 Conf Secretary Pers Serv	A.1355.100 Assessor Pers Serv	0.20
A.1220.112 Conf Secretary Pers Serv	A.1410.110 Deputy Town Clerk Pers Serv	722.05
A..1355.100 Assessor Clerk	A.1110.110 Justice Clerk	155.86
A.3310.400 Traffic	A.1110.400 Justice Contractual	810.84
A.1220.400 Superintendent Cont	A.1110.400 Justice Contractual	1,244.70
A.1355.110 Assessor Clerk	A.1410.110 Deputy Town Clerk Pers Serv	566.19
A.1670.400 Central Print	A.1680.400 Central Data	527.54
A.1670.400 Central Pring	A.5010.400 Highway Super Cont	4,167.39
A.7510.400 Historian Cont	A.6510.400 Veterans Cont	362.45
A.7510.400 Historian Cont	A.8810.400 Cemetery Cont	3,175.82
A.1620.400 Buildings Cont	A.1355.200 Assessor Equipment	19,035.55
A.1420.400 Attorney	A.5010.100 Highway Clerk Pers Serv	228.00
A.1990.400 Contingent	A.5010.400 Highway Super Cont	1,693.44
A.1990.400 Contingent	A.5182.400 Street Lighting	156.72
A.1990.400 Contingent	A.8810.200 Cemetery Equip	864.00
A.1420.400 Attorney	A.1410.110 Deputy Town Clerk Pers Serv	7,609.40
A.1990.400 Contingent	A.8810.400 Cemetery Cont	1,285.84
A.1620.400 Buildings Cont	A.8810.400 Cemetery Cont	1,344.63

To increase DB.5130.200 Machinery Equipment by \$16,992.45 from unreserved fund balance



Town of Hartland Highway & Water Departments

2024 Report

TO: Hartland Town Board

FROM: Keith Hurtgam, Highway and Water Superintendent

DATE: Thursday, February 8, 2024

HIGHWAY

- Performed winter services as needed.
- Brought in 300 ton of salt.
- Patched potholes throughout the Town.
- Currently we are trimming trees with the manlift. Southeast Corner of Town is complete - North of 104 from Wruck Road to Countyline Road on Town Roads.
- Truck #50 which was plowing Johnson Creek Road north of 104 had plow damage when the expansion joint on the County's Bridge over Johnson Creek raised and the plow caught it and brought the truck to a dead stop. The cutting edge was damaged, and the hitch where plow meets truck was sprung and needed to be replaced. We cut the expansion joint off with a chop saw so traffic could go thru without damaging their vehicle. County is aware and is going to remove the metal expansion joint next summer and repair the concrete on the bridge. Truck and plow are repaired and in service.
- CDL License's- Colby Shepard completed training and road test and received his class A, Andrew Hill completed training and road test received is class B.
- Flooding- During the rain and snow melt on January 25-26 we put up road flooded in all the usual low area's when Johnson Creek and 18-mile creek went over its banks. Opened several culverts that had snow and other items blocking flow.
- Repaired Road shoulders from flooding.
- 7520 Gow Road – Called in with a drainage problem - opened culverts and took out small plugs to Hosmer Road. On Hosmer the county ditch was severely plugged where we drain into it. We consulted property owner and opened County roadside ditch.

DRAINAGE

- Fixed a drainage blockage in one of our ditches we maintain at 8982 Ridge Rd. Watson Farms where a culvert collapsed and was backing up water to all properties to the west. Owner furnished culvert and we replaced it to fix the

- problem.
- Working with Niagara County to solve a drainage problem at the corner of Roylton Townline Road and Carmen. It has severe flooding every time there is a major rain event.

WATER

- Repaired a leak on the Northwest corner of Checkered Tavern Road and Ridge Road.
- Repaired a service leak at 8492 Ridge Road.
- Read meters for January see attached for water loss.

Buildings

- Septic in Highway building backed up. Cast Iron Trap was rotted out replaced with plastic pipe. Had Mahar pump the tank.
- Urinal in Town Hall men's room would not shut off replaced the flush valve.

EQUIPMENT

- 2015 Kenworth Plow truck #3- Truck is the only one that has emissions with DEF. The unit has been giving us trouble all winter with different codes which put the truck in lump mode and it will only idle. Have had to tow it in and low bed truck to S&S in Lockport for repairs. During the last major storm it was down. Last time was down for a week just got it back but have had no snow to use it. Because of this problem I have started to turn the last military tractor we have into another plow truck this will take a year.

ADMINISTRATION

HIGHWAY Admin

WATER Admin

ACTION NEEDED

mlw
Attachments:
Jan 2024 Water Loss Report

January 2024 Consumption

Route	Gallons Sold
100 West	
110 East	
120 Stone Rd	
130 Cntyln Ridgeway	
140 Cntyln Somerset	
200 Irrigation	
	<hr/> 7,461,121 <hr/>
Town of Ridgeway	
	<hr/> 4,371,000 <hr/>
Total Sold	11,832,121
County Total <i>(purchased)</i>	14,299,850

	Loss %	Gallons Lost
East		
West		
ALL	17.26%	2,467,729

Comparison Park Pavilion Rental prices.

Park Pavilion Fees a nonrefundable –

Proposed to the keep the \$50 fee

Akron, Ellicott Creek, Chestnut Ridge Change \$95 fee

Oppenheim Park \$65 for Medium

\$40 for small

Clearance Park is \$50- 250 depending on size of pavilion

Olcott Beach and Krull Park \$40. Small no electric

\$ \$65, large no electric

\$100 large with Electric

Old Fort Niagara \$92.50