

Town of Ashland

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Christopher Hamilton, Town Supervisor

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Councilperson John Mattice, Councilperson Scott Tuttle

Town Board Meeting

March 9, 2026

A Town Board Meeting was held at the Town Hall, 12094 Route 23, Ashland, New York on the 9th day of March 2026.

PRESENT: Chris Hamilton-Supervisor

Scott Tuttle----Deputy Supervisor

James Garraghan -Councilperson

Jeffrey Gonzalez---Councilperson

John Mattice-----Councilperson

Heather Younes--- Deputy Clerk/Collector

ABSENT: Dawn Thorp, Town Clerk

General Public: Henry Lamont- LVDV Operations, Travis Castle-LVDV Operations, Diane Bergquist, Jesse Novak, Grazyna Jankowska

1) Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm, by Supervisor Hamilton, followed by the Pledge.

2) **Comments from The Floor:** No comments at this time from the public.

3) **Cyber Insurance IT:** was not discussed

4) **Travis Castle/Henry Lamont (LVDV)-** Gave an update on a property owner SBL# 93.02-1-6 that has done an illegal sewer hookup without following the advice of WWTP operator the town board and former supervisor, former code enforcement officer. Present Supervisor will reach out on Tuesday March 10, 2026 and talk to Kevin Young about property owner.

WWTP overall condition of the plant is good. Recent maintenance and repairs on sewer plant that will take place when items are received to complete repairs. Mr. Castle tells the board he started working on a plan for pump outs this year starting with two that were not completed in 2025 due to hindered access.

WTP: Water samples taken came back absent for bacteria. The Monthly MOR for water samples were submitted to NYSDOH. Mr. Castle believes there is currently a leak within the distribution system, based on the increased daily.

5) **Greene County Shared Services**: Supervisor discussed with highway superintendent about the shared agreement between Greene County and Ashland Highway.

6) **Greene County Planning Board**: Supervisor discussed communications from the Greene County Planning Board and is waiting on a call back for clarification. Ashland has received a letter stating that property owner SBL# 93.01-1-28 received a variance from the Ashland Town Board and is thankful for receiving communications for their records. They wanted to remind the Town under New York State General Municipal Law 239-m, amongst other actions, any proposed area variance located within 500 feet of a County or State roadway, a municipal boundary, or a parcel in a certified Agricultural District must be referred to the County Planning Board prior to final local decision.

7) **Chris Hamilton**: Bringing new purchased ambulance to Syracuse to have the new Stryker Xpro stretcher installed. Mr. Hamilton wanted to know if he could get a motion to be reimbursed up to \$200.00 dollars for a hotel. A motion was made by Tuttle with a seconded by Garraghan. All in favor.

8) **Adopt Town Board Resolution #14**: Supervisor offered the following resolution of 2026 to authorize the Town Supervisor to use various sums of money from different established accounts to invest in Certificates of Deposit. Since there are multiple investments. A motion was made by Mattice with a second by Gonzalez. All members are in favor.

9) **Adopt Town Board Resolution #15**: Supervisor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption to authorize the Town supervisor to use the sum of \$111,362.69 from the Ambulance District Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance to balance accounts for 2026 in the Ambulance District Fund. In order to adjust the Ambulance District Budget, the Town Board has increased revenues in the Appropriated Fund Balance Account, and also increased the Appropriation Account

for the expense in the amount mentioned above. A motion was offered by Garraghan with a seconded by Tuttle. All in favor.

10) **Adopt Highway Fund Resolution #3:** Supervisor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption to Transfer from Machinery Item #3 Equipment #5130-2 \$ 91.33 dollars and Transfer Too Machinery Contractual Expenses #5130-4 \$ 91.33. A motion was made by Garraghan with a seconded by Mattice. All in favor.

11) **Adopt Ambulance District Resolution #3:** Supervisor offered the following resolution and moved its adoption to Transfer from Unappropriated Fund Balance \$111,362.69 and Transfer to Equipment #4540-2 \$111,362.69. A motion was made by Mattice with a seconded by Garraghan. All in favor.

12) **Communication:** NYS DEC annual SPDES Inspections were done on February 17, 2026 by Rebecca Mitchell with Chief Operator Travis Castle. All items were inspected and found to be satisfactory, and an overall satisfactory rating was assigned for this inspection.

13) **Communication:** RE: Rev250 Events Within Greene County. For the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution (Rev250) represents an extraordinary opportunity for the communities to commemorate shared history, honor local stories, and engage the residents and visitors in meaningful and educational celebrations. As part of the planning process Greene County is reaching out to each town and villages to learn more about the events we may be considering. The county is looking for way to support these local efforts, which may include contributing funds to municipalities hosting Rev250 events. County said that no commitments have been finalized, but understanding the cost and projected revenues will help them evaluate how they can assist the communities. The County provided a sample budget sheet an Excel Spreadsheet for submitting our funding request, as well as a brief summary of our planned activities that have to be in by March 27th 2026.

14) **Executive Session:** Supervisor Hamilto asked for a motion to go into executive session at 8:00 pm to discuss personnel. Amotion was made by Mattice with a seconded by Tuttle. All public attendance was asked to leave the building including secretary. Ashland Town Board returned to meeting at 8:40.

15) **Ashland Planning Board:** Planning Board members were present to give the Town Board an update on a meeting that was held with the Towns attorney regarding the Rules and Regulation Books.

16) **PAY THE BILLS**

Warrant #3 General \$ 26,614.65

Warrant #3 10 Highway \$ 6,241.75

Warrant #3 WWTP \$ 32,255.91

Warrant #3 Water \$ 4,125.36

Warrant #3 Street Lighting N/A

Warrant #3 Ambulance District \$ 135,899.36

A motion was made by Tuttle to pay the bills as written, second by Mattice. All in Favor

26) **Adjournment**

A motion was offered from Mattice with a seconded from Tuttle, to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Heather Younes

Deputy Town Clerk

Dated: March 9, 2026

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