

Town Of Ashland
12094 State Route 23
Ashland, New York 12407
July 14, 2025
Town Board Meeting

Attendance

Supervisor Richard E Tompkins

Councilperson-Deputy- Scott Tuttle

Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez

Councilperson James Garraghan

Town Clerk Dawn Thorp

Absent: Councilperson John Mattice

Attending: Planning Board member George Scherer, Chris Hamilton, Gene Nescot- NYS Deferred Comp, Travis Castle WWTP-Water/Sewer

1-2] Supervisor Tompkins opened the meeting at 7:35pm with the Pledge to the American Flag. Supervisor Tompkins deferred the Comments and Concerns until after Mr. Nescot's presentation.

4] Gene Nescot of NYS Deferred Compensation: The NYS plan has been here since 1985, employees, elected, and appointed people are eligible. The board asked a few questions regarding the program for employees, should they choose to enroll. There is not a cost to the Town, and it is a benefit for the municipal sector.

Motion By Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson Jim Garraghan to approve the NYS Deferred Comp.

Motion Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

3] Comments & Concerns: Supervisor Tompkins asked if there were any comments from the floor. There were none.

5] Memorandum of Understanding: Since 2021 we have been the emergency Senior backup for the location in the event Jewett nutrition site is inoperable. This is a great benefit for the mountain top seniors; many depend on this each week. We continue with the secondary emergency Location for the senior nutrition site.

Motion by Councilperson Scott Tuttle, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, to authorize Supervisor Tompkins to sign the agreement. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

6] NYS Tax and Finance, Assessor Reappointment: Dawn received the documents from the state re: sole assessor reappointment. The expiration date is September 30, 2025. The board agreed to reappoint Nancy for another term.

Motion By Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson Jim Garraghan to reappoint Nancy Wyncoop Bower, for the term of: October 1, 2025- September 30, 2031, Motion- Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

7] Distribution of Percentage for Ambulance Costs: The discussion of the numbers regarding the call volume- so far, the percentage of calls this year has been in Prattsville.

8] Ambulance Repair Issues: The supervisor reported the issues with our ambulances, parts and scheduling of repairs has been very difficult.

9] Update on Ambulance Quarters: An engineer is needed for our project. Discussion followed.

10] Travis Sewer Update: Pete Diamond property: Supervisor Tompkins gave to the board an over view of what we need to do as per the engineers. Travis explained our MOA with the board on legal terms of what we can do with this hook up. Mr. Diamond asked Travis about a second connection is why this is coming up. He is within the water district but not of the sewer district. Travis has the information from the attorney Kevin Young and the engineers. After a lengthy discussion, the board will ask Mr. Diamond come to the meeting next month.

Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice. Travis also gave his monthly reports to the board.

11] Estimate for Power Washing the Building:

An estimate received from Don's Pressure Washing, LLC for \$2,448.36, with all supplies needed, at a reduced rate. The board, tabled this for now

Resolutions: All resolutions are signed and sealed in the office

12]Town Board Resolutions #25-#31

TB#25- Motion by Councilperson James Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez to accept the Annual Water usage bill for 2025 in the amount of \$24,643.85. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

TB #26 Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to approve the NYS Deferred Comp Plan for any employee interested. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

TB#27 Councilperson Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson Scott Tuttle to authorize the Supervisor to borrow from the General Fund the sum of \$1000.00 to cover expenses in Street-Light Fund until the Street-Light CD matures and can reimburse the General Fund. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

TB#28 Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to use unappropriated fund balance for 2025 to balance accounts in General Fund, Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

TB#29 Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to use Highway unappropriated fund balance for 2025 to balance accounts in the Highway Fund, Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

TB#30 Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to use Water District unappropriated fund balance for 2025 to balance accounts in the Water District Fund, Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

TB#31 Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to use Ambulance District Fund unappropriated fund balance for 2025 to balance accounts in the Ambulance District Fund, Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

13]General Fund Resolution # 7 Motion by Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to transfer funds to balance accounts. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

14]Highway Fund Resolution #3 Motion by Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to transfer funds to balance accounts. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

15] Ambulance District Fund Resolution #3 Motion by Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to transfer funds to balance accounts. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

16] Water District Fund Resolution # 2: Motion by Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson James Garraghan to authorize the Supervisor to transfer funds to balance accounts. Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

17]Ambulance Deposit Report October 2024 through June 2025: The board reviewed and went over the report and discussed it.

18] USDA- Rural Development Account & Transaction for Water & Environmental Program: The board reviewed the statement received ending June 30, 2025. We originally borrowed \$ 691,250.00, and we still owe \$539,000.00. interest on this is: 2.1250 percent.

19] Town Clerk's Report for June 2025: The board reviewed the report, after review; Motion by Councilperson Jim Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez to authorize the Supervisor to sign the report, motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

20] Tax Collection Report through June 30,2025: Dawn submitted the list of unpaid taxes, and the collection summary for the year up to June 30,2025 for the boards review.

Communication: Each item reviewed by the board members.

21] Land use Permit 3331: Water main Installation Status. Reviewed by the board.

22] Windham Foundation: The Foundation was kind enough to donate \$500.00 to go toward the swim program this year. The board, due to the situation with personnel, voucher vs payroll, insurance issues, and time constraints for scheduling signups, paperwork, and bus scheduling for the program, it will be delayed to next year. Motion by Councilperson Scott Tuttle seconded By Councilperson Jim Garraghan, to return the \$500.00 to the foundation- Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent- Mattice

23] Dog Control Inspection Report: The report was completed June 11, 2025 found to be satisfactory. Reviewed by the board.

24] Municipal Shelter Inspection: NYS Agriculture & Markets: This report dated June 11, 2025 was completed and found satisfactory.

25] Chris Hamilton Variance Request: Chris Hamilton of 85 Deer Run Road, went to the planning Board with his shed and carport plans; they approved it pending a variance from the town board. Motion to hold a public hearing August 11th before the regular town board meeting by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Councilperson Scott Tuttle, motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

Executive Session: Motion by Councilperson Jim Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Scott Tuttle at 8:20PM to move to executive session, for personnel and financial discussion, motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Jim Garraghan, seconded by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez to close the executive session, at 8:30PM- motion carried.

Reviewed by the board: Travis' monthly reports WWTP & Water, Planning & Town Board minutes.

Warrant Bills:

Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, second by Councilperson Scott Tuttle to pay the bills as written, Motion; Adopted; 4 Aye- Gonzalez, Tuttle, Garraghan, Tompkins, 0 Nay, 1 Absent-Mattice

General Fund Warrant #7-27 Claims: \$14,747.42 -Highway Fund Warrant#7- 20 Claims: \$6,262.26

Ambulance Warrant #7- 20 Claims: \$19,680.15- Street Light Fund Warrant#7 1 Claim: \$202.72-Water District Warrant #7 5 Claims: \$2,191.21- Waste Water Treatment Plant Warrant#7 13 Claims: \$21,858.52.

Motion by Councilperson Jeff Gonzalez, seconded by Jim Garraghan to close the meeting at 9:15pm, motion carried.

Dawn J Thorp, Town Clerk

Dated: July 14, 2025