

Town Of Ashland
12094 State Route 23
Ashland, New York 12407
October 30, 2025
Special Town Board Meeting

Attendance

Supervisor- Richard E. Tompkins
Councilperson- Deputy Scott Tuttle
Councilperson- Jeff Gonzalez
Councilperson- James Garraghan
Councilperson- John Mattice
Councilperson- Deputy Scott Tuttle
Town Clerk- Dawn Thorp

Attending: Town of Lexington Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn and Town Clerk Charlotte Jaeger, Town of Prattsville Supervisor Greg Cross, Town Clerk Theresa Whitworth, Board members, Heidi Ruehlmann, Joyce Peckham, Mason Chase And many Ashland, Prattsville and Lexington Residents. Copy attached.

Supervisor Tompkins opened the work meeting with the Pledge to the American Flag at 6:00pm. Ashland had the percentages of call volumes for each town according to Greene County Dispatch Center. Copies of the percentage's percentage were given to all boards – Supervisor Cross asked if these could be run again by the County Dispatch, Supervisor Tompkins and the board said of course, everything is taped a processed at Greene County Dispatch.

Greg Cross mentioned we pay for the Ambulance contract, the insurance pays – and copays- the board and Supervisor explained, we now have a billing company with costs, pay scales for EMT's and Drivers 24hour ambulances two of them need replacing, they are constantly under repair. As an example, the last Ambulance we purchased was over \$300,000. Before a stretcher was purchased at the cost of \$ Stair-chair, and other equipment needed to pass NYS OSHA requirements, this makes equipment and Ambulance costs closer to but under \$400,000.00 plus.

Many questions and comments, several people had asked if the Budgets could not be split three ways. The answer was quite simple; it is not fair for the taxpayers of the towns to pay a portion of calls, that were not calls in their town. Also, another year it could be a different percentage rate of calls.

Greg Cross said the towns may receive a potential County Contribution for 2026, for each of the towns. Possibly the county meeting on 11/3/25- this option will be discussed. This possibly will not be voted on by the county until after town budgets must be finalized.

After further discussion and questions were addressed, Supervisor Tompkins thanked the other towns for coming to the meeting. Motion by Councilperson Scott Tuttle, seconded by Councilperson John Mattice to close the meeting.

Dawn Thorp

Town Clerk

Dated: October 30, 2025