

The Fine Town Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the Municipal Office Building in Star Lake. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 PM.

Board Members	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Supervisor Jeremy Thompson	X			
Councilman Philip Giardino	X			
Councilman Carlton Kerr	X			
Councilman Samuel Bryant	X			
Councilwoman Gigi Hayden	X			

Others present were Hope Dolan, Town Clerk; Larry Denesha, County Legislator; and Chris Cook (on the phone).

Report – The Dog Control Officer’s monthly report was submitted to the board. Sandra is doing an excellent job and is getting some unlicensed dogs that have been on the list for a while licensed. The board was pleased with her accomplishments so far.

Rabies Clinic – Sam has coordinated with Northland Veterinary Hospital to hold a rabies clinic on June 26th from 5 PM – 7 PM at the arena. They will charge \$220 for their services and provide all the syringes. The county will provide the vaccines.

Codes – No permits were issued for February, but it is starting to pick up with the better weather.

Highway – Tracy has announced that he does not plan to run for re-election this November. He is planning to retire at the end of his term – 12/31/2025. Anyone interested in running should contact the Board of Elections for petition requirements.

Thank you – Sam wanted to thank Tracy and the highway department for the use of road cones during the White Out Weekend for the sleigh ride at the SOS building.

Report – 03/2025-41 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by G. Hayden to accept the town clerk’s monthly report as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

2nd Notice fee – 03/2025-42 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden to set the second notice fee for unpaid taxes at \$2.00.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

TextMyGov – The town clerk received a proposal for a texting program that could send texts and receive texts to anyone who signed up for the program. It would be \$4,200.00 for the first year, including set up, and \$2,800.00 a year after that. The board did not feel that enough people would use the service and felt that all of the information is available on the website.

Minutes – 03/2025-43 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by S. Bryant to approve the minutes from the February 12th meeting as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Reports -03/2025-44 Moved by G. Hayden, seconded by S. Bryant to accept the Supervisor’s usual financial reports, the final reports for December 2024, and the 2024 Annual Financial report as presented.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Bills – 03/2025-45 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden that the town bills represented by vouchers 25-54 through 25-94 in the amount of \$83,226.25 be paid.

General Fund - \$32,758.22

Highway Fund - \$31,531.48

<i>Youth Commission -</i>	<i>\$ 79.65</i>
<i>Golf Course -</i>	<i>\$ 800.00</i>
<i>Sewer District -</i>	<i>\$ 975.13</i>
<i>Water District-</i>	<i>\$17,081.77</i>
<i>Total -</i>	<i>\$83,226.25</i>

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

AFR – Chris has completed the Annual Financial Report, and it is available on the website.

Arena – The Arena financials and committee meeting minutes for the last few months were presented to the board. The committee will recommend to both boards an increase in the amount both towns contribute each year. Jeremy would like the committee to come up with a plan on what the extra money would be spent on. The arena had a particularly good year this year and lots of use by the community.

Action Plan – The action plan was reviewed.

Cemetery – Butch has turned over the paperwork and keys that he had for the Oswegatchie Cemetery. The committee presented the minutes from their meeting, proposed rules, and a step-by-step guide on doing a burial. These will be emailed to the board members for their review and will be acted on at the April meeting. Also, for the next meeting, the committee should have job descriptions made up for the mowing, sexton, and cemetery superintendent so that the positions can be advertised. They also need to produce a list of equipment and materials needed. Carlton will contact the state representative for cemeteries and ask what we need to do to apply for a grant for these items. The highway department should remove any old signs that are no longer relevant at the cemetery.

Arena – Jeremy has contacted our on-call contractor about the items that need fixing at the arena. He will coordinate with the county to get the list and do the repairs.

Town Hall – The on-call contractor should also be replacing the flashing on the roof at the town hall. Jeremy will reach out to the engineer again about using the upstairs at the town hall.

Banking – Chris reached out to Community Bank to see about two signatures required on checks over a certain amount and they stated that it would not make things any more secure because the systems are automated, and it does not look for two signatures.

Director – 03/2025-46 Moved by C. Kerr, seconded by P. Giardino upon recommendation of the youth commission committee, the board appoints Lydia Kerr as the Youth Commission Director for 2025, to be paid by voucher.

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Carried.

Arts & Crafts – The school will not be holding summer school locally this year; therefore, the committee will need to figure out the arts & crafts program for the summer. Busing will probably not be an option, so the committee will need to decide if they will hold it at the school, or in the hamlets, which will require more employees.

Community Center – There has been an ongoing issue with the heat at the community center. Hyde-Stone was there for several hours today and will be back on Friday. The two towns will need to discuss the heating at that building at their joint town board meeting.

County – The County Clerk is still looking at setting up a mobile office in the town's office building. She is looking into the possibility of purchasing portable equipment and then they can have mobile offices at other locations.

County – Larry Denesha, our county legislator was present to give an update on what is happening at the county level.

Resolutions- The county passed several resolutions of interest. One marks March as Women's History Month. Another modified the 2024 budget to address the increased expenses for medical and hospital fees for inmates, an unfunded mandate by the state. They approved a roadside mowing contract for the Town of Fine for \$331.20/mile. They passed a resolution in support of the State Correction Officers and urged the Governor to look into repealing the Halt Act and improve the safety in prisons for the officers and staff. They also passed a resolution to urge the State to avoid increasing costs to local governments and also stay within the same spending limits as they have imposed on local governments.

Solar Farm – NYSERDA has issued a press release stating that the solar project at the former J & L site is moving forward. It will be the largest solar project within the Adirondack Park.

Surveyors Week- Jeremy informed the board that March 16-22 is National Surveyor's Week.

Adjourn – 03/2025-47 Moved by S. Bryant, seconded by G. Hayden the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Hope M. Dolan, Town Clerk