

TOWN OF MENTZ

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Supervisor Mark Emerson who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested a moment of silence.

Members Present: Supervisor Emerson, Councilman Chris Hitchings, Councilwoman Barbara Clancy, Councilman Matt Poyneer and Councilman Jesse Lamouroux.

Others Present: Town Clerk Charleen Wood, Deputy Town Clerk/Cemetery Superintendent Lucy Ware, Highway Superintendent David Nielens, Code Enforcement Officer Jay Moose, Donna & Walt Trumble, Polly Lyn Davies, Bill Applebee, Heather Mahunik, Sandra Loveless, Martha Robinson, Brandon Magill, Lori Siracusa, Joyce Decker and others that did not sign the roster.

Minutes Approval: Minutes of February 18, 2025 Meeting:
Motion made by Jesse Lamouroux and seconded by Matt Poyneer to approve/accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Audit of Bills: **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to approve the following audit of bills with Mark Emerson abstaining from A 38. Motion carried 5-0.

General A	\$12,783.35	VO 37-54
General B	\$ 950.00	VO 6-14
Highway DB	\$ 5,902.90	VO 10-19

Old Business: NONE

New Business: **Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Chris Hutchings to adopt a resolution of Municipal Agreement for Greater Tompkins Insurance. Motion carried 5-0.

Highway Department 284 - Highway work to be done this summer. **Motion** made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve this request. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve the Justice Audit done March 11, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to approve the Town Clerk Audit done March 11, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports:

Highway Department – David Nielens – Written report – stated new truck in process and we should have it shortly.

Roads & Bridges – Barbara Clancy – All OK

Code Enforcement – Jay Moose – Written Report

Buildings & Grounds – Chris Hutchings – stated that the down spout on the library needs repair; Dave Nielens is working on the Senior Center lights, so they are compatible for LED bulbs. E & V was here to find out why there was no heat in one office. There was an air bubble in the line, this was repaired.

Dog Control – Lucy Ware – Written report – working very well with Caine Cove.

Youth, Parks & Rec – Matt Poyneer – would like power turned on for the Green Street fields. Stop work order put on the concession stand because there are not stamped architect plans. They will try to secure the drawings. Code Enforcement stated that they could not cook in the concession stand because cooking oil will be used, and they will have to get a food permit.

The ball coaches have requested a flag and the Town will investigate.

Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Chris Hutchings to grant permission for the Easter Egg hunt to use the field. Motion carried 5-0.

Lucy Ware stated that there would not be a car show this year.

Landfill & Recycling – Jesse Lamouroux – stated that a recycling door and lock set had been purchased and will be installed shortly.

Cemetery – Lucy Ware – stated that the cemetery would be opening April 15 weather permitting. We are holding 5 in the vault.

Planning Board – Barbara Clancy reported that no business came before the board and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Bill Applebee asked how long an application was good before it expired 6 months or 24? Stated that he thought a policy should be written regarding hiring an attorney to work for the Planning Board.

Discussion on the time limit for the re-write of the Zoning Ordinance – next workshop in March 26. The deadline for completion is June 26, 2025.

Ms. Davies stated that a moratorium can be extended to 18 months.

Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Chris Hutchings to write a policy that the Planning Board can hire an engineer or attorney if needed for a project. Motion carried 5-0.

ZBA Board – Lucy Ware – No report

Historian – Mike Riley – No report

Town Clerk – Charleen Wood – tax season coming to an end and all is running smooth. She also stated that the carpets needed to be shampooed. The last time they shampooed was in 2015. We will have 5 offices, the meeting room, hall to Senior Citizens, carpets shampooed, and main entrance scrubbed and sealed. The charge for this work is \$600.00. No objections so the appointment will be made.

ZBA & Planning Board – Matt Poyneer – No report

Village Liaison – Mark Emerson – the Village is working on the budget on March 24.

Veteran’s Memorial – Lucy Ware – closed-1 stone to be ordered – Kelly Tanner will be our landscaper again this year.

Public to be Heard: Discussion during the meeting, so all topics were covered.

Supervisor:

Mark Emerson

Communication from Hourigan Farms changing name to Gemini Farms. They are in discussions with another large farm in Cayuga County to locate a lagoon. The Supervisor will take the documentation to the attorney.

Brutus is having a public hearing April 14, 2025, for a solar, wind and utility farms moratorium.

Letter sent in support on Lock 52 supporting a grant for renovation of new building recently purchased. Discussion on the letter of support as to what benefit would the Town gain?

Motion made by Jesse Lamouroux to support the grant request.

More discussion and **Motion** withdrawn by Jesse Lamouroux to support the grant request. The letter of support will be returned to the Town.

Finance School

NYSEG scams

NYS Association of Towns, Budget on website

Communications/Reminders:

Food Pantry Truck April 29

Fireman’s Pancake Breakfast March 23

Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to adjourn at 8:35. Motion carried 5-0.

Charleen Wood
Town Clerk