

TOWN OF MENTZ

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Supervisor Mark Emerson who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and requested a moment of silence.

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

Others Present: Attorney Kevin Cox, Town Clerk Charleen Wood, Deputy Town Clerk/Cemetery Superintendent Lucy Ware, Donna & Walt Trumble, Martha Robinson, Polly Lyn Davies, Bill Applebee, Joyce Decker, Mark Gauthier, Lori Siracusa, Heather Mahunik, Sandy Loveless, Dennis Ware and others that did not sign the roster.

Minutes Approval: **Minutes of the January 21, 2025 Meeting:**
Motion made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Jesse Lamouroux to accept/approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Audit of Bills: **Motion** made by Matt Poyneer and seconded by Barbara Clancy to approve the following audit of bills. Motion carried 5-0.

General A	\$10,912.17	VO 19-34
General B	\$ 2,144.53	VO 4-5
Highway DB	\$ 5,987.04	VO 10-19
SF	\$118,762.00	VO 35-39

Old Business: NONE

New Business: **Dennis Ware – Justice Department**
Judge Ware stated that he would not seek re-election – he stated that several state mandates had been instituted, and he was not in agreement with them and could no longer hold the Judge position. His hands were tied, several state laws prohibited him from doing the proper things.

ALSO Judge Ware stated that he had heard that the Court Clerk was not doing her job. The Court Clerk is here at various times as well as court night, she can get her e-mails and messages on her phone and does so to keep up with the paperwork. There is no way she is not keeping up with the job. Judge Ware stated that she is an asset to the Town.

Reports: **Highway Department** – David Nielens- Written Report
Roads & Bridges – Barbara Clancy – Stated that highway department is busy plowing & sanding -and so far we had an ample supply of salt, but more had been ordered but not delivered.
Code Enforcement – Jay Moose – Written report next month
Buildings & Grounds – Chris Hutchings – No report

Dog Control – Lucy Ware – Written report; Caine Cove is contacting people with expired licenses and has gotten a response from the public.

Youth, Parks & Rec – Matt Poyneer – No report

Landfill & Recycling – Jesse Lamouroux – No report

Cemetery – Lucy Ware – Closed – holding 2 for spring burial

Planning Board – No February meeting – nothing on the agenda

ZBA – Lucy Ware – No report

Historian – Mike Riley – No report

Town Clerk – Charleen Wood – all money due the Town has been paid

ZBA & Planning Board Liaison – Matt Poyneer – No report

Village Liaison – Mark Emerson – No report

Veteran's Memorial – Lucy Ware – Closed

Public to be Heard: **Website is:** town of mentz.org

Questions as to why Planning Board minutes were not on the web?

It is difficult to access

Matt Poyneer to address this issue

Discussion on Solar Farm – DEC has pulled the application

Morgan Transfer Station is no longer interested in the Town of Mentz

Discussion on the Zoning re-write and time limit for applications to be completed

Supervisor's Report: Mark Emerson

Stated that sales tax money can be used in the A or DA funds as long as sales tax funds are used in the B and DB funds first; the B and DB do not have real property tax levy, and there is excess sales tax revenue after these funds are fully funded/supported. Any excess funds could then be used in the A or DA funds.

We received \$221,853.63 in sales tax for 2024

In January 2025 we received \$41,866.62 in sales tax

The Supervisor read various communications

Matt Poyneer stated that the Cayuga County Republican Committee supported the Housing amendment.

Motion made by Barbara Clancy and seconded by Matt Poyneer to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Charleen Wood
Town Clerk