

SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Reviewed and approved October 14, 2025

The town board meeting was held on October 14, 2025 at the town justice building.

Supervisor Bronner led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bronner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call as follow: Supervisor Bronner - present	Councilman Gerhardt - not present
Councilman Jordan - present	Councilman Hubiak - not present
Councilman Voght - present	Superintendent Hajczewski - present
Town Clerk Smith - present	

Also attending the meeting: Butch Woodruff, Connie and Ken Richards, and Marie and Jack Armstrong

The town clerk read the minutes from September 9, 2025 town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner asked if any corrections, additions, or changes to the minutes as read. Councilman Jordan made motion to approve and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

At 7:08 pm the meeting was opened to the public. A question was asked about an update on the property for the sand, salt barn. Supervisor Bronner advised we are finished and closed on the property. The town board has the deed for the 2 acres of land and has been approved by the State Financial Systems to be a member and to receive the funding. Jerry Stucchi from JGK Associates is working for the town board as a consultant. This is for the grant and his knowledge of how to apply for it. Supervisor Bronner has tentatively scheduled a meeting on October 20, 2025 for himself, Matt Donahue with Eagle Associates, Jerry Stucchi, Superintendent Hajczewski, and Town Clerk Smith. Another question was asked about the enforcement of Law # 3-2025 regarding the Hectus property. Supervisor Bronner advised in August that the residents asked for an extension until September as progress was being made with cleaning up the property. In September the codes officer was not present as he forgot about the court date, therefore a new court date was scheduled for October 16, 2025. There is a notification in process that will be mailed to residents that are not in compliance with the law. The last question was asked if at each town board meeting residents could receive a highway department report to know what is currently happening and also what is happening in the future. Supervisor Bronner advised it is in the newsletter and posted on the website, but it would be possible to have a written report. The public portion of the meeting was closed at 7:35 pm and the town board proceeded with the regular meeting.

Supervisor Bronner reiterated the closing of the property for the salt, sand barn was on September 20, 2025, and the deed had been filed, payment had been made, and all have been recorded with Herkimer County. Supervisor Bronner had received a contract from Eagle Associates and a meeting has been scheduled on October 20, 2025. The town attorney has reviewed the contract and has questions about paragraph 19 and 26. The DEC contract has been received and approved but not reviewed as of yet by the town board. Councilman Jordan agreed with the town attorney questioning paragraph 26 that debris should be the responsibility of Eagle Associates. Paragraph 19 the town attorney would have to make clarification of his questioning to the town board. Councilman Jordan made motion to give Supervisor Bronner authority to sign the contract with Eagle Associates providing the changes are made that the town attorney suggests on paragraph 19 & 26. Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

Supervisor Bronner received a notification from DEC regarding the basin of Otsquago Creek from Van Hornesville to Fort Plain. The problem Supervisor Bronner had was the study they're basing the information on was from 2014. DEC identified the Wiltse Hill bridge as being a problem and needed to be taken care of immediately. Supervisor Bronner called them to advise the bridge has been taken care of.

Supervisor Bronner would like to upgrade the supervisor's program for record keeping in the town of Stark. The program has never been upgraded since 2002. Supervisor Bronner has no way to send out bills of any kind and water bills are going to be sent. Total cost for the upgrade would be \$4650.00 - a one-time fee. There was much discussion and ended that Supervisor Bronner would call Enhanced Businesses to see if they offered a subscription.

Supervisor Bronner passed the account summary to the town board and also the updated budget to be reviewed by the town board. Many questions were asked by the town board and residents that were answered by Supervisor Bronner. Councilman Jordan made motion to approve the tentative budget with the changes as the preliminary budget for the town of Stark. Councilman Voght seconded. Roll call vote- all ayes. All approved.

On November 6, 2025 there will be a public hearing for the Town of Stark 2026 Budget at 7:00 pm. Supervisor Bronner then called for an executive session at 8:55 pm regarding a continuing discussion of the union contract. Motion was made by Councilman Jordan to accept and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved. The meeting was closed to the public. The executive session ended at 9:26 pm and the town board continued with their regular meeting.

The town board reviewed the Supervisor's report. Councilman Jordan made motion to accept and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved.

There was no town clerk's report for the month of September 2025.

The town board reviewed the General and Highway Fund vouchers to pay the bills. Councilman Voght made motion to pay the bills and Councilman Jordan seconded. All approved.

The next town board meeting will be held on November 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Councilman Jordan made motion to adjourn and Councilman Voght seconded. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.