

The town board meeting was held on November 6, 2025 at the town justice building.

Councilman Jordan 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 Jordan – present
Councilman Voght – present
Town Clerk Smith – present

Councilman Gerhardt – present
Councilman Hubiak – present
Superintendent Hajczewski – present

Also attending the meeting: John Valenta, Ken Richards, Marie and Jack Armstrong

The town clerk read the minutes from October 14, 2025 town board meeting. Supervisor Bronner asked if any corrections, additions, or changes to the minutes as read. Councilman Voght made motion to approve and Councilman Hubiak seconded. All approved.

Supervisor Bronner opened the public meeting beginning with the hearing for the town budget of 2026. There was several line items questioned of the budget and Supervisor Bronner answered with detailed information and explanation of each line item. Question was asked is there anywhere in the budget looking at the cost for the sand, salt barn. Supervisor Bronner advised once everything is completed it will be in the budget for the following year. An explanation was given for that reason in detail from Supervisor Bronner as to why it's not included in this year's town budget. A spread sheet was requested entailing the possible costs not covered by the soft cost, in kind grant reimbursement, providing a scope of the town's undertaking, engineering costs, the property acquisition, and the barn. It's believed this information could be obtained from the engineers for Eagle Associates and be presented to the residents of the town for the next board meeting. Another question was asked regarding the Volvo and Mack Truck. Supervisor Bronner advised the Volvo truck is in the town's possession and the town borrowed money. The first payment is coming due in February of 2026. The Mack truck hasn't been delivered yet, but hopefully by January of 2026. The cost for that truck will be in future payments as they hold for one year. There were no further questions. Supervisor Bronner informed the board that the judge has asked for a court clerk to do some of her paperwork. The judge is teaching at the school again and when working at the town barn she is having difficulty with the internet and when calling Albany, no one is available and she is behind in paperwork. It would be a part time position. There was much discussion regarding the position and the town board would be making a decision. Then a question was asked about an audit of the town board and records. Supervisor Bronner advised an audit is done every January from the town board. With no further questions, Supervisor Bronner asked if town board to adopt the budget of 2026. Councilman Jordan made motion to accept and Councilman Gerhardt seconded. Roll call vote all ayes. Budget was approved. The budget for this year is tax cap compliant for the property tax increase and (if figured correctly) is \$.08 per 1000. Councilman Gerhardt made motion to close the open public hearing on the budget and Councilman Hubiak seconded. Public hearing was closed at 8:05 pm. Supervisor Bronner proceeded with the regular town board meeting. Passed to the town board was a completed contract giving permission to Supervisor Bronner on behalf

of the town with Eagle Associates the payment of \$180,444.00. A notice of determination of discontinuance from the Oversight Unit of the NYS Department of Codes Administration was passed to the town board regarding a claim that was filed against Phil Green in the town of Schuyler. They sent the notice that Phil Green did nothing wrong and can continue being the codes officer for the town of Stark. Also passed was the sales tax revenue for the third quarter payment and a notification from the insurance for the Van Hornesville water system indicating reimbursement for shared services with the town.

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

The town board reviewed the town clerk's report consisting of one building permit and one dog license for the amount of \$149.00. Councilman Hubiak made motion to approve and Councilman Gerhardt seconded. All approved.

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

The next meeting will be held on December 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Councilman Gerhardt made motion to adjourn and Councilman Hubiak seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.