

Regular Town Board Meeting – November 12, 2025 Immediately followed the Information Meeting

Supervisor Monty started the regular board meeting introducing:

Guest: Luke McNally gave an update of where they are at with the potential Thrall Dam restoration project. He started mapping out where the invasive species are growing in Thrall Dam. He wants to treat the invasive species to benefit fish and wildlife habitat. Luke introduced Colin Powell with the Boquet River Association.

Approve Regular and Budget Workshop Board Minutes

- a. **Regular Board 10/14/2025:** Counselor Canavan had a request that a change be made to Resolution 25-10-1. To change the wording to read “for consideration of the purchase of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building.”
A motion was made to approve “the correction” as amended by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
- b. **Budget Workshop 10/23/2025:** Counselor Canavan had a request that a change be made to the discussion that was held at the Budget Workshop pertaining to the Ambulance Squads to reflect the failure to provide the budget in a timely manner.
A motion was made to accept the correction to the Budget Workshop meeting minutes by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Supervisor’s Financial Report:

1. **To Date Budget** (October) – Counselor Canavan had a question under the Trust and Agency line – OTHER reads \$46,646.62? Supervisor Monty said we normally pay it in December but was paid early. Steve Denton moved to accept.
Motion by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

2. Budget Transfers:

\$344.21 – Mileage for the Assessor.

\$400.86 – For unanticipated costs to replace compressor depleted budget funds.

A motion was made to accept the Supervisor’s Financial report and Budget Transfer by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Public Commentary: None

DPW/Water Report: All came back good.

- a. **Water Rent Collection Report** – A motion was made to accept the report by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Kevin Denton stated he trying to get the Moss Road opened back up as the culverts were replaced. Hoping to get it open by the weekend.

Correspondence:

1. Essex County Auditor's Report – In Packet
2. County Calendar – In Packet
3. Landfill Report – A motion was made to accept by John Blades and seconded by Steve Denton, 0 opposed, motion carried.
4. Charter Changes – In Packet
5. Essex County Health Department – In packet
6. Essex County Office of the Aging – In Packet
7. Essex County Mental Health – In Packet
8. NSPCA – Contract same as last year's contract. A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
9. Thank You from Meadowmount Smart Growth Grant – In Packet
10. Cornell Cooperative Extension – In Packet
11. NYS DOT Grant – Received a \$50,000.00 grant to reduce the speed limit in Lewis which dropped the speed limit from 45 MPH to 40 MPH - In Packet
12. Hopmeier Letter – In Packet
13. Updated Tax Auction, now moved to January 21, 2026 – In Packet
14. Essex County Food Drive – In Packet
15. Essex County Shop with a Cop – In Packet

Old Business:

1. Ambulance Squad Budget – They agreed to \$135,000.00
2. Thrall Dam Restoration Project – In Packet

New Business:

1. Youth Commission Report – A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.
2. Animal Control Report – None
 - a. Shared Service Agreement with Town of Elizabethtown
 - b. SPCA contract for 2026 – A motion was made to accept by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.
3. Codes Report – None
4. Santa Claus Flight and Landing Permit – In Packet

5. **Tentative Budget** – Board agreed to 2 changes:

*Animal Control Officer pay be changed from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00

*Town Clerk pay be changed from \$6,500.00 to \$6,684.00

Counselor Canavan would like the Board to consider making a change in the budget Ambulance Squad line. She's not comfortable using \$100,000.00 of fund balance by reducing the amount going to the Ambulance Squad by \$25,000.00 therefore reducing the fund balance being used by \$25,000.00.

Counselor Pulsifer agrees with the change.

Supervisor Monty would like 2 members to come up with a solution as they will fight us on it.

Counselor Denton agrees but states to get thru this year.

Counselor Blades agrees with Counselor Denton.

A motion was made to reduce the Ambulance Squad by \$25,000.00 by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer.

Roll Call Vote:

John Blades	No
Lanita Canavan	Yes
Steve Denton	No
Terry Pulsifer	Yes
James Monty	No

Resolutions:

25-11-1 Approving 2026 Town Budget

A motion was made to accept budget as presented by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Lanita Canavan	No
Steve Denton	Yes
John Blades	Yes
Terry Pulsifer	Yes
James Monty	Yes

25-11-2 Approving Santa Clause Flight and Landing Permit

A motion was made to accept by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Audit and Pay Bills: A motion was made to Audit and Pay Bills by Steve Denton and seconded by John Blades, 0 opposed, motion carried.

General Fund	\$18,726.27
General Fund - A	\$28,160.34
Highway Fund	\$30,616.15
Highway Fund - DA	\$107,148.53
Trust & Agency - TA	\$98,714.44
Youth Commission	\$139.00
Water Fund SW	\$283.55
Water Fund	\$5,990.60

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Lanita Canavan and seconded by Terry Pulsifer, 0 opposed, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Williams
Town Clerk