

YORK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 8th, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Gerald L. Deming, Councilmembers: Frank Rose Jr., Amos Smith, Jason Swede and John Morgan

Absent: None

Others: Dwight Kanyuck (Town Attorney), George Worden Jr. (Highway Supt), Carl Peter (Zoning/Code Officer), Emily Conable, Dorothea Prine, Davies Nagel, Joe McIlroy, Edward (Ned) and Martha Edmonds, David Deuel, Andrew Walton, and Kirk Richenberg.

Supervisor Deming opened the Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. and invited Councilman Smith to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede to approve the minutes of the March 11th, 2025 Town Board meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

BILLS:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve all claims brought before the Board. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

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| • General Fund Claim | # 81-108 | \$25,027.49 |
| • Consolidated Water/Sewer | # 75-99 | \$50,927.06 |
| • Highway Fund | # 54-77 | \$46,741.71 |

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR:

1)Dorothea Prine:

Mrs. Prine began by thanking the Board for the 4-way signage and to Mr. Worden and his crew for installing the STOP signs. Once it became a 4-way stop, the vehicles have been moving much slower at the intersection of Retsof Road and Chandler Road. Mrs. Prine added, the Livingston County Sheriff's Department continues to patrol the area occasionally, which helps as well.

Mrs. Prine commented that the road shoulders are giving way and the ditches in the area are quite deep and should be addressed. Mr. Worden stated he would review the area. Mrs. Prine also stated that once you turn west on Chandler Road, there are very deep potholes that need to be fixed. Mr. Worden commented once again he will review the entire area.

Mrs. Prine expressed to the Board the need for lighting at the intersection of Route 63 and Chandler Road. Trying to turn onto Chandler Road later in the evening is very difficult to see without street lighting. Supervisor Deming responded that we have had this discussion several times over the years but due to the fact that electricity is not in the area to connect to, it has not happened. Mrs. Prine suggested perhaps solar lighting. Mr. Worden replied, solar light may be a possibility now in order to illuminate that corner.

Mrs. Prine also discussed with the Board the solar farm on Chandler/Retsof Road. The fencing is down, and trees are dead, the property looks terrible and in need of attention.

Mr. Peter replied he will review his records as to whom the contact person is for the solar company, and reach out to them.

Mrs. Prine commented she hopes the new solar company, White Creek handles fencing and shrubbery better. Mrs. Prine stated that where White Creek will be putting panels in, is right behind her property, but the owner put the land in the Conservancy. Supervisor Deming answered he does not believe the land was officially placed in the Conservancy, but will contact Sam Swearingen to verify.

****NOTE:** Supervisor Deming spoke with Mr. Swearingen at the close of the Town Board meeting, and was informed that Mr. Swearingen was not able to place the land in the Conservancy because he did not own the mineral rights below.

2) Davies Nagel-Trail Town Report:

Mr. Nagel began by stating that he hopes the Town Board members had a chance to review what he submitted last month as it pertains to economic impacts on parks in the State.

Trail Town Committee Report to Town Board 4/8/25

1. No PTNY/Greenway grants written this year so we could focus on our goal of connecting the trails in York.

Grants will still be available for the following two years.

2. Regarding the trail connections, last week PTNY facilitated an initial meeting with DEC, who owns the Groveland Secondary (aka Phoebe Snow Trail) and the FOGVG to discuss the possibility of connecting the Groveland Secondary the Greenway State Park. -

Representatives from Avon and Fillmore Trail Towns were also there looking into how they could use DEC land to expand their trails to reach the GVG.

Although the DEC was not interested in maintaining a linear park they were open to other options that may make the connections to the GVG possible so, at least, this process has started.

Mr. Nagel stated options are being reviewed to connect. Supervisor Deming inquired will the connection be through Little Italy, which Mr. Nagel responded it would. Supervisor Deming asked how would you get to the Greenway? Mr. Nagel answered the railroad may consider a maintenance road or abandon railroad as an option.

Mr. Nagel submitted the following picture for the proposed trail to connect Groveland Secondary Trail & Genesee Valley Greenway:



Very rough outline of solar farm

+ trail

Trail would travel along (or near) abandoned rail beds

3)David Deuel:

Mr. Deuel asked to speak with the Board this evening regarding the changes with the Federal grant funding, due to federal budget cuts. Mr. Deuel inquired if there is a simple method to track the effects of local funds for towns, schools, and the County, and how it will affect us going forward. Will programs we have applied for be cut and will that end up being an increase in our taxes. Mr. Deuel stated that the national news coverage does not cover us here and wanted to know how we will be affected.

Mr. Deuel commented that he viewed the Town budget (40 pgs. long) and the County budget (over 400 pgs.) to see what we have previously received and budgeted for in the coming years but could not decipher. Would it be possible to post on the Town's website, and/or the school's, the budget numbers in order to see what we have received prior and how it will affect taxes going forward.

Supervisor Deming replied, the Board of Supervisors are watching Federal and State funding very closely, as it affects all budgets. Supervisor Deming stated that we were approved for a broadband grant in the amount of \$26M, they told us the money is still earmarked for us, but who knows if it will still be later. The Greigsville Project is through the State, and again we have been told the money is still there for us, but we cannot be sure how this will play out.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- We have been working on our equipment
- Replacing road signage
- Cleaning of brush pile at Recycling Center
- Patching roadside potholes

Councilman Smith inquired if Mr. Worden has bid yet for the pickup. Mr. Worden responded, he has not prepared bid documentation as of yet.

WATER/SEWER REPORT:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Water & Sewer Department:

- Water/Sewer bills have been sent out for the April cycle
- The Department has been busy with a number of stakeout requests
- Replaced fencing at the pump station on Chestnut Street
- Working on lift stations with Gen Sets
- The water project in Geneseo went very well (see below correspondence)

From: Village Water Works <geneseowaterworks@geneseony.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 22, 2025 1:57 PM
To: Jerry Deming <jerry.deming@valleyrailcar.com>
Subject: Water system upgrades

Hi Jerry,

Last week we replaced the failed pressure reducing vault equipment on Reservoir Road that was limiting our water system capability.

George worked through the night with us and the following day the York Town Highway crew assisted us with finishing the work as we also had to replace a 16" main line valve we broke shutting down the system to do the initial work in the pressure reducing vault.

We couldn't have completed the work as efficiently or in the time frame that we did without the York Highway crew and equipment.

Many thanks

Dan Quinlan
Village of Geneseo Department of Public Works
585-278-4259

OLD BUSINESS:

1)White Creek:

Attorney Kanyuck reported he has been working on a Road Use Agreement, which should be available for Town Board review at the May meeting. Attorney Kanyuck also gave a brief overview of the contents of the draft Host Agreement.

Supervisor Deming and Attorney Kanyuck informed the Board of a recent telephone conversation they had with White Creek. The conversation dealt with proposed enhanced plantings. Attorney Kanyuck submitted handouts to the board members which contained viewpoint photos from Chandler Road and Preliminary planting location illustrations prepared by EDR (Environmental Design & Research) on behalf of White Creek.

Supervisor Deming stated he would email the Board what was received by White Creek.

Mr. Richenberg inquired, at one point they were looking for a waiver?

Attorney Kanyuck answered back in February, the Board discussed that White Creek was seeking a potential farmland waiver, and the Board expressed concern that we had already approved modifications & now additional waivers were being requested. Previous requests were regarding access roads. White Creek has been bringing waiver requests now to the Board in order to give them design guidance going forward.

Mr. Richenberg asked if the Board had any thoughts about changing the Host Agreement?

Supervisor Deming replied we do not have plans to alter the Host Agreement.

Mr. Deuel commented would the town be able to get White Creek to stay on top of the enforcement.

Attorney Kanyuck stated that White Creek received permit(s) from ORES for landscaping purposes. If the Town sees that they are not complying with their permit, ORES will follow through and make them re-plant if necessary.

Mr. Deuel commented, if they have to keep planting trees and shrubbery every 5 years, there will never be any growth as outlined in their proposed design.

Mrs. Edmonds stated, the solar located on Chandler Road across from the Salt Mine, for them to plant evergreen trees, was foolish knowing of the salt in such proximity and what it would do to the trees.

Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Peter commented he can confirm inside the fencing has been maintained very well, but the outside not nearly as well.

Mr. Richenberg asked if the Public Service Commission was involved at Morris Ridge? Attorney Kanyuck responded they are involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1)Genesee Valley Construction:

a) Pay App # 7:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Pay App # 7 to Genesee Valley Construction, LLC in the amount of \$29,486.90. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

b) Change Order #3:

Supervisor Deming stated we will be tabling this request at this time.

2)Resignation:

a-Board of Assessment Review:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Morgan to accept the resignation submitted by Edward Orman for the Board of Assessment Review. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.



2660 York Road West
PO Box 168
York, NY 14592
March 21, 2025

York Town Board
York Town Hall
2668 Main Street
York, NY 14592

Dear Sirs:

Please accept this letter as my notice of resignation from the Town of York Board of Assessment Review.

I am so very sorry to have to do this and to do so at such a late date.

The past two years have seen me having to deal with multiple health issues and several surgeries. I was very hopeful that these issues would be rectified by now and that I would be able to resume my normal activities.

However, I continue to have to deal with a recurring issue that is going to demand further attention, and I will not be able to commit to the Board of Assessment Review Training session nor to being able to attend any scheduled meetings for upcoming assessment review sessions for the town.

I thank you for appointing me to this Board and am truly sad that I am not able at this time to fulfill the duties required.

Thank you for your attention to this matter/

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward J. Orman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Edward J. Orman

b-Advertisement:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to advertise for any interested residents to send a letter/email to the Town Clerk to apply for the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

*A notice will be placed in the Livingston County News as well as the Town's website: www.yorkny.org .

3)Engineering Services for Regional Water Expansion:

Supervisor Deming reported that two firms were interviewed after advertising for proposals for engineering services for the Regional Water Supply Expansion Project. The two firms were MRB Group and LaBella Associates.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morgan to hire MRB Group for Engineering services for the Regional Water Supply Expansion Project. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

4)Community Intelligent Planning Contract:

Supervisor Deming informed the Board that we have had over the past several months, the assistance of previous Liv Co. Deputy Administrator, Angela Ellis helping us navigate the necessary steps with the hamlet of Greigsville Corridor Improvement Projects.

Ms. Ellis retired from her position last year and has since started her own consultant company, Community Intelligent Planning. Supervisor Deming stated that Ms. Ellis has been an asset through this process and would like to officially engage with her company to continue to assist, especially as it pertains to State filing requirements on our behalf.

Councilman Smith asked if we would have any idea of her fee schedule and roughly the total cost to see it through completion. Supervisor Deming answered that Ms. Ellis' rate is \$85.00 per hour and feels we would not need to set aside more than \$3,000 for this.

Supervisor Deming stated Ms. Ellis has not charged the Town for any work completed thus far and should be compensated for her efforts going forward.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Rose to hire Community Intelligent Planning LLC at a rate of \$85.00 per hour, to assist with filing documentation for the Greigsville Corridor Project. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Martha Edmonds asked the Board, with the solar funds coming in, is the Town planning on putting in electric stations? We have major highways in this community and feel that these stations would be utilized by many. Ms. Edmonds stated when she suggested this with the Travel Center Project, it was not received at all but believes it would benefit this community. Ms. Edmonds added there may be some incentives to tap into.

Councilman Rose commented he actually considered the electric stations at one point, but realized it was too expensive to put in for the return received.

Councilman Morgan agreed stating that Dr. Kaye Morgan also considered these stations for the York Animal Hospital but was not feasible.

OTHER:

1)Upper Cowan Road:

Supervisor Deming reported that he has received requests to consider putting upper Cowan Road back to gravel and discussed it further with Mr. Worden.

Mr. Worden stated he could turn that portion (1 ½ miles) back into gravel road, and added even if that is done it will not reduce the maintenance on that road. We would still have to add gravel each year for maintenance purposes.

Supervisor Deming asked what it would take to remove the current blacktop, which Mr. Worden answered not much of an effort, it is almost there now. The road was done in 2007 with a second coat in 2008, so not much surface is remaining.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith & seconded by Mr. Swede authorizing Highway Supt. Worden permission to turn Upper Cowan Road back into a gravel road. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Town Board meeting until May 13th, 2025. Voted on and approved, Yes- 5, No- 0.

Town Board meeting closed at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Harris,
Christine M. Harris, Clerk