

York Town Board Meeting
December 2, 2025
7:00 p.m.

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

Others: Dwight Kanyuck (Town Attorney) and Christine Harris, Town Clerk

**Town Board Meeting
12/2/2025**

**Sign in attendance
PLEASE PRINT**

1. Seth Graham
2. Kaylee Leone
3. Chelsey Wozdworth
4. Dustin Gerger
5. King Burgess
6. Fatti Barefoot
7. Doug Wozdworth
8. James J. Ford
9. Andrea Bailey
10. Conni Burger
11. David Deuel
12. PAM HELMING
13. Ray Johnson
14. Carl Kite
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

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

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to approve the minutes of the November 5th and November 13th Town Board meetings. 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.

• General Fund Claim	#314 - 338	\$ 50,696.69
• Consolidated Water/Sewer	#310 - 336	\$ 284,326.55
• Highway Fund	#206 - 223	\$ 105,813.04

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR:

1. Livingston County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association – Chelsey Woodworth (President) and Seth Graham (Vice President), honoring Christine Harris upon her retirement of 36 years.

Resolution Honoring Christine Harris Upon Her Retirement

**From the Livingston County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association
Recognizing Her 36 Years of Dedicated Service to the Town of York, New York**

WHEREAS, Christine Harris has faithfully and diligently served as **Town Clerk for the Town of York, New York**, since **January 1, 1990**, providing **36 years** of outstanding service to her community; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Christine has exemplified the highest standards of public service, integrity, and professionalism, serving as the cornerstone of local government and a trusted resource to residents, officials, and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, her extensive knowledge, attention to detail, and commitment to transparency have ensured the efficient and responsible administration of the Town Clerk's Office, earning her the respect and admiration of those she served and worked alongside; and

WHEREAS, Christine has been a valued member of the **Livingston County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association**, sharing her experience, leadership, and friendship with her peers across the county; and

WHEREAS, her dedication to the Town of York and to the principles of good government has made a lasting impact that will continue to benefit the community for years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Livingston County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association** does hereby express its **deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude** to **Christine Harris** for her **36 years of loyal and distinguished service** as Town Clerk of the Town of York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association extends its **warmest congratulations** to Christine upon her retirement, and wishes her many years of happiness, good health, and fulfillment in the next chapter of her life; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be **presented to Christine Harris** as a lasting expression of the Association's respect, admiration, and gratitude for her exceptional service to the Town of York and the people of Livingston County.

Chelsey Woodworth

Chelsey Woodworth
President, Livingston County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association

Seth Graham

Seth Graham
Vice President, Livingston County Town Clerks and Tax Collectors Association

The York Town Board accepted the resolution into the minutes as a permanent record. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

2. David Deuel

Mr. Deuel thanked Chrissy for her years of service to the community along with offering her enjoyment in her future retirement. He proceeded with an update on the Food Security programs. They are very thankful and appreciative of the upgrades to the Towns website providing links, contacts, and resources for the community to access along with providing a space in the Town Hall for food donation drop offs. For the county food drive in November, they were teamed up with the DA's office and received a very large box with donations for the food pantry. He then turned it over to Franny who gave the following update.

Fran Froot:

The backpack program: January – June assisted 21 families and 55+ children. From October until present 18 families with 51 children.

The Christmas Sharing Program: January – November two bags of groceries per month with an average of 48 families costing roughly \$3500, and a total savings of about \$1000 with the 6% senior discount. The goal for Christmas 2025 will be to assist 55 families with food, clothing and toys. Currently there are 218 individuals and 109 children on the list. They are still accepting donations and looking for any volunteers.

Thank you for your service to the Town of York.



BACKPACK PROGRAM AND CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM

The Backpack Program, a mission of the York Baptist Church has successfully packed weekly (during the school year), emergency, weekend food that children can prepare themselves. From January until June – 21 families and 55+ children were fed. From October until present, the program has 18 families with 51 children.

The Christmas Sharing Program, a mission of the York United Presbyterian Church successfully brought monthly from January until November, two Tops bags filled with perishable and non-perishable food to an average of 48 families! For Thanksgiving, 51 families received food.

This Christmas, this mission will help 55 families with food, clothing – a warm sweatshirt and 3 toys for each child. At present, 218 individuals and 109 children are on the list.

As stated before – we do need people power to financially support this mission and muscle power to help carry food and gifts to cars.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO:

**CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM
PO BOX 188
YORK, NY 14592**

**IMPORTANT DATE FOR VOLUNTEERING: DECEMBER 20TH – LET ME KNOW
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER – Franny Froot
245-3725**

David then talked about the county budget, \$215 million. There are 1,244 county employees with the three largest departments being: CNR, Sheriff's department and the Highway department. The tax rate is up 3.68%, tax levy up 4.58%, from \$33.8 to \$35.4 million. This equates to over 60% increase to cover the federal budget cuts. 2027 is sure to have deeper federal cuts, which will in turn create challenges to budgets and services everywhere.

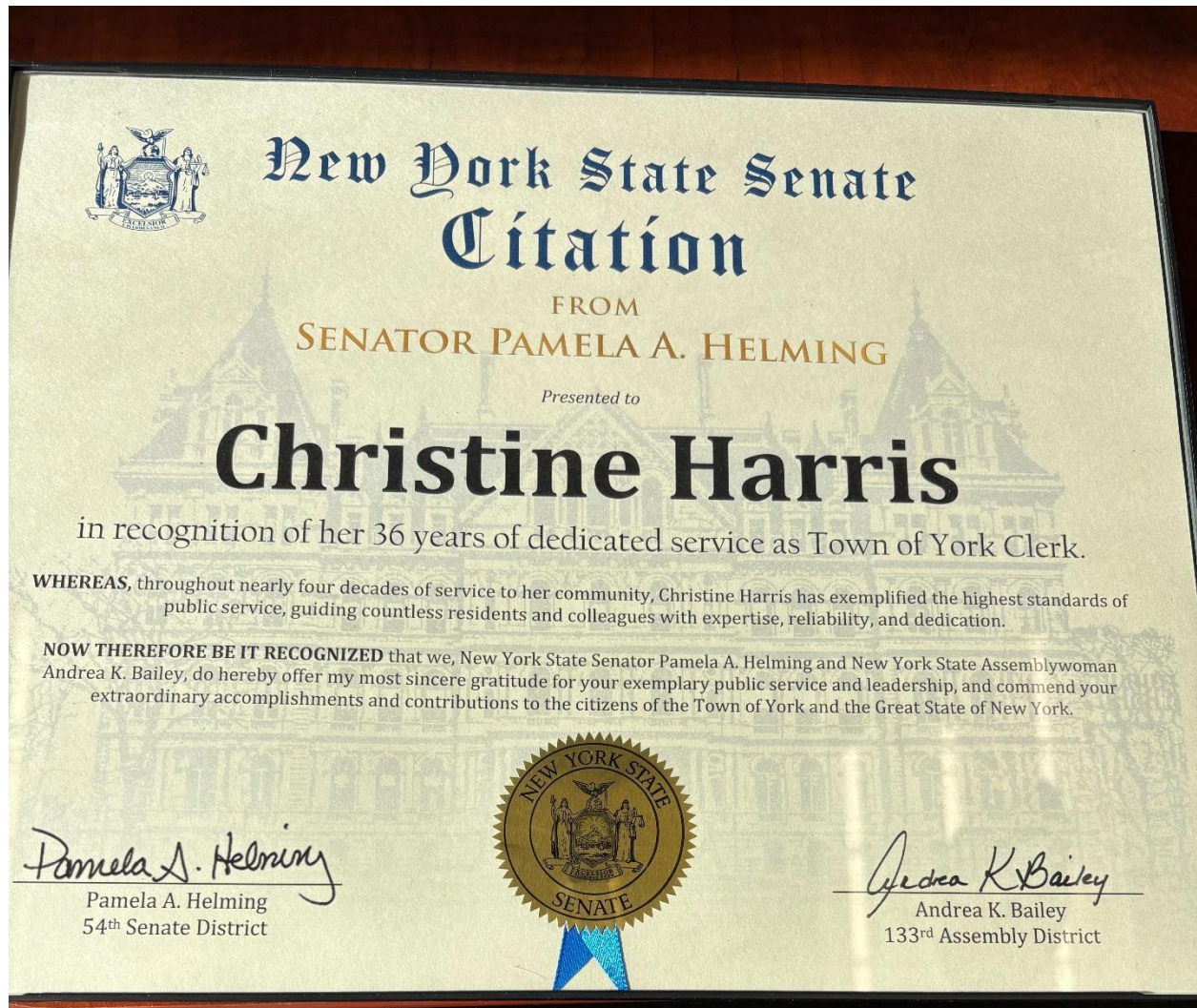
Quote from Ian Coyle “As we cut closer to the tight margins in areas, and or get more aggressive with revenue estimates, The County will have to be mindful of the reliance on sales tax and the small, but manageable property tax increases. With Federal and State fiscal realities, sustainment of this strategy may present a challenge.”

3. Proclamations from Senator Helming & Assemblywoman Andrea Bailey for Christine Harris’s dedicated service for almost four decades, with exceptional respect, support and admiration from her colleagues.

The Assembly State of New York Proclamation:



New York State Senate Citation:



HIGHWAY:

Mr. Worden reported the following for the Highway Department:

- We are down a truck due to an emissions problem, and it is still in the shop. Hopefully it will get picked up in the next few days.
- Possession of the new truck recently took place; we are waiting for paperwork from Albany to get it registered.

WATER/SEWER:

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

- We have been out reading meters, all going well
- Sewer maintenance is running smoothly

Mr. Smith asked about Retsof drainage status, to which Mr. Worden replied that it is all done. In the Spring we will need to do some lawn restoration.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. First Day Hike/Trail committee – Bulletin on website –



Our group along with the York Trail Town Committee and the York Historical Society have been asked again by the Genesee Valley Greenway State Park to participate in the First Day Hike for 2026. The format would stay the same, three hikes all ending at York Landing but they needed to adjust the starting time to 10am. We could change our usual program from a lunch at 12:15pm to a “brunch” at 11:15am. I already have a couple of volunteers signed up to help and am looking for a few more.

Thanks for considering! I'll get the volunteer sign up sheet out asap.

Dave

First Day Hikes

On January 1, 2026 we will kick off the new year and America's semiquincentennial with First Day Hikes! First Day Hikes began in Massachusetts in 1992 and came on nationwide 2012 under America's State Parks.

2. Water & Sewer Tap Applications:

3296 Flats Road - Water

Motion made by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the water tap application submitted by Robert & Tracy Quait for property located above. Voted on and approved Yes-5 No-0.

3296 Flats Road – Sewer

Motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morgan to approve the sewer tap application submitted by Robert & Tracy Quait for property located above. Voted on and approved Yes-5 No-0.

3. Retsof Sewer:

Supervisor Deming stated we need to rescind the resolution from October 14th meeting, due to the net interest change.

Motion made by Mr. Swede and seconded by Mr. Smith to rescind the resolution of October 14th, 2025 regarding Retsof sewer district project budget modifications. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0

Updated resolution:

TOWN OF YORK
RETSEW SEWER DISTRICT
PROJECT BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Smith:

WHEREAS, the Town of York has received funding from Rural Development for their Retsew Sewer District Project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to adjust project budget items to more accurately reflect actual costs and;

WHEREAS, Rural Development requires the Town Board to authorize all changes to the Administrative Budget as shown on the Form E; NOW, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of York authorizes the following Budget modifications for the Project:

Net Interest	Increase of	\$4,644.23
Bond Counsel	Decrease of	\$2,689.10

I, Christine Harris, Town Clerk of the Town of York, do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of York on December 2, 2025, by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY
Gerald Deming, Supervisor	Aye	
Frank Rose Jr., Deputy Supervisor	Aye	
Amos Smith, Councilman	Aye	
John Morgan, Councilman	Aye	
Jason Swede, Councilman	Aye	

Christine M. Harris
Christine Harris
Town Clerk – Town of York

Dated: December 2, 2025

Project Completion Resolution:

TOWN OF YORK

RETSEW SEWER PROJECT PROJECT COMPLETION RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Smith:

WHEREAS, the Town of York has substantially completed construction of the Retsof Sewer Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of York received notice of final completion for the Retsof Sewer Project; NOW, therefore be it.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Trustees of the Town of York accepts the Retsof Sewer Project as complete and authorizes final payment to the contractors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of York hereby states an operator appropriately licensed by New York State has been retained to oversee operation of the system. Such operator is James Hodges, with a license # of: 12214.

I, Christine Harris, Town Clerk of the Town of York, do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of York on December 2, 2025, by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY
Gerald Deming, Supervisor	Aye	
Frank Rose Jr., Deputy Supervisor	Aye	
Amos Smith, Councilman	Aye	
John Morgan, Councilman	Aye	
Jason Swede, Councilman	Aye	

Christine M. Harris
Christine Harris
Town Clerk – Town of York

Dated: December 2, 2025

4. 2026 Organizational Meeting:

January 1, 2026 11am at the Town Hall

Motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede, to schedule the 2026 Organizational meeting for Thursday January 1, 2026. Voted on and approved Yes-5, No-0.

5. River Road Water Extension:

a. Professional Services Proposal

Supervisor Deming discussed that he received an email from MRB engineer JP Schepp offering a recommendation for professional services from Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C. (EDR) in regard to conducting archaeological services for this water project.

The scope of the work will not exceed \$3900.00.

Motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Swede authorizing EDR to conduct the professional services. Voted on and approved Yes-5, No-0.

6. **Mr. & Mrs. Rebman** - are new to the community the email they sent came in late and didn't get on agenda—it is regarding the water bill that was just received via mail. This was an October billing cycle, everything was accurate on the bill, but they received it very late more than likely a USPS issue. Mr. & Mrs. Rebman are requesting from the board that the late fee be waived. The amount of the late fee is \$12.51.

Motion to waive the late fee by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Morgan. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Other:

Cheryl Powell from the York Baptist Church sent an email as follows:

Town Clerk

From: Cheryl Powell <cherylapowell120@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 1:37 PM
To: Town Clerk; York Baptist Church
Subject: Message From York Baptist Church

Hi Chrisy,

Our church is seeking to learn more about how we can better serve our community, and we have a few questions we hope you might help us answer.

We are also exploring grant opportunities to make our building more ADA compliant, with the goal of offering our space more fully for community use.

Would you be able to bring these questions to the board, or to anyone else who may be able to assist us?

We are also considering sending a survey letter to the town if we find that additional information would be helpful.

What are the biggest challenges or unmet needs you see among families and residents right now?

- Which groups in our township are most underserved or at risk of being overlooked?
- Where are you currently stretched thin as a township (programs, staff, volunteers)?
- Are there services or programs you wish existed but can't currently fund or staff?
- How does the township currently partner with nonprofits, churches, or schools to meet community needs?
- What kinds of projects or partnerships could a church realistically help with (volunteers, space, programming)?
- Are there community initiatives coming up that could use more partners?

1

-
- Who else should we be talking with to better understand community needs?

Cheryl Powell
York Baptist Church Deacon Chair

All board members received a copy as well as Mr. Deuel and Ms. Frood.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion offered by Mr. Smith & seconded by Mr. Morgan to adjourn the Town Board meeting until December 29th close out meeting. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Town Board meeting closed at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara L. Johnson

Tara L. Johnson

Appointed Town Clerk