

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN
26 GRANGE HALL ROAD,
STEPHENTOWN, NEW YORK 12168
JULY 21, 2025**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown was called to order by *Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder* at **7:04 PM** at the Town Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

(X) Supervisor Philip (PJ) Roder

(X) Council Diana Clark

(X) Council Kyle Kidney

(X) Council John E. DeFreest Jr.

(X) Council Tammy Madden

(X) Town Clerk Stephanie Hoffman

() Alden Goodermote, Highway Superintendent

() Jennifer Van Deusen, Assessor

() Legal Counsel

A quorum was wasn't established.
9 from the Public were present

AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

- Claim #147-25 through #169-25 in the amount of **\$16,235.29 to be approved** from the **General Account**
- Claim #122-25 through #140-25 in the amount of **\$130,558.62 to be approved** from the **Highway Account**
- For a **Total of \$146,793.91** audited and approved by the Town Board.

MOTION BY: DEFREEST JR. SECONDED BY: CLARK

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Minutes of the **JUNE 16, 2025, Regular Town Board Meeting** were approved by the Town Board as written.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY SECONDED BY: MADDEN

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

TOWN CLERKS REPORT: The Town Clerk turned over the sum of **\$1,171.16** to the Supervisor for the month of **JUNE 2025**.

JUSTICE COURT REPORT: The distribution from the Office of the State Comptroller, Justice Court Fund to the Town of Stephentown for the months of **March 2025 in the amount \$1,417.00 and April 2025 in the amount of \$2,523.00**.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: The Transfer Station deposited a total of **\$8,251.00** for the month of **JUNE 2025**.

Bags: **\$5,580**

C&D & Metal: **\$2,560**

Tires: **\$127**

Stickers: **\$0**

Propane Tanks: **\$0**

Appliances: **\$30**

ACCOUNT TOTALS:

GENERAL \$926,664.94

HIGHWAY \$959,532.88

GENERAL RESERVE FUND \$1,045,545.42

HIGHWAY RESERVE FUND \$753,664.36

BEACON ESCROW \$ 885.19

BEACON ESCROW FOR PLANT (BOND) \$5,000 & \$70,000.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reminders to All Participants who would like to speak: (this meeting is on Live Stream and is being recorded)

- Raise your hand prior to speaking
- Announce your name and the Town you reside in.
- There is a 3-to-5-minute window for each speaker per Resolution 1 of the fiscal year
- Any disruptive conduct will be addressed at any meeting if the Town Board is willfully disrupted by a person or by a group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting impossible. The Chair (Town Supervisor) may recess the meeting or order the person, group or groups of persons willfully disrupting the meeting to leave the meeting or to be removed from the meeting. Disruptive conduct includes addressing the Board without first being recognized, not addressing the subject before the Board, repetitiously addressing the same subject, failing to relinquish the podium when requested to do so, or otherwise preventing the Board from conducting its business.

Fire Department Report for	JUNE 2025
EMS with Transport	13
EMS without Transport	2
Extrication of any type	0
Motor Vehicle with injury	1
Motor Vehicle no injury	0
Search for lost person	0
EMS unable to respond	0
Mutual Aid given EMS	2
Fire Mutual Aid given	0
Fire Mutual Aid received	0
Structure Fire	0
Mobile Home Fire	0
Chimney Fire CONTAINED	0
Burner/Boiler Malfunction	0
Vehicle Fire	0
Outside Fire-trash, rubbish or other	0
Hazardous Condition	0
Carbon Monoxide activation	0
Cover Assignment/Standby	0
Good Intent	3
Call Cancelled	2
False Alarm MALICIOUS	0
False Alarm – system malfunction	0
Weather Wires Down	2
Special Incident - other	0
Monthly Total:	25
YTD:	162

Residents from Black River Road were present to discuss and ask what the status is to have the road paved. Concerns of extreme levels of dust, and requested dust control. Highway Superintendent reassured that the highway department would put calcium down for dust control.

Library Director Roppolo provided an update for the library events and programs that are currently happening. Serving 55 families in the Free food program for children under eighteen. The Children’s Room in the library is almost completed, summer reading program is still open. Summer Fest will be held on Saturday August 23rd.

Supervisor Roder and S. Wyner discuss the 414-petition submitted by the library. The library is looking to have a proposition placed on the ballot this coming General Election to increase the amount of funds they are getting from the Town. Supervisor Roder explains that the library is their own taxing district and the Town Board does not approve the funding that they are allotted, they are required to have a proposition and the people get to vote.

Supervisor Roder provides an update on the Heat Pumps, in the process of getting the contract signed by the contract.

Highway Superintendent Goodermote reported that the broom will be purchased next year due to budget constraints.

Library Director Roppolo inquired about the 29 Grange Hall Road property recently purchased by the Town and if there is any plan in place currently. Supervisor Roder reported that there is no solid plans at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2025 THE TOWN OF STEPHENTOWN TOWNBOARD REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Stephentown (hereinafter the "Town") has not had a townwide revaluation of real property assessment since 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the Town to perform a revaluation of all taxable parcels within the Town to maintain and preserve a fair and equal tax base for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is responsible for giving direction to the Town Assessor with respect to revaluation of properties within the Town; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly convened Town Board of the Town of Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, that the Town Board hereby approves proceeding with the town-wide revaluation and hereby authorizes the Assessor with the assistance of David Galarneau to perform such service under the terms and conditions of the previously approved proposal of services, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Board directs that the Assessor is authorized to begin the revaluation process for a town-wide revaluation to be effective on the 2027 tax roll for town and county taxes and 2026 for school taxes.

By motion made by *Council T. Madden*, and seconded by *Council J. DeFreest Jr.*, the foregoing resolution was adopted by a majority of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Stephentown on the 21st day of July, 2025 as follows:

Votes:

Supervisor Roder: Aye

Council Kidney: Aye

Council Madden: Aye

Council DeFreest, Jr.: Aye

Council Clark: Aye

RESOLUTION 38 OF 2025 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH NCH WELDING & FABRICATION LLC

WHEREAS, the Town is in immediate need of a welder/fabricator for the Gould a/k/a Gould Road bridge repair and renovation;

WHEREAS, NCH Welding and Fabrication LLC can perform the work on the needed expedited basis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute a contract with NCH Welding and Fabrication LLC, to be prepared by attorneys for the Town to perform such work.

MOTION BY: KIDNEY **SECONDED BY: MADDEN**

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

Supervisor Roder provides a summary of the Gould Bridge Replacement project – the Town’s Highway Department is replacing the bridge and will need a welder. The County does not require a specific contractor and the Town choose who to hire.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:40PM

MOTION BY: DEFREEST, JR. **SECONDED BY: MADDEN**

VOTES OF: 5 AYE 0 NAY

****The next Regular Meeting** of the Town Board, Town of Stephentown will be held on **Monday, August 18th, 2025 at 7:00 PM** at the Town Hall located at 26 Grange Hall Road, Stephentown, NY 12168.

Stephanie M. Hoffman
Town Clerk