

## Town of Friendship Minutes

June 18, 2025

7pm

Supervisor Hall calls meeting to order.

Roll call: Supervisor Russell Hall-present

Councilman-Linda Mascho-present

Councilman- Carolyn Carney-present

Councilman- Ken Burdick-present

Councilman- David Norton-present

Also present-

Patricia Schurr- Town Clerk

Richard Buck Attorney, Heather Trask and 1 other associate

Assemblage-Jim Monheim, Jason Isaman, George Ritter, Scott Lanphere,  
Oakley Sortore, BJ Howe.

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2025, offered by Linda Mascho,  
Seconded by Ken Burdick. All approve.

Motion to approve the Supervisor's report for May 2025, offered by David Norton, seconded  
by Ken Burdick. All approve.

Motion to approve the audited bills for May 2025 in the amount of \$ 58,151.37, offered by  
Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call vote: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

David Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russell Hall-aye

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\*Supervisor's Concerns-

ALLEGANY COUNTY LANDBANK-JASON ISAMAN-

Jason Isaman gave a brief presentation on the Allegany County Landbank (whom are a nonprofit agency) and their intentions for 4-6 West Main St. They will be working along with Ashley Smith and the Main Street Committee. They take properties that are run down and revitalize them. They now have a contract to buy 4-6 W. Main Street, which are 2 of the oldest buildings in Friendship. It is eligible for the Historical Registry, and they would not be able to pursue this if they did not get a historical tax credit. There will be a 50% tax credit for interested buyers. There was an Engineer hired and there is a plan to move forward to stop the deterioration of the building they are looking for longer term development, a lot of upgrades need to be done. They plan to eventually have store front leasers on the bottom and apartments on the top floor. Looking into the possibilities of obtaining 8 West Main,

which is right next door, this will be going up for taxes. Will have to be torn down due to it falling in.

The Land bank will invest in funds for this project, but they are looking for the Town to also invest.

They made an offer on the Antique Barn to the owner because he wants to get rid of it and The Land Bank is looking for parking options. He needs a Resolution from the Town Supporting the Land Bank project, Main Street Revitalization.

After further discussion the following Resolution was set forth.

#### Resolution 8-2025

##### TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP TOWN BOARD

##### A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE ALLEGANY COUNTY LAND BANK'S MAIN STREET PROJECT AND A COMMITMENT TO FUTURE COLLABORATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship recognizes the importance of revitalizing its Main Street to foster economic growth, enhance community aesthetics, and improve the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, THE Allegany County Land Bank has initiated a Main Street Project aimed at achieving these very goals within the Town of Friendship; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes that collaboration with the Allegany County Land Bank on this project will bring significant benefits to our Community;

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Friendship Board hereby expresses its strong support for the Allegany County Land Bank's Main Street Project; and exploring additional opportunities and partnerships with the Allegany County Land Bank to further benefit the Town of Friendship and its residents.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Dated: June 18, 2025

Town Board of the Town of Friendship

Russell Hall, Supervisor

Carolyn Carney, Councilperson

Linda Mascho, Councilperson

Ken Burdick, Councilperson

Dave Norton, Councilperson

#### ORPS- REGARDING NEW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND AMBULANCE EXEMPTION-

Motion to table the Volunteer Firefighter and ambulance exemption to be able to look into this further, (Attorney Buck advised against it because if the rest of the residents have to make up the difference) offered by Dave Norton, seconded by Linda Mascho. All approve.

Fireworks- The Main Street Beautification Committee would like to have fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, or the next Holiday or celebration. They have talked to the Fire Dept. and School about this, and they are on board with it. The Main Street Committee will obtain the Insurance and have donations from residents; they just need approval from the Town. The following motion was set forth:

Motion for the Main Street Beautification committee to have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton. All approve.

Tabled from last meeting: Town Hall Step Repair- Supervisor Hall that he would look at the steps and railing and see if he can put up a functional handrail back up. Would like a motion from the Board to proceed.

Motion to have Russell Hall to look at the Town Hall steps and put up a functional rail back up, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney. All approve.

Ken Burdick and Linda Macho on the committee to come up with a vision, drawing or design for a completely new set of steps for the Front entrance to the Town Hall.

Tabled from May's Meeting- Utility Companies having access to put in or bury cables in the Towns right of ways. Motion to have Attorney look into local law, do nothing about it, put stipulations on it, or completely ban it, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton. All approve.

Assessor Contract expires Sept. 2025 just waiting for Wellsville to get the agreement/contract to Friendship.

No Public Concerns

#### RESOLUTION-7-2025 SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL CONTRACT—ALLEGANY COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP 2025-2028

Be it Resolved to approve the Snow and Ice Controls Agreements Between the County Of Allegany, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and the Town of Friendship, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws under the State of New York, New York. Contract reviewed by Supervisor and Highway Superintendent. Resolution to approve and to have Supervisor Hall sign contract,

Offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

David Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russell Hall- aye

Dog Control-

Motion for Dog Control officer (contract and pay)-Motion to appoint

Connie Livergood at an annual salary of 5700.00, (prorated from April 28, 2025) plus mileage and phone reimbursement. Contract to be signed also the Supervisor Hall will handle 2 parties. Motion offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton. Roll call: Carolyn Carney-no, Linda Mascho-aye, David Norton-aye, Ken Burdick-abstain, Russell Hall-aye. Motion carried.

Motion to reduce the bad check fee from \$50.00 to \$20.00 per State Auditor,

Offered by\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by\_\_\_\_\_.This is tabled, to look into more,

Will check with the Association of Towns, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Ken Burdick.

Ambulance(gas)- MTS has offered a fair market price of \$30,000.00 for the gas ambulance. After discussion the following motion followed:

RESOLUTION 9-2025

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE TOWN OF FRIENDSHIP GAS AMBULANCE TO MTS

WHEREAS, MTS has offered a fair market value of \$30,000.00 for the Town of Friendship Gas Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Friendship Board Members have reviewed the offer and find it to be acceptable and in the best interest of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Friendship Board Members hereby authorizes the sale of the Town of Friendship Ambulance to MTS for the amount of \$30,000.00, offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Dave Norton.

Roll call: Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Mascho-aye

Ken Norton-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Russ Hall-aye.

**Public works** (Oakley) concerns-

Oakley Sortore advised that our BOND Resolution for the Wastewater Loan will need to be updated, costs have changed, Attorney Buck will look into this as he believes that Doug Goodfriend needs to be involved. After discussion the following Resolution was brought forth:

Town of Friendship, Allegany County

In the matter of Increase and Improvement of Existing Facilities of the Friendship Sewer District, in the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York.(additional cost)

RESOLUTION 10-2025 Order Calling Public Hearing

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York, has caused to be prepared a map, plan and report, including an estimate of cost, as supplemented, pursuant to Section 202-b of the Town Law, relating to the increase and improvements to the facilities of the Friendship Sewer District ("Sewer District"), in the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York, consisting of the replacement of the existing comminutor with the new headworks, construction/rehabilitation of the biological treatment process, new/rehab of the effluent disinfection system, and improvements to the sludge handling/disposal system together with collection system improvements including CIP pipe lining, sewer main replacement and manhole rehabilitation and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$8,200,000; and

WHEREAS, it has now been determined that the maximum estimated cost to said Sewer District is \$10,834,916, an increase of \$2,634,916 over that previously estimated; and

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type I Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, which, it has been determined will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to call a public hearing on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of said Sewer District, in the matter described above, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, in accordance with the provisions of Section 202-b of the Town Law; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, by the Town Board of the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. A public hearing will be held in the Town Hall, in Friendship, New York, in said Town, on July 16, 2025, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, on the question of the increase and improvement of the facilities of The Town of Friendship Sewer District, in the Town of Friendship, Allegany County, New York, at the revised maximum estimated cost, in the manner described in the preambles hereof, and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing hereinafter provided to be published once in the official newspaper, and also to cause a copy thereof to be posted on the sign board of the Town, such publication and posting to be made not less than ten, nor more than twenty, days before the date designated for the hearing.

Section 3. The notice of public hearing shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A and hereby made a part hereof.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing order was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Carolyn Carney-aye

Linda Masacho-aye

Dave Norton-aye

Ken Burdick-aye

Russell Hall -aye

The order was thereupon declared duly adopted

\*Refuse-down to one refuse picker again  
To advertise on the County site and on social media.

\*Hyland landfill charging \$35.00 per mattress. (had 8 last pickup-280.00 the Town had to pay for) Right now refuse charge is based on assessment and charged on the tax bill. It should be a flat rate based on units and make it fair. To be looked into more.

\*The sewer main by the Wellman house and at the bridge is exposing again, it is stable.

Highway dept. is still without a Hwy worker; an ad was put in the paper with little response. To advertise with Allegany County site and on social media. Can advertise to the Sun although it is not the Town's official newspaper. The Town has already advertised in the Olean Times Herald.

\*Pigtail Road is back together again, now the Hwy Dept. is working on Maple Grove Rd.

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REPORTS GIVEN TO TOWN BOARD

Town Clerk report for May 2025

Highway Report May 2025

Water Report

Police Report

Justice Report

Code Enforcement Report

8:55pm Motion to adjourn offered by Linda Mascho, seconded by Carolyn Carney.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Schurr

Town Clerk