

**TOWN OF LAURENS
REGULAR MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2025
APPROVED**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Laurens, County of Otsego in the State of New York was held at the Town Hall at 37 Brook Street, Laurens, NY on the 8th day of December, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present:

Dean Buccheri	----Town Supervisor
Ed Winslow	----Council Member
Carl Schidzick	----Council Member/ Absent
Rowland Dutcher	----Council Member
Kim Sparaco	----Council Member

Resource Personnel Present:

Rick Brockway	----Otsego County Representative/ Absent
Pat Brockway	----Tax Collector/Bookkeeper
Deborah Lawyer	----Town Clerk
Wayne Shulgay	----Highway Superintendent/ Absent

Members of the Town Present:

Approval of Minutes from Monthly meeting November 10, 2025

Resolution to approve the minutes of the Monthly meeting November 10, 2025 as presented.

Motion by:			Ed Winslow					Second by:		Rowland Dutcher				
ROLL CALL	CS	Absent	EW	X	RD	X	KS	X	DB	X	TOTAL	4		

Verbal:

Dean Buccheri/Town Supervisor

Supervisor Dean Buccheri reports he is working on the email situation and while he was away the email did not work most of the time. Considering a new option that would be affordable would be the Microsoft solution. Their government solution is actually a lot more expensive than their small business. A solution would be what we have right now with the OneDrive. It would be Microsoft M365. The cost would be \$5.00 per user per month. We are paying

\$1500.00 a year now, but this includes web hosting which we don't have off the ground yet. It has to be upgraded. There was some discussion about the email and Dean will try Outlook and we will have to change to .gov anyway. We need to decide if Digital Towpath is worth it.

Wayne Shulgay/Highway Superintendent

Highway Superintendent Wayne Shulgay was absent. There was no report.

Rick Brockway/Otsego County Representative

Otsego County Representative Rick Brockway was absent. There was no report.

Written:

- Clerks report- \$130.00
- Justice report-\$200.00
- Assessors report-no report
- Land Use report-available
- Planning Board minutes-available
- Fire District minutes-available
- Village minutes/no meeting
- Financial Report-October & November submitted

Committee Reports:

- a. Animal Control (K. Sparaco)
- b. Budget (D Buccheri, E Winslow)
- c. Building & Grounds (D Buccheri, E. Winslow)
- d. Code Enforcement (D Buccheri)
- e. Court Committee (E Winslow)
- f. Employee Discrimination/Harassment/Sexual Harassment (R Dutcher)
- g. Employee Relations (D. Buccheri, E. Winslow)
- h. Ethics Committee (E Winslow, R. Dutcher)
- i. Fire Dept Relations (K Sparaco)
- j. Highway/Public Works (D Buccheri, C Schidzick)
- k. Insurance (D Buccheri, C Schidzick)
- l. Negotiations/Legal (D Buccheri, E Winslow)
- m. Planning Board (D Buccheri, C Schidzick)
- n. Purchasing Finance & Data Processing (D Buccheri, R Dutcher)
- o. School (LCS) Liaison (D Buccheri, E Winslow)
- p. Senate Liaison (D Buccheri, E Winslow)
- q. Village Relations (D Buccheri, R Dutcher)

There were no committee reports

Audit and Payment of Claims:

A **Motion** was made by Rowland Dutcher and Seconded by Kim Sparaco. Be it hereby known on this 8th day of December, 2025 that the Laurens Town Board has made a resolution to authorize the audit and payment of the claims listed on the consolidated abstract of invoice with the total amount of \$14,315.86 from the General Fund and \$134,634.09 from the Highway Fund as presented.

Motion by:		Rowland Dutcher					Second by:		Kim Sparaco			
ROLL CALL	CS	Absent	EW	X	RD	X	KS	X	DB	X	TOTAL	4

Ayes-4

Nays-0

Absent-1

A **Motion** was made by Ed Winslow and Seconded by Kim Sparaco. Be it hereby known on this 8th day of December, 2025 that the Laurens Town Board has made a resolution to authorize the audit and payment of the claims not listed on the consolidated abstract of invoices for the following vendors and amounts listed below.

Account	Vendor	Item	Amount
General fund	SPCA	Dog & 3/4 payment	\$880.00
General fund	Coughlin/Gerhart	Nov retainer	\$2,000.00
General Fund	Delhi Telephone	Phone service	\$127.25

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Correspondence and Communications

1. NYAOT-correspondence
2. DOT-Rural Survey
Information on their survey
3. Clerk of the Board-Workers Comp Plan
What the county pays for workers comp
4. Landmark Dividend-purchase of cell tower-not interested

Old Business:

1. Salt Shed

When we told Nick we needed a Permissive Referendum, he said it didn't qualify as a building and it didn't qualify as equipment. Then after talking to him, I told him it was part of the building project and that it would be Phase 1 because we can't afford to do the whole building now. He did agree that we could take it out of the building fund. He's supposed to give us the resolution in order to do that because he wants it written in a very specific manner in order to cover us. We don't have to do it tonight because we don't have it and we don't have a bill yet. We don't need a Permissive Referendum the way that the Capital Reserve is set up. Now we had that Capital Reserve set up when Oscar Oberkircher was supervisor. It is not defined and it is not legal. The amount is \$259,839.27. The Building Reserve has \$378,360.09 and the Highway/Equipment Reserve has \$149,093.97.

There was some discussion about the unnamed Capital Reserve created 15-20 years ago. Supervisor Dean Buccheri thinks we should rename it.

There was also a discussion about scaling the building down and that the cost would be approximately \$300 per \$100,000 assessment for the tax payers to build the new highway building.

COVID money was discussed. That on paper it was spent on the truck.

New Business:

1. Appointment of Planning Board Member

Be it hereby resolved this 8th day of December, 2025 the Laurens Town Board does hereby appoint Jim Ganio as Planning Board Member for the town of Laurens for a 5-year term beginning January 1, 2026- December 31, 2030.

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2. NYMIR

There was a discussion on what NYMIR wants up to do. We need to sign up and put a memo out. We will have to watch these videos

3. SPCA-tabled pending Dec 15th outcome NYSAPF

Pat talked about how the county called about the budget and there was a \$180.00 error that needed to be corrected. Supervisor Dean Buccheri requested an electronic copy.

Dean sent Pat an email from the auditor that said we need to reduce our budget \$280.00 next year as the Streetlight district is not a separate political subdivision

Privilege of the Floor

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn Meeting 7:14 pm

Motion by: Ed Winslow Second by: Kim Sparaco

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Lawyer