Unadilla Town Board Meeting
May 13, 2025
6:00 PM Audit of Bills
6:30 PM Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order
Supervisor George DeNys called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Supervisor DeNys called for a moment of silence for our departed Town Clerk, Terry Yoder.

Roll Call:

George DeNys, Supervisor
Sheri Kinsella, Deputy Town Clerk
Rodney Renwick, Superintendent
Donald Cole, Councilman
Jessica Grow, Councilwoman
Allen Anderson, Councilman
Larry Crosier, Councilman
Al Linville, Observer
Liz Diugosz, Observer
Will Artis, Observer
Vickie Ball, Observer
Michael Ball, Observer
Kirk McLaughlin, Observer
Samuel Rivera, Observer
Christine Rivera, Observer

Minutes of April 8th

Councilman Allen Anderson made the motion to accept the April 8, 2025 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Audit of Bills

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept and pay bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

General Fund A	$ 10,694.17
General Fund B	$ 233.33
Highway (DB) Outside Village	$ 7,915.25
Highway (DA) Town wide	$ 7,056.58
Riverside Sewer District	$ 13,239.84
Riverside Lighting	$ 172.37
Rockdale Lighting	$ 29.82
Wells Bridge Lighting	$ 213.99

Committee Reports

Highway

The highway department has started shim paving and replacing culverts. Started chip sealing scheduled roads. He noted that Franklin, Sidney, Masonville, Bainbridge and the Town of Butternuts helped us. Ongoing prep work for salt shed. Most of the trees are down. We hope to have it up by August 1st. We had small storm damage from the heavy rains. Nothing significant.

Invoice was sent to Unatego school for salt. We do shared service but they do purchase the salt from us.

The State budget did get passed. It had a minor increase. The runs weren't available at time of meeting. We will have CHIPS funding available and are chip sealing. As in the past, I've asked the board to preapprove the oil bill. CHIPS has a small window for reimbursement. If we can preapprove the bill tonight, when we get the bill from Vestal we can pay and submit cancelled check to file timely and get reimbursement by end of June instead of end of September. Attorney Westfall asked what a sealing might be on it so we can approve a not to exceed amount. It was decided to not exceed $225,000.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the pre-approval to pay Vestal Asphalt, not to exceed $225,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Fuel bid – the County is going out next month. Superintendent Renwick suggested we stay on the County bid. We have been on it for two years and see no reason to go off of it. We get good prices and have had zero issues with their vendor, Buell Fuel out of Afton.

Two trucks we purchased in December of last year, F600's, are finally going into production this week. It is 6-8 weeks before they will see the dealer and upfitters about 4 weeks. In discussion with Highway Committee, we have been in discussion to sell one of our 10 wheelers and downsize our fleet. At last night's board meeting in Walton, they approved the purchase of the truck for $150,000. That is a good number. It will be a municipal-to-municipal sale. We would need to surplus it and accept the sale to them. Councilman Allen Anderson asked if this was all in the long-term planning. Superintendent Renwick said it is the goal. We are trying to keep ahead of the game. Our weather has changed; the application rates have changed. It's in our best interest to drop down to three 10-wheelers.

Councilman Allen Anderson made the motion to accept declaring the 2018 Freightliner Truck surplus. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Councilman Allen Anderson made the motion to accept the sale and terms of the 2018 Freightliner Truck for $150,000 with the Town of Walton. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

In our fleet plan we need to be purchasing a truck. We have a 2020 that needs to be cycled out in roughly two years. The total package price for the same truck we purchased last time is $366,835. It is up $70,000 from last truck. There is language for that price that we agree to pay for the chassis within 60 days of delivery. It is projected to be a 2026 so if we order it now, they will guarantee us a 2026. The 2027 will be $15-20,000 more due to the NYS Clean Air Act Emissions. Will benefit us to purchase now.

Superintendent Renwick is working off the Onondaga County Contract #0010914-5459. Attorney Westfall asked what account it will be paid from. It will be paid from Equipment Reserve so we need to do a Permissive Referendum. Attorney Westfall will get this to us to publish. The warranty will not go into effect until we put it into service. We will pay for the cab and chassis first and then the upfitting after.

Councilman Allen Anderson made the motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Freightliner 114SD+ at an amount of $366,835.00, subject to Permissive Referendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

We will be taking a truck and loader down to the Unadilla Elementary School on May 22nd. We discussed at last meeting. Highway tour – will set up.

Next month is Highway School. Thank you to Supervisor DeNys for agreeing to present at Cornell with Rodney. There will be approximately 700-800 present and presentation will be on Superintendent/Supervisor/Board Relations. Superintendent Renwick will be honored at presentation as well.

Finance - Finance report attached.

Building – Having issues with the car setting too much. Councilman Cole will take it to Toyota tomorrow for service. Encouraged using the car. The septic was pumped here and at garage last week. No issues.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept Committee Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Monthly Reports

Town Clerk's report was submitted with a check totaling $622.40
Supervisor's Report – Supervisor DeNys stated that Thoma Development Consultant sent us a letter stating that the budget proposal from the President and Executive Office for 2025/2026 is recommending the elimination of the CDBG block grant program. We were lucky to receive $1M in the past from them.
Dog Control Officer's Monthly Report – Talked about redemption fees not being enough. Waiting on information from DVHS on sliding scale.
Assessor's Monthly Report
Tax Collector's Report – no report

Councilwoman Jessica Grow made the motion to accept monthly reports as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Old Business

Discussion of PILOT Agreement – Brief update – Penny was looking for more information from developer (Unadilla Senior Housing Apartment). She must have received what she needs. Supervisor DeNys and Attorney Westfall will continue working with developer. It is a per unit payment and they are open to an increase, but we need to negotiate what that increase will be. That will be for the next 15 years. The rate changes every five years.

New Business

Approval to appoint Kirsten Ruling as Town Clerk

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to appoint Kirsten Ruling as Town Clerk, effective June 1, 2025 to serve remainder of 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

She was placed on the ballot in place of Terry Yoder by the Republican Committee.

Resignation of Deputy Clerk-Sheri Kinsella

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the resignation of Deputy Town Clerk, Sheri Kinsella, with regret, effective end of day May 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Supervisor DeNys read her resignation letter aloud.

Resignation of Deputy Clerk-Yvonne Cleaver

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the resignation of Deputy Town Clerk, Yvonne Cleaver, with regret, effective end of day May 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Don Cole and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Supervisor DeNys read her resignation letter aloud.

Resignation of Nicholas Feudi – Board of Review

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept resignation of Nicholas Feudi from the Board of Review effective April 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Ratify approval to appoint Albert Linville – Board of Review

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to ratify approval to accept the appointment of Albert Linville to the Board of Review effective May 1, 2025, term ending September 30, 2030. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Approval request for CDBG Grant Applications

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the approval request for CDBG Grant Application for Pamela McKinley in the amount of $42,275.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Jessica Grow and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the approval request for CDBG Grant Application for Thomas Harageones in the amount of $32,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Larry Crosier and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Approval request for Housing Funds for CDBG Drawdown #7

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion to accept the approval request for Housing Funds for CDBG Drawdown #7. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Correspondence

Thank you from Sand Hill Cemetery

County Planning May 2025 Newsletter

Passport Information

Privilege of the Floor

Adjournment

Supervisor George DeNys made the motion adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Allen Anderson and unanimously carried. Roll Call; 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri J. Kinsella
Deputy Town Clerk
Time of Adjournment 7:05pm