

Town of Dix
Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting
October 13, 2025

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PRESENT: Supervisor Dominick Smith
 Deputy Supervisor Brian Ervay
 Councilman Alan Gregory
 Councilman Jeff Meehan
 Town Clerk Naomi Kingsley
 Highway Superintendent Scott Yaw

ABSENT: Councilman Alec Moore

Two members of the public.

Supervisor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The public hearing is for Local Law #4 of 2025, a local law amending local law #2 of 2022 to provide for notice following completion of fire safety and property maintenance inspection. There were no questions from the public, the hearing was left open and moved on to the regular board meeting.

Additions to Agenda - none

Public Be Heard-per policy: there was a question about the RFQ published by the town to create water district #2. Supervisor Smith explained that water district #2 would run down State Route 414 from the Business Park to the KOA. This is just a study. The study is needed to be eligible for grants. The KOA would like water and sewer service; they would be the only customer at this time. Others can petition to join.

There was also a question about the budget workshops. Board members have been given preliminary figures. The Town hold workshops, one tonight and then the next two Mondays.

Reports:

- a. Supervisor – budget work last month and one half. Insurance costs unavailable until December preliminary ones estimate a 10-20% increase; water & sewer new aerator is here and needs to be put into the tank. We are working on drawing the tank down. EFC Grant to request RFQ is out to bid now. Working with County on assessments, and on Code compliance and safety inspections
- b. Deputy Supervisor - later
- c. Council Member Concerns – thank you for the improvement on the vouchers
- d. Clerk - nothing
- e. Bookkeeper - nothing
- f. Superintendent of Highway – The Ram 5500 at Friendly's Dodge. The truck is dead in the water; the transmission control module doesn't work. The County took it there for us. It is an issue that make take some time to track down and it needs to be at a garage that has a heavy-duty lift. Is it worth it looking into another repair shop? Scott will need to use his

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judgement as to the repair. He called on the CV. The garage has pushed the one up to meet a November 15th delivery date deadline. The 10-wheeler should arrive in late January, early February. The second CV has a March delivery date.

- g. Code Officer-Fire and Commercial Inspection Report – issued 5 building permits this month, performed 7 general inspections and 8 fire and pm inspections. A total of 50 building permits issued for the year including 2 for cell towers. Those projects are big numbers.
- h. Planning Board - nothing
- i. ZBA-approve - none
- j. Town Court
- k. Dog Shelter – so far, the town has only had to pay for 2 dogs, that is down from 27 this time last year.
- l. Committee Reps:
 - i. EMC - none
 - ii. FD - none
 - iii. Landfill - there will be a meeting next week. It looks like the site will always be a brown field and testing may switch from 2/year to 1/year.
 - iv. Solar - none
 - v. Short Term Rental - none

RESOLUTION #58 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to approve the September 2025 minutes, September 2025 Town Clerk's report, September 2025 Supervisors Report and the October 2025 Audit. Ayes – 3, nays - 0

AUDIT 10/13/2025

General Fund-Town Wide	351-362	\$ 5,601.74
General Fund-Outside Village	363-365	\$ 177.21
Highway Fund-Town Wide	349, 366-381	\$ 15,762.27
Highway Fund Outside Village	372, 383-386	\$ 68,992.88
Beaver Dams Fire Department		\$
Montour Falls Fire Dept.		\$
Watkins Glen Fire Dept		\$
Special Sewer Fund	58	\$ 43.21
Special Water Fund	59-61	\$ 849.39
Trust & Agency	19	\$ 502.48

Travel Requests- none

Old Business:

- Water and Sewer Rates and Operations-rate suspended till further notice, pending litigation.
- Zoning Law review – waiting on answer on one issue

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New Business:

- EFC grant award for water and sewer study update-RFQ approval to go out – need to send info to women owned businesses

RESOLUTION #59 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to authorize Supervisor Smith to accept an offer for the old Town Hall for \$110,000.00.

Ayes – 3, nays - 0

RESOLUTION #50 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to support Congressman Langworthy’s Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) and in opposition to government-mandated natural gas bans. Ayes – 3, nays – 0

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSMAN NICK LANGWORTHY’S ENERGY CHOICE ACT (H.R. 3699, S. 1945) AND IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT-MANDATED NATURAL GAS BANS

WHEREAS, affordable and reliable energy is essential to the health, safety, and economic prosperity of New York families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, natural gas remains a dependable, cost-effective, and clean-burning energy source used by millions of New Yorkers to heat their homes, cook their food, and power their businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York State enacted the **Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)**, which mandates aggressive emissions reductions and serves as the foundation for sweeping energy restrictions, including efforts to phase out natural gas; and

WHEREAS, building on the CLCPA, Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature in 2023 enacted provisions in the state budget banning natural gas and other fossil fuel hookups in most new residential and commercial buildings, effective 2026 for smaller buildings, and 2029 for larger buildings, thereby eliminating consumer choice and limiting access to affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hochul has publicly supported these bans and related measures as part of her administration’s climate and energy agenda, despite widespread concerns that such mandates will increase costs, strain grid reliability, and restrict energy diversity; and

WHEREAS, these top-down policies undermine affordability, threaten reliability during peak demand, and strip away the freedom of consumers and businesses to choose the energy sources that best meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nick Langworthy of New York and Senator Jim Justice of West Virginia introduced the **Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699, S. 1945)**, federal legislation that ensures state and local governments cannot restrict consumer access to natural gas and other affordable energy sources, thereby protecting freedom of choice for New Yorkers and all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Choice Act would safeguard households, small businesses, hospitals, farmers, and manufacturers from harmful government overreach and preserve access to an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy that strengthens reliability and affordability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Dix strongly supports the Energy Choice Act as introduced by Congressman Langworthy (H.R. 3699) and Senator Justice (S. 1945) and stands firmly opposed to New York State’s natural gas bans, the CLCPA-driven restrictions, and other state energy mandates that eliminate consumer choice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Dix urges Congress to pass the Energy Choice Act to defend consumer choice, protect energy affordability, and preserve reliable access to natural gas for New Yorkers; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Congressman Nick Langworthy, Senator Jim Justice, the New York Congressional delegation, Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Governor Kathy Hochul, and leadership of the New York State Legislature.

RESOLUTION #60 – offered by Ervay, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to purchase electronic Code Software from Auto Books at a cost of \$450.00/year. Ayes – 3, nays - 0

RESOLUTION #61 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Meehan

Resolve to accept the Assessment Contract with Schuyler County and to appoint Darrin Stocum as the Town of Dix assessor. Ayes – 3, nays – 0.

Supervisor Smith closed the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #4 of 2025 at 6:35 pm

RESOLUTION #62 – offered by Gregory, seconded by Ervay

Resolve to approve Local Law #4 of 2025. Ayes – 3, nays - 0

Deputy Supervisor Ervay asked for a motion to allow him to spend up to \$3,500.00 for a rock sign for the Town Hall. Meehan asked what happened with the electronic sign? Supervisor Smith is concerned about the ambient light and cost. Deputy Supervisor Ervay will obtain quotes on an electronic sign for the next meeting.

Motion by Councilman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meehan to enter executive session for personnel issues. Entered executive session at 6:41 pm.

Returned to regular session at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Ervay, seconded by Meehan. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi C. Kingsley
Town Clerk