

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETTEN TOWN BOARD  
VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL  
6 GEE STREET, VAN ETTEN, NY  
JUNE 12, 2025**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN **48-25** THRU **54-25**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:00 PM.

**ROLL CALL OF TOWN BOARD**

HAROLD SHOEMAKER-COUNCILPERSON/DEPUTY SUPV.  
FRED SWAYZE, JR.-COUNCILPERSON  
PENNY FLORA-COUNCILPERSON  
ANDREW LARISON-COUNCILPERSON  
GEORGE KETURI-SUPERVISOR

**TOWN OFFICERS**

BOB EASTWOOD-H'WAY SUPT  
SALLY WHITSON-ASSESSOR-EXC  
DAWN ROSE-TOWN CLERK  
BRANDON DECKER-CODE ENF  
DENEEN DILLER- TOWN HIST-EXC  
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR  
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND  
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.-EXC  
DONNA REDSICKER-WATER CLERK-EXC  
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: GEORGE DILLER, RODNEY ROSE, JR., REBECCA WRIGHT, MATT FREEZE (MORNING TIMES), TIM GRIPPO, SHERYL GRIPPO, ROBIN ACKERLEY, FRED SWAYZE, ROSE CARLING, ANGELA DENNISON, ALEX MARIACHER, TIM GABLE, AND JANET SAYRE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 2025. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE READ AND ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK**

- PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 24 FROM 6A – 9P.
- OFFICE OF AGING-FARMERS' MARKET COUPONS JULY 10 2-4P AT TOWN HALL.
- PANTHER PRIDE DAY JULY 26 11A – 2P IN BANFIELD SQUARE.

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1065 FOR \$1,005. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-NO REPORT FILED

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI-REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF MAY 2025 BUDGET REPORT.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$1,274.42 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.

-TOWN HISTORIAN-DENEEN DILLER-REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-NO REPORT FILED

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-

- SHOEMAKER NOTED TOWN IS WORKING ON HAVING TOWN OF VAN ETTEN SIGN INSTALLED ON EXISTING CLOCK TOWER.

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-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED

- EASTWOOD WOULD LIKE RESOLUTION FOR SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR HIGHWAY WITH CEMETERY AND WATER.
- EASTWOOD PRESENTED CHIPS 284 AGREEMENT IN AMOUNT OF \$21,000 FOR BRIGGS HILL ROAD.

-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT

- KETURI NOTED NEW BOOKKEEPER IS WORKING GREAT.
- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF STATISTIC REPORT FOR MAY 2025.
- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF 2024 ANNUAL REPORT ON FILE.

-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED

-WATER DIRECTOR-HAROLD SHOEMAKER- REPORT FILED AND SHOEMAKER READ FIRST PAGE OF MAY 2025 WATER BUDGET REPORT.

- SHOEMAKER RECEIVED QUOTE FROM GABLE FROM SCADATEK (SEE FILE) IN REFERENCE TO UPGRADING TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT FROM WATER TANK TO WELL HOUSE. SHOEMAKER WILL WORK ON GETTING TWO (2) MORE QUOTES PER PROCUREMENT POLICY.
- GABLE RECOMMENDED GRANT FUNDING FOR NEW UPGRADE ON EQUIPMENT.

-CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- REPORT ON FILE-DUSTIN ROSE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR GRADER BOX AND TRACTOR TO ASSIST WITH CEMETERY ROADS.

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY KETURI TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**AUDIT COMMITTEE-GENERAL-H. SHOEMAKER**

A ACCT: \$29,303.41  
FIRE: \$

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$9,581.60  
FX (WATER): \$1,364.22

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT  
RESOLUTION #48-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING THE FOLLOWING:

\$4,000 FROM A3620.4 (SAFETY CONTINGENCY) TO A1355.4 (ASSESSOR CONTRACTUAL) FOR BALANCE OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH MS. GABRIEL/REVAL.

SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-LARISON. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., FLORA, LARISON AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY FLORA AND CARRIED TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AS RECOMMENDED BY AUDIT COMMITTEE OF SWAYZE, JR., AND SHOEMAKER. ALL AYE. CARRIED.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

- MR. DONOVAN STATED NO UPDATE ON GIS. MR. DONOVAN NOTED PLANS FOR BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY IN ELMIRA ON HOFFMAN STREET. MR. DONOVAN REMINDED TOWN BOARD OF CASELLA COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING; HAS APPROXIMATELY \$6,700.
- SHOEMAKER STATED HAEFELE BROADBAND PROJECT IS PROGRESSING; MR. HAEFELE INFORMED SHOEMAKER SOUTH HILL WILL BE COMPLETE JUNE 13 AND HAEFELE IS WORKING WITH NYSEG.
- SHOEMAKER NOTED WORKING ON NYSEDA GRANT FOR TOWN HALL FRONT DOORS REPLACEMENT.
- SWAYZE, JR. STATED TOWN BOARD CONDUCTED WORKSHOP FOR VAN ETTEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ON JUNE 5; FLORA, EASTWOOD AND DECKER WILL BE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE ALONG WITH SWAYZE, JR. AS CHAIRPERSON. SWAYZE, JR. NOTED THREE (3) RESIDENTS HAVE REACHED OUT TO HIM OFFERING ASSISTANCE WITH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PLANNING ANOTHER WORKSHOP/MEETING IN JULY. SWAYZE, JR. AND SHOEMAKER ATTENDED COUNTY RESILIENCE MEETING AND REACHED OUT TO COUNTY FOR ASSISTANCE; MR. SEAN MCGRANIGAN WILL BE ASSISTING TOWN.
- DECKER NOTED LOCAL LAW 2 OF 2025 (RAZE OR REPAIR OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS) IS STILL IN DRAFT FORM AND IS GEARED TO MAKING UNSAFE STRUCTURES (I.E., FIRE DAMAGE) SAFE.
- LARISON WILL EMAIL NYSEG FOR UPDATE.
- SHOEMAKER STATED HYDRANT FLUSHING COMPLETED. SHOEMAKER WORKING ON EXERCISING GATE VALVE WITH DEAN WETZEL; WEATHER NOT COOPERATING.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- MS. BEST ASKED WHY TOWN OFFERS "DUMPSTER DAY". SWAYZE, JR. EXPLAINED IT DISCOURAGES "DUMPING" AND ASSISTS BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH CURRENT OR FUTURE CODE VIOLATIONS; DISPOSED OVER 2,000 TIRES (HELPING ENVIRONMENT) AND AIDS ALL OF VAN ETTEN.
- MS. WRIGHT ASKED WHAT A3620.1 (SAFETY/BUILDING CODE) AND A1430.1 (SECURITY). MS. WRIGHT ASKED ABOUT EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING TOWN WORKSHOP FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SWAYZE, JR. INDICATED BOARD HAD FORGOTTEN TO INDICATE THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL ISSUES. MS. WRIGHT ASKED ABOUT DUTIES FOR SERGEANT OF ARMS. SWAYZE, JR. READ JOB DESCRIPTION; MAINTAIN ORDER IN MEETING.
- MR. CARLING ASKED HOW MANY RESIDENTS UTILIZE DUMPSTER DAY; SHOEMAKER ESTIMATED SIXTY (60) TO SEVENTY (70) CARS AND SOME MAY MAKE SEVERAL TRIPS. MR. CARLING ASKED IF TIRE FEE COVERS COST OF REMOVAL; YES. MR. CARLING ASKED EASTWOOD ABOUT STATUS OF ROAD WORK FOR HUDDLE HILL AND EASTWOOD STATED THEY ARE MAKING THEIR WAY TO HUDDLE HILL (WEATHER PERMITTING).
- MS. R. CARLING HAS BEEN SPEAKING WITH DECKER IN REFERENCE TO NEIGHBORS YARD APPEARANCE AND SUGGESTED DECKER CAN MANAGE PROPERTIES TO HIS FULLEST AND VAN ETTEN COULD AVOID \$4,000 DUMPSTER DAY. EASTWOOD REITERATED VAN ETTEN DUMPSTER DAYS DOES NOT TAKE HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.
- MS. DENNISON SUGGESTED USING VOUCHERS FOR FUTURE DUMPSTER DAYS.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 49-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN SUPERVISOR, KETURI TO CREATE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ACCOUNT FOR TOWN OF VAN ETTEN. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-KETURI. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

- KETURI EXPLAINED OPENING MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ACCOUNT WILL AID IN TOWN TO GAIN INTEREST ON TOWN MONIES.
- SHOEMAKER EXPLAINED MR. T. TUIE PARCEL IN WATER DISTRICT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE TO TOWN OF VAN ETTEN WATER AND PER VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT 2025 WATER FEE SCHEDULE (READS AS FOLLOWS):

An annual charge to cover annual debt service payments. Shown as a line item on the Town & County tax bill; Criteria used to determine property eligibility for debt responsibility:

- The property must be located within the metes and bounds of the District description.
- The property must have access to a Town water main. Access includes having a water main on either side of the road adjacent to the property.
- Vacant parcels are included.
- SHOEMAKER RECOMMENDED REMOVING PARCEL FROM WATER DISTRICT AND TOWN ATTORNEY ALSHEIMER AGREES AND VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT WILL NOT BE REIMBURSING FOR YEARS PAST.

**RESOLUTION 50-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN ASSESSOR TO REMOVE MR TUIE'S PARCEL 45.14-1-1.1 FROM VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-LARISON ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 51-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR QUOTES FOR VAN ETTEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-FLORA ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 52-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES ESTABLISHING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF VAN ETTEN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT AND TOWN CEMETERIES. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 53-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN HAS ACCEPTS HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT EASTWOODS 284 AGREEMENT FOR CHIPS IN AMOUNT OF \$21,000. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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- SHOEMAKER GAVE UPDATE ON OPPORTUNITY WITH TIOGA COUNTY IDA AND RAYMOND HADLEY WATER SUPPLY ISSUE. SHOEMAKER NOTED FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS COMPLETED AND PROJECT ESTIMATED AT \$5 MILLION-TOWN OF VAN ETTEN IS NOT INTERESTED UNLESS THERE'S NO MONEY FROM VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT FOR THIS PROJECT.

**RESOLUTION 54-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR QUOTES FOR VAN ETTEN WATER DISTRICT CONTROL SYSTEMS UPGRADES. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

REGULAR TOWN BOARD WILL BE HELD ON JULY 10, 2025, AT 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 8:04 PM MOTION BY SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED BY FLORA. ALL AYE. CARRIED.