

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MINUTES VAN ETEN TOWN BOARD  
MARCH 13, 2025**

RESOLUTIONS THIS MEETING  
BEGIN **31-25** THRU **36-25**

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF TOWN OF VAN ETEN WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY TOWN SUPERVISOR GEORGE KETURI AT 7:08 PM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2025.

**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-EXC  
DENEEN DILLER- TOWN HIST  
HEATHER GABLE- WATER OPERATOR-EXC  
DUSTIN ROSE-CEMETERY CURATOR AND  
DOG CONTROL OFFCR.-EXC  
DONNA REDSICKER-WATER CLERK-EXC  
LEON TUTTLE-TOWN JUSTICE-EXC

OTHERS PRESENT: ROSEMARIE CARLING, DON SALMELA, LIZA MCBRIDE, ALEX MARLOCHER, REBECCA WRIGHT, AND PETER SECONDO.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SHOEMAKER AND SECONDED BY FLORA TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2025. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

- CHEMUNG COUNTY SPRING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT-SATURDAY, MAY 17. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED 607-734-4453

**REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICERS:**

-TOWN JUSTICE-NO REPORT

- CHECK # 1061 FOR \$2169. PRESENTED TO G. KETURI/TOWN SUPV.

-ASSESSOR-SALLY WHITSON-REPORT FILED

- REPORT INDICATED IMPACT STATEMENTS WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK FOR REEVALUATION

-BUDGET OFFICER-GEORGE KETURI-REPORT FILED AND KETURI READ FIRST PAGE OF FEBRUARY 2025 BUDGET REPORT AND STILL WORKING ON DETAILS FOR REPORT WITH NEW SOFTWARE.

-TOWN CLERK-DAWN ROSE-REPORT FILED

- CHECK FOR \$293.54 PRESENTED TO KETURI/TOWN SUPERVISOR.
- TAX COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 2025
  - COLLECTED \$102,310.09
  - PAID TOTAL CHEMUNG COUNTY TREASURER \$175,000

-TOWN HISTORIAN-DENEEN DILLER-NO REPORT FILED

-PARK COMMISSION-NO REPORT-HAROLD SHOEMAKER

-DOG CONTROL-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

-BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER-NO REPORT FILED

-BUILDINGS & GROUNDS-HAROLD SHOEMAKER-NO VERBAL REPORT

-CF&R FIRE CO-NO REPORT FILED

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**-HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT-BOB EASTWOOD-REPORT FILED**

- EASTWOOD URGED NO TRAVELING ON SEASONAL ROADS.
- EASTWOOD ATTENDED CHIPS ADVOCACY DAY ASKING FOR \$250 MILLION INCREASE.
- EASTWOOD INQUIRED ABOUT “SHARED SERVICES” OR “IN KIND” AGREEMENT FOR CEMETERY AND WATER ASSISTANCE.

**-TOWN SUPERVISOR-GEORGE KETURI-VERBAL REPORT**

- WORKING ON NEW SOFTWARE AND NEW BUDGET REPORTS WITH WILLIAMSON LAW.
- RECEIVED CHECK #00720516 FROM REPSOL IN AMOUNT OF \$520.00; KETURI TO INVESTIGATE PURPOSE OF CHECK.
- CHEMUNG COUNTY SHERIFF STATISTIC REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025.

**-WATER OPERATOR-HEATHER GABLE-REPORT FILED**

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

- SHOEMAKER NOTED ALMOST COMPLETE WITH INSTALLING NEW CELLULAR METERS AND WAITING FOR BETTER WEATHER FOR CHANGING IN GROUND PITS (SEVENTEEN GROUND PITS).
- WATER CLERK MAILED OUT FORMS FOR UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION; RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE.
- DEC WITHDRAWAL REPORT WILL BE FILED BY DUE DATE OF MARCH 31.

**-CEMETERY-DUSTIN ROSE-REPORT FILED FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

ALL OFFICERS WRITTEN REPORTS ARE ON FILE WITH TOWN CLERK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FLORA AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ACCEPT THE OFFICER’S REPORTS AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE. CARRIED

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

A ACCT: \$17,930.96  
FIRE: \$

**HIGHWAY/WATER-H. SHOEMAKER**

DA ACCTS: \$91,096.73  
FX (WATER): \$11,951.72

- SWAYZE, JR. NOTED LARGE AMOUNT IN GENERAL “A” ACCOUNT WAS FOR 2024 ATTORNEY FEES .
- SHOEMAKER LARGE AMOUNT OF HIGHWAY “DA” ACCOUNT WAS FOR SAND AND GRAVEL AND BOND PAYMENTS FOR TEN-WHEELER AND BACKHOE.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION #31-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETEN AUTHORIZES TRANSFERRING THE FOLLOWING:

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\$3,000 FROM DA5110.1 (HIGHWAY GENERAL REPAIRS PERSONNEL SVCS) TO A1420.4 (ATTORNEY CONTRACTUAL).

\$4,410 FROM WATER DISTRICT CHECKBOOK TO FX8310.4 (WATER ADMIN. CONTRACTUAL) FOR ATTORNEY FEES.

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\$1,500 FROM WATER DISTRICT CHECKBOOK TO FX8340.2 (WATER TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT) FOR BALANCE OF RESETTERS.

\$40,000 FROM WATER DISTRICT CHECKBOOK TO WATER RESERVES.

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

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LARISON 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- KETURI STATED VAN ET TEN NEED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND WILL BE WORKING WITH BRANDON DECKER TO COMPLETE. NEED TO SCHEDULE WORKSHOP SOON.
- LARISON NOTED ALL NEW STREET LIGHT REQUESTS WILL BE COMPLETED BY END OF MONTH.
- SHOEMAKER DISCUSSED WATER COMMITTEE RESULTS FROM MARCH 5 MEETING; WILL BE SEEKING WATER CUSTOMERS TO BE ON WATER COMMITTEE AND SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING FOR APRIL 30 AT 7PM. SWAYZE, JR. NOTED MAY OFFER STIPEND FOR WATER COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND HAVE MEETING EVERY OTHER MONTH. WILL ADD COMMENT TO NEXT WATER BILL FOR WATER COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND APRIL WATER COMMITTEE MEETING.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- MS. WRIGHT ASKED IF COUNTY WEBSITE PICTURES HAVE BEEN UPDATED ON IMAGE MATE/COUNTY; ALL PICTURES ARE COMPLETE HOWEVER, NOT ON WEBSITE TO DATE. MS. WRIGHT INQUIRED ABOUT TOWN PAYING FOR MUNICIPAL WATER AND PAYING CULLIGAN (~APPROXIMATELY \$1,000/YEAR) FOR BOTTLED WATER; NOT CONDUCIVE WITH SAVING MONEY FOR TOWN.
- MS. CARLING ASKED EASTWOOD ABOUT GUARD RAILS ON BOTTOM OF AUSTIN HILL AND EASTWOOD WILL INVESTIGATE.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION 31-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ET TEN ADOPTS LOCAL LAW 1 OF 2025; EXTENDING SOLAR AND WIND MORATORIUM. SPONSOR-LARISON SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

- KETURI OPENED MOWING BIDS:
  - DJS RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
    - **SWARTWOOD CEMETERY**      **\$2,200**
    - JAY RUMSEY & RUMSEY      \$720
    - WATER PROPERTIES      \$1,320
    - **TOWN PROPERTIES**      **\$2,490**
  - SCENIC LANDSCAPE
    - TOWN PROPERTIES      \$2,600
    - **MT HOPE & CANFIELD**      **\$10,800**
    - **WATER PROPERTIES**      **\$850**

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- BEACH'S LANDSCAPING
  - **RUMSEY HILL CEMETERY**      **\$350**
  - **JAY RUMSEY CEMETERY**      **\$350**
  - **ENNIS CEMETERY**      **\$700**

\*\*AWARDED BIDS ARE IN BOLD

**RESOLUTION 32-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS BIDS FROM DJS RESIDENTIAL FOR SWARTWOOD CEMETERY AT \$2,200 AND TOWN PROPERTIES AT \$2,490; SCENIC LANDSCAPE FOR MT. HOPE/CANFIELD CEMETERY AT \$10,800 AND WATER PROPERTIES AT \$850; BEACH'S LANDSCAPE FOR JENKINS CEMETERY AT \$350, JAY RUMSEY AT \$350 AND ENNIS CEMETERY AT \$700. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-SHOEMAKER. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 33-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN ACCEPTS BIDS FOR HIGHWAY MATERIALS FROM HL ROBINSON, ODESSA SAND AND ANGELO'S. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

- SWAYZE, JR. STATED RESIDENT REQUESTED UTILIZING OWEGO PENNYSAYER FOR LEGAL NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BOARD WILL USE OWEGO PENNYSAYER AS A THIRD OPTION WHEN APPLICABLE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWAYZE, JR. AND SECONDED BY LARISON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:51 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KETURI AND SECONDED BY SWAYZE, JR. TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:07 PM. ALL AYE. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 34-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN APPOINTS SUSANNA (SUE) VANDERPOEL AS BOOKKEEPER FOR TOWN OF VAN ETTEN AT \$10,000 PER YEAR. SPONSOR-SHOEMAKER. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 35-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR WATER COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 30 AT 7PM AT VAN ETTEN TOWN HALL. SPONSOR-KETURI. SECONDED-SWAYZE, JR. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

**RESOLUTION 36-25**

TOWN BOARD OF VAN ETTEN AUTHORIZES TOWN SUPERVISOR TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF FIRE TRUCKS TO COMMUNITY FIRE & RESCUE. SPONSOR-SWAYZE, JR. SECONDED-FLORA. ROLL CALL VOTE-SHOEMAKER, SWAYZE, JR., LARISON, FLORA AND KETURI. ALL AYE.

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- TOWN BOARD WILL SCHEDULE ROAD TRIP WITH TOWN HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.

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

ADJOURNED AT 8:16 PM MOTION BY FLORA. SECONDED BY KETURI. ALL AYE. CARRIED.