

January 8, 2026  
Town of Afton  
Chenango County

Present at our regular meeting were Supervisor John Lawrence; Councilmen Calvin Tallmadge, Joel Lawrence, Ronald Sherman and Jamie Baciуска; Highway Superintendent Kirk Hoyt; DCO Amy Cross. Absent: Sanitation Officer Bailey DeBetta.

Visitors: April Leggett, Ina Marvin, Jason and Rachel Wicks, Judy and John Hinman, Honorable Jim Parkinson, McKenzie Hoyt, Dale Dewey, Donald Ouimet, Diane Miller.

**Bills and Claims:**

General Fund

2025 Abstract no 13, claim no 180-182, totaling \$1,618.79

2026 Abstract no 1, claim no 1-13, totaling \$14,304.90

Highway Fund

2025 Abstract no 13, claim no 140-149, totaling \$14,551.93

2026 Abstract no 1, claim no 1, totaling \$2,734.68

Regular meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Salute to the Flag.

Motion to accept minutes of December 11, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion made by Calvin Tallmadge, seconded by Jamie Baciуска. All in favor, motion so carried.

Motion to pay bills and claims. Motion made by Jamie Baciуска, seconded by Joel Lawrence. All in favor, motion so carried.

**Communication:**

John welcomed the two new councilmen, Ron Sherman and Joel Lawrence.

**Committee Reports:**

1/ Assessor, no report

2/ Finance, distributed and filed

3/ Sanitation, absent, no report

4/ Highway, Kirk mentioned that they have been busy plowing.

Calvin mentioned a recognition from a town resident.

5/ DCO, distributed and filed

6/ Building, new outdoor motion lights were replaced.

7/ Historian, no report

8/ Clerk, the two accounts for the Town Court were audited on 1/8/26, good.

Need to set up date for the Town audit of accounts. February 12, 2026, 5pm.

**Old Business:**

1/ Sale of Wagner Lumber to Town of Colesville, Town of Colesville to meet on 1/8/26

Regarding a Community Host Agreement with Town of Afton

2/ Sale of abandoned property on Bettsburg/Terry Road on hold.

**New Business:**

1/ Appointment of Building and Grounds Committee Chair, Volunteer Ron Sherman.

**2/ Reorganization:**

- A) Monthly meeting at 6:15 to audit Bills & Claims. Regular meeting to start at 6:30PM on the second Thursday of each month.
  - B) Town Bank, NBT Bank NA
  - C) Historian, Mell Hager
  - D) Town Hall Custodian, Sandra Reiling
  - E) Deputy Town Clerk pay, \$16.00 Per hour for 2026
  - F) Deputy Town Supervisor, Jamie Baciуска
  - G) Permission to pay salaried employees
  - H) Mileage at .70 per mile for Town business
  - I) Meeting rules, Roberts Rules of Order, most recent copy  
Adding that Town Supervisor has the authority to make  
And second a Board motion / resolution
  - J) Assessment Board of review \$16.00. Per hour
  - K) DCO, Amy Cross
  - L) Sanitation Code officer, Bailey DeBetta
  - M) Records management, Sandra Reiling
  - N) Building/Grounds Committee Chair, Ronald Sherman
  - O) Special meeting notice posted on Town Hall front door  
and Town web site and the Evening Sun/Pennysaver
  - P) Building Permits, signed by either Town Supervisor or  
Town Clerk
  - Q) Town Attorney, Dave Berger
  - R) Registrar of Vital Statistics for Town and Village, Sandra  
Reiling
  - S) Visitors will have a three-minute time limit per person.
- Motion to accept the reorganization with Ron Sherman, Building  
and Grounds, Jamie Baciуска, Deputy Town Supervisor, and for O)  
the Evening Sun/Pennysaver for legal notices.
- Motion made by Jamie Baciуска, seconded by Calvin Tallmadge  
with changes. All in favor, motion so carried.

**3/ Requested Budget adjustments, requested by April Ray, Town of Afton  
Accountant:**

I recommend the following amendments to the 2025 GENERAL Fund Budget:



Increase Budget Revenue: A1120-Sales Tax \$ 4,423.26

Increase Budget Expenses: A1110.4-Justice Contractual 19.94  
A1355.4-Assessor Contractual 180.29  
A1620.4-Buildings Contractual 2,113.64  
A1910.4-Insurance 682.91  
A4560.4-Medical Center Contr. 313.18  
A5010.1-HWY Super Salary 300.00  
A5010.4-Supt of Hwy Contractual 100.00  
A5132.4-Garage Contractual 535.07  
A8160.4-Refuse & Garbage 178.23

To increase budget revenue for income received over budgeted amount and increase expenses for amounts spent over budget

I recommend the following amendments to the 2025 HIGHWAY (DA) Fund Budget:

Increase Budget Expense: DA5142.1-Snow Personnel \$ 6,581.12

Increase Budget Expense: DA9030.8-Social Security 25.00

Decrease Budget Expense: DA5120.4-Fuel (6,606.12)

To increase budget expenses for amounts spent over budget and reduce budget expense for fuel where did not use all the of the budgeted amount.

I recommend the following amendments to the 2025 HIGHWAY (DB) Fund Budget:

Increase Budget Expense: DB9010.8-Retirement \$ 4,565.00

Decrease Budget Expense: DB9060.8-Medical Insurance (4,565.00)

To increase budget expenses for NY retirement expense which was more than anticipated and reduce budget expense for health insurance where did not use all of the budgeted amount.

Motion to accept the requests for 2025 Budget Adjustments. Motion made by Calvin Tallmadge, Seconded by Joel Lawrence. All in favor motion so carried.


#### 4/ Medical Center

There was water damage from a broken pipe in the waiting room, repairs made.  
Someone is interested in the building, looking at renting or buying it. Looked into names of appraisers if necessary.

Recognition of visitors, three-minute time limit per person.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm: Motion made by Jamie Baciуска, seconded by Joel Lawrence. All in favor, motion so carried.

Respectfully,

  
Sandra D Reiling  
Clerk of the Board

