

November 13, 2025
Town of Afton
Chenango County

Present at our regular meeting were Supervisor John Lawrence; Councilmen Jamie Baciуска, Chris Warren, and Robert Tallmadge; Highway Superintendent Kirk Hoyt. Absent: Councilman, Calvin Tallmadge; DCO Amy Cross; Sanitation Officer Bailey DeBetta; Historian Mel Hager.

Visitors: Jim Parkinson, Joel Lawrence, Jason and Rachael Wicks, April Leggett, Lisa Jandl, Sam Sickler, Wayne Colley, Joe Hughes, Honorable Don Ouimet, Joyce Humphrey, Chris Kehoe, and McKenzie Hoyt.

Bills and Claims:

General Fund, Abstract no 11
Claim no 147 – 164, totaling \$9,931.24
Highway Fund, Abstract no 11
Claim no 109 – 125, totaling \$12,869.10

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

Motion to accept minutes of October 9, 2025 Board Meeting. Motion made by Jamie Baciуска, seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

Motion to pay bills and claims. Motion made by Chris Warren, seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

Communications:

1/ Received the 2025-2026 Chenango County Snow and Ice Contract. Payment same as last season, \$22.50 per lane mile. Town Supervisor Kirk agreed with contract. Motion to sign snow and ice contract for Chenango County. Motion made by Robert Tallmadge, seconded by Jamai Baciуска. All in favor, motion so carried.

Committee Reports:

1/ Assessor, report distributed and filed
2/ Finance, report distributed and filed
3/ Sanitation, absent
4/ Highway, Kirk mentioned that the roads were salted with the first snow fall. 2026 Fuel bids will be tabled until next month. Send out new RFP.
5/ DCO, report distributed and filed

6/ Building, Robert stated Thank You to the Village of Afton, Bailey and crew, for fixing of the entry way of the Town Hall.

7/ Historian, report distributed and filed.

Mel had a request for cabinets from the Medical Center for the Historical Society and for the Historian's office. Motion made to allow the cabinets to go to the Historical Society, three of them, and one of them for the Historian's office. Motion made by Jamie Baciуска, seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

8/ Town Clerk, Received letter to provide contact information to the contactor for the installation of the water meter. Done on 11/04/25. Will be sending out Letters of Appreciation to two members of the planning board that recently resigned.

Old Business:

1/ Games of Chance Law, after reviewing the NYS Gaming Commission Law, You must be an Authorized Organization to hold games of chance, as explained in Article 9-A, section 186-4.

2/ John to reach out to Tim East for the abandoned property located on Bettsburg/Terry Road.

New Business:

1/ Budgets Adjustments:

Transfer \$4,000 from Town Hall Repairs A1620.41 to Building Contractual A1620.4

Transfer \$187.17 from Garage Contractual A5132.4 to Garage Capital Outlay A5132.2

Transfer \$798.40 from Fuel DA5120.4 to Machine, Equip & Cap DA5130.2

Increase expense line DA5130.2 by \$59,987.40, and decrease Highway Equipment Reserve DA 230 by \$59,188.61 and transfer to revenue line Interfund Transfer DA5130

Motion to approve the budget adjustments. Motion made by Jamie Baciуска, seconded by Robert Tallmadge. All in favor, motion so carried.

2/ Adopt by motion the 2026 Budget:

Motion made to open the public hearing for the 2026 Town Budget at 6:47 pm

Motion made by Robert Tallmadge, seconded by Chris Warren.

Public was given a chance to ask any questions of the budget.

Motion to close the public hearing at 6:55 pm. Motion made by Robert Tallmadge, Seconded by Jamie Baciуска. All in favor, motion so carried.

Motion to adopt/approve the 2026 Town of Afton Budget. Motion made Robert Tallmadge, seconded by Chris Warren. All in favor, motion so carried.

Recognition of Visitors:

Honorable Don Ouimet, there was no jury trial, plea deal settlement.

Unclaimed bail bond funds will be given to the Town, held for six years

Residents asking about the Medical Building usage, asking to volunteer with the planning board to find renters.

A Town resident gave a thank you to the Town Board.

AYSO gave a thank you to the Town for their budget payment.

Request to revisit the complaint of Hilltop Drive and St John Road.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion made by Robert Tallmadge, seconded by Chris Warren. All in favor, motion so carried.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra D. Reiling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Sandra D Reiling
Clerk of the Board.



