

**Town of Barre**  
**Board Meeting**  
March 12, 2025

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue  
Councilman Kirk Mathes  
Councilman George McKenna  
Councilwoman Margaret Swan  
Councilman David Waters, excused

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Steve Coville, Dave Allen, Iva McKenna, Gary Palmer, Alice Mathes, Bill Eick, Orleans County Legislator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes for the February, 2025 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,095.00
Justice Fees	1,135.00
Property Taxes	1,065,219.00
Franchise Fees	4,114.21
Traffic Diversion(Q4)	1,344.00
T/O Albion Maint Res(Q4)	2,960.46
T/O Albion Cost Share(Q4)	2,256.33
Metered Sales	14,888.28
Maintenance Fees	3,344.25
Water Interest/Penalties	240.91
Interest & Earnings	3,923.92
Misc Items	<u>2,774.87</u>

Total receipts for the month were: \$1,103,296.23

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$154,162.94

Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$319,561.23

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Winter Snow, Wind and Ice operations, Water samples and readings acquired, Equipment repairs completed as required

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue at the meeting, along with the check for the local share.

BILLS:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>AA - General</u>	Vouchers: 14356-14413	8,673.52
<u>DA - Highway</u>	Vouchers: 14360-14411	21,395.67
<u>HH - Capital</u>	Vouchers: 14357,14396	980.00
Special District - Water	Vouchers: 14362-14389	
001	482.43	
002	149.91	
003	149.91	
004	177.15	
005	333.72	
006	136.28	
007	54.50	
008	40.86	
009	68.11	
<u>SW Fund Total</u>		<u>1,592.87</u>
Grand Total		32,642.06

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #5

Pay Bills

George McKenna made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by Kirk Mathes. Vote 4-0, passed.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Exemption renewals were sent out January 1<sup>st</sup> and almost all were received back before the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. I have been working to get all new improvements, additions, and residences on the 2025 roll before the tentative roll is filed on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Tentative roll is published for property owners to view their assessments before the final roll is published on July 1<sup>st</sup>, If a property owner finds a problem on the tentative roll or would like to discuss their assessment, they can reach out at that time.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

No Report

Planning Board – There was no meeting

Barre Town Park – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Hemlock Ridge Solar – They will be holding a Public Hearing on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm to discuss the PILOT program.

Heritage Wind – Nothing to report

Comprehensive Plan                      Comp Plan/Review by Planning Board  
RESOLUTION #7                      Planning Board to review Comprehensive Plan  
Margaret Swan made a motion to direct the Town of Barre Planning Board to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan for assessment and evaluation, George McKenna seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, passed.

Water District #10 –  
RESOLUTION #8                      Increase Amount to be Expended  
**WHEREAS**, the application for permission of the State Comptroller (the “Application”) was submitted on January 8, 2024 and supplemented in June and August of 2024; and **WHEREAS**, the application is again being supplemented with documents requested by the Comptroller; and **WHEREAS**, the Application was prepared at the direction of the Town Board of the Town of Barre (the “Town Board”); and **WHEREAS**, the Town Board believes the application and all supplements to be accurate; and **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Town Board has determined that the improvement, district, extension or expenditure for which permission is sought is in the public interest and will not constitute an undue burden on the property which will bear the cost thereof; and **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved if the cost of the proposed improvements is to be assessed in whole or in part against a benefited area, that all real property to be so assessed will be benefited by the proposed improvements and that no benefited property has been excluded. Kirk Mathes made motion to pass the foregoing resolution, Margaret Swan seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, passed.

OLD BUSINESS, Con't

Baird Solar Project – Tomorrow they will be testing, next week National Grid will be inspecting, they hope to be operational by the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

ConnectAll Broadband

Resolution #9                      Town Board to consent to Lead Agency

**WHEREAS**, the Orleans County ConnectALL Broadband MIP project is a broadband expansion initiative aimed at improving internet accessibility for unserved and underserved locations within Orleans County. The project will leverage both existing and new infrastructure to enhance connectivity across the region. Key components of the project include: 1. Co-location on Existing Towers - The County will lease space on fifteen (15) existing towers (communication, water, or grain elevator) for the installation of broadcast equipment to support Wireless Internet Services (WIS). 2. New Site Construction - Five (5) new communication towers will be constructed on vacant land to extend broadband coverage to 1,351 currently unserved and underserved addresses. Additionally, an existing grain elevator site will be utilized for new equipment (the "Action"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) 6 NYCRR 617.6(b)(3)(i) Orleans County intends to establish itself as Lead Agency for the purposes of fulfilling the SEQR requirements relative to the Action; and **WHEREAS**, a copy of the Notice to Involved Agencies dated February 17, 2025 is attached hereto as Exhibit A; **WHEREAS**, as part of the Action, Orleans County proposes to lease space on the Town of Barre Water Tower and as such the Town of Barre Town Board is an interested agency for purposes of SEQRA review. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Supervisor is directed to sign and return the consent for Orleans County Lead Agency Declaration to Orleans County Director of Planning and Development on behalf of the Town of Barre. George McKenna made a motion to approve the foregoing resolution, motion seconded by Kirk Mathes. Vote 4-0, passed.

NEW BUSINESS, Con't

RESOLUTION #10                      Court Audit  
Kirk Mathes made a motion to have Councilwoman Margaret Swan conduct an audit of the Town of Barre Court records as submitted by Judge Earl Jenks, seconded by George McKenna. Vote 4-0, passed.

BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$163,602.24
NY CLASS	462,461.88
Highway	203,141.92
Highway NY CLASS	1,065,427.10
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	(37,417.17)
Water Dist. #1 NY Class	326,450.54
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	42,656.29
Water Dist. #2 NY Class	652.47
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	34,374.21
Water Dist. #3 NY Class	501.90
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	26,842.93
Water Dist. #4 NY Class	50,602.28
Water Dist. #5 Oper.	46,958.92
Water Dist. #5 NY Class	602.28
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	34,280.25
Water Dist. #6 NY Class	50,501.90
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	(1,490.13)
Water Dist. #7 NY Class	200.76
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	34,179.25
Water Dist. #8 NY Class	
Water Dist. #9 Oper.	19,009.31
Water Dist. #9 NY Class	351.33

Grievance Day will tentatively be May 27, 2025 from 4-8pm for the Town of Barre.

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The Village of Albion will hold a Public Meeting on March 26, 2025 at 6:00pm to discuss removing fluoride from the drinking water. All interested individuals are welcome.

George McKenna made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 4-0, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk